

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to instructional materials for K-12 public
3 education; amending s. 1006.28, F.S.; including computer
4 hardware in the definition of the term "adequate
5 instructional materials"; requiring each district school
6 board to provide technology as needed for its educational
7 program; amending s. 1006.40, F.S.; authorizing the use of
8 certain funds for the purchase of computer hardware by
9 district school boards; providing restrictions; providing
10 an effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 1006.28, Florida
15 Statutes, is amended to read:

16 1006.28 Duties of district school board, district school
17 superintendent; and school principal regarding K-12
18 instructional materials.—

19 (1) DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.—The district school board has
20 the duty to provide adequate instructional materials for all
21 students in accordance with the requirements of this part. The
22 term "adequate instructional materials" means a sufficient
23 number of textbooks or sets of materials that are available in
24 bound, unbound, kit, or package form and may consist of hard-
25 backed or soft-backed textbooks, consumables, learning
26 laboratories, manipulatives, electronic media, and computer
27 hardware, courseware, or software that serve as the basis for
28 instruction for each student in the core courses of mathematics,

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29 language arts, social studies, science, reading, and literature,
30 except for instruction for which the school advisory council
31 approves the use of a program that does not include a textbook
32 as a major tool of instruction. The district school board has
33 the following specific duties:

34 (a) Courses of study; adoption.—Adopt courses of study for
35 use in the schools of the district.

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

45 (c) Other instructional materials.—Provide such other
46 technology and teaching accessories and aids as are needed for
47 the school district's educational program.

48 (d) School library media services; establishment and
49 maintenance.—Establish and maintain a program of school library
50 media services for all public schools in the district, including
51 school library media centers, or school library media centers
52 open to the public, and, in addition such traveling or
53 circulating libraries as may be needed for the proper operation
54 of the district school system.

55 Section 2. Subsection (4) of section 1006.40, Florida
56 Statutes, is amended to read:

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57 | 1006.40 Use of instructional materials allocation;
58 | instructional materials, library books, and reference books;
59 | repair of books.-

60 | (4) The funds described in subsection (3) which district
61 | school boards may use to purchase materials not on the state-
62 | adopted list shall be used for the purchase of instructional
63 | materials or other items having intellectual content which
64 | assist in the instruction of a subject or course. These items
65 | may be available in bound, unbound, kit, or package form and may
66 | consist of hardbacked or softbacked textbooks, replacements for
67 | items which were part of previously purchased instructional
68 | materials, consumables, learning laboratories, manipulatives,
69 | electronic media, computer hardware, courseware, or software,
70 | and other commonly accepted instructional tools as prescribed by
71 | district school board rule. The funds available to district
72 | school boards for the purchase of materials not on the state-
73 | adopted list may not be used to purchase electronic or computer
74 | hardware unless even if such hardware is provided for the sole
75 | purpose of delivering instructional materials content in an
76 | electronic format. The funds provided for instructional
77 | materials bundled with software or other electronic media, nor
78 | may not ~~such funds~~ be used to purchase equipment or supplies.
79 | However, when authorized to do so in the General Appropriations
80 | Act, a school or district school board may use a portion of the
81 | funds available to it for the purchase of materials not on the
82 | state-adopted list to purchase science laboratory materials and
83 | supplies.

84 | Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.