

Senate Bill 319

By: Senators Staton of the 18th, Douglas of the 17th, Goggans of the 7th, Grant of the 25th, Harp of the 29th and others

AS PASSED

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 19 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to textbooks for elementary and secondary education, so as to provide that the
3 definition of "textbook" includes digital content; to provide for related matters; to repeal
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article 19 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 textbooks for elementary and secondary education, is amended by revising Code Section
9 20-2-1010, relating to the State Board of Education prescribing textbooks, as follows:

10 "20-2-1010.

11 (a) The State Board of Education is authorized to prescribe, by regulation, the definition
12 of the term 'textbook' to include but not be limited to systematically designed material in
13 any medium, print, or nonprint, or digital including any computer hardware, software, and
14 technical equipment necessary to support such material that constitutes the principal source
15 of study for a state funded course and to prescribe the textbooks to be used in the various
16 grades in the public schools of this state, including the elementary grades and high school
17 grades. The state board may provide, by regulation, for multiple listings of textbooks for
18 use in the various grades and may, in its discretion, authorize the local school
19 superintendents to exercise a choice as between textbooks so listed or adopted for any
20 particular grade.

21 (b) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to exempt computer hardware or
22 related equipment acquired by the state from competitive bidding."

23 **SECTION 2.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.