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SYNOPSIS

Requires board of education to provide an individual textbook for each student enrolled in a class.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.

AN ACT concerning public school textbooks and supplementing chapter 34 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. a. As used in this section, "textbook" means books, workbooks or manuals, whether bound or in looseleaf form, or electronic textbooks, intended as the principal source of study material for a given class.

b. The board of education of a school district shall provide an individual textbook for each student enrolled in each class in the district which uses a textbook.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill requires that the board of education of a school district provide an individual textbook for each student enrolled in each class in the district which uses a textbook. The bill defines a textbook as any book, workbook or manual, or electronic textbook intended as the principal source of study for a given class.

The purpose of this bill is to address the concern raised by the parents of students in some school districts that not all of the students in a particular class are being issued a textbook. This lack of a textbook puts students at a disadvantage in completing homework assignments and preparing for tests.