

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

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 require the definition
3 of "textbook" to include computer hardware and technical equipment necessary to support
4 the use of nonprint or digital content; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting
5 laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 19 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 textbooks for elementary and secondary education, is amended by revising Code Section
10 20-2-1010, relating to the State Board of Education prescribing textbooks, as follows:

11 "20-2-1010.

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

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.