

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to instructional materials for public
 3 school education; amending s. 1006.28, F.S.; requiring
 4 district school boards to issue additional textbooks for
 5 use in the classroom in grades 6 through 8; providing an
 6 effective date.

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 8 WHEREAS, because of the elimination of lockers in many
 9 middle schools, students must carry their issued textbooks
 10 throughout the school day, and

11 WHEREAS, carrying such books has the potential to lead to
 12 minor to severe back problems, NOW, THEREFORE,

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 14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 16 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section
 17 1006.28, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

18 1006.28 Duties of district school board, district school
 19 superintendent; and school principal regarding K-12
 20 instructional materials.--

21 (1) DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.--The district school board has
 22 the duty to provide adequate instructional materials for all
 23 students in accordance with the requirements of this part. The
 24 term "adequate instructional materials" means a sufficient
 25 number of textbooks or sets of materials serving as the basis
 26 for instruction for each student in the core courses of
 27 mathematics, language arts, social studies, science, reading,
 28 and literature, except for instruction for which the school

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29 advisory council approves the use of a program that does not
30 include a textbook as a major tool of instruction. The district
31 school board has the following specific duties:

32 (b) Textbooks.--

33 1. Provide for proper requisitioning, distribution,
34 accounting, storage, care, and use of all instructional
35 materials furnished by the state and furnish such other
36 instructional materials as may be needed. The district school
37 board shall assure that instructional materials used in the
38 district are consistent with the district goals and objectives
39 and the curriculum frameworks adopted by rule of the State Board
40 of Education, as well as with the state and district performance
41 standards provided for in s. 1001.03(1).

42 2. Issue additional textbooks to remain in each classroom
43 for use in the classroom by each student in grades 6 through 8
44 who participates in the class. The issuance of textbooks
45 pursuant to this subparagraph shall not affect the issuance of
46 textbooks to each student.

47 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.