

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 electronic
 4 textbooks 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 electronic textbooks by
 9 district school boards; providing for the purchase of
 10 electronic or computer hardware under certain conditions;
 11 providing an effective date.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

58 1006.40 Use of instructional materials allocation;
59 instructional materials, library books, and reference books;
60 repair of books.—

61 (4) The funds described in subsection (3) which district
62 school boards may use to purchase materials not on the state-
63 adopted list shall be used for the purchase of instructional
64 materials or other items having intellectual content which
65 assist in the instruction of a subject or course. These items
66 may be available in bound, unbound, kit, or package form and may
67 consist of hardbacked, ~~or~~ softbacked, or electronic textbooks,
68 replacements for items which were part of previously purchased
69 instructional materials, consumables, learning laboratories,
70 manipulatives, electronic media, computer courseware or
71 software, and other commonly accepted instructional tools as
72 prescribed by district school board rule. Beginning with the
73 2012-2013 fiscal year, the funds available to district school
74 boards for the purchase of materials not on the state-adopted
75 list may not be used to purchase electronic or computer hardware
76 unless even if such hardware is provided for the sole purpose of
77 delivering instructional materials content in an electronic
78 format. The funds provided for instructional materials ~~bundled~~
79 ~~with software or other electronic media, nor may not such funds~~
80 be used to purchase equipment or supplies. However, when
81 authorized to do so in the General Appropriations Act, a school
82 or district school board may use a portion of the funds
83 available to it for the purchase of materials not on the state-

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84 | adopted list to purchase science laboratory materials and
85 | supplies.

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