

The House Committee on Education offers the following substitute to HB 363:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 elementary and secondary education, so as to provide for accurate and complete electronic
3 format versions of certain textbooks; to provide for supplying copies of electronic text
4 versions of certain textbooks to local boards of education upon request; to authorize local
5 boards of education to provide electronic versions of textbooks to schools and students; to
6 provide for payment; to provide for construction; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
7 purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and
11 secondary education, is amended by striking Code Section 20-2-1015, relating to electronic
12 format versions of textbooks recommended by the State Board of Education, and inserting
13 in lieu thereof the following:

14 "20-2-1015.

15 ~~The publisher of a textbook recommended by the State Board of Education shall provide~~
16 ~~an electronic format version of such textbook. For each textbook or new edition of a~~
17 ~~textbook recommended by the State Board of Education after July 1, 2004, the publisher~~
18 ~~shall make available an accurate and complete electronic version of such textbook. Upon~~
19 ~~request from any local board of education, the State Board of Education shall provide a~~
20 ~~copy of such an electronic format version; local boards of education are authorized to~~
21 ~~provide electronic format versions of textbooks to local schools and students. This Code~~
22 ~~section shall not be construed to authorize the State Board of Education or any local board~~
23 ~~of education to infringe the copyright or other intellectual property rights for any textbook.~~
24 ~~The local board shall decide whether to pay for the cost of the electronic textbook or to~~
25 ~~require the student or parent to pay for the cost of the electronic textbook."~~

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SECTION 2.

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.