

The Senate Science and Technology Committee offered the following substitute to SB 319:

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:

SECTION 1.

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

11 The State Board of Education is authorized to prescribe, by regulation, the definition of the
12 term 'textbook' to include but not be limited to systematically designed material in any
13 medium, print, ~~or~~ nonprint, or digital including any computer hardware and technical
14 equipment necessary to support such material that constitutes the principal source of study
15 for a state funded course and to prescribe the textbooks to be used in the various grades in
16 the public schools of this state, including the elementary grades and high school grades.

17 The state board may provide, by regulation, for multiple listings of textbooks for use in the
18 various grades and may, in its discretion, authorize the local school superintendents to
19 exercise a choice as between textbooks so listed or adopted for any particular grade."

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.