

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas  
2 86th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2007

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 850

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5 By: Senator Brown  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 6-21-403 OF THE  
10 FREE TEXT BOOK ACT OF 1975; AND FOR OTHER  
11 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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14 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 6-21-403  
15 OF THE FREE TEXT BOOK ACT.  
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-21-403 is amended to read as follows:  
21 6-21-403. Requirements generally.

22 (a) Public school districts shall provide textbooks and other  
23 instructional materials for all pupils attending the public schools of this  
24 state in grades kindergarten through twelve (K-12), inclusive, in all  
25 subjects taught in those grades, without cost to the pupils.

26 (b) School districts may select their own textbooks or instructional  
27 materials, or districts may select from the recommended state-approved list.

28 (c) Any materials purchased with state funds shall be consistent with  
29 the curriculum and educational goals established by the State Board of  
30 Education.

31 (d)(1) The Department of Education shall monitor to ensure that all  
32 districts in Arkansas comply with the provisions set forth in this act. Any  
33 school district failing to provide textbooks and other instructional  
34 materials shall be reported in the Annual School Performance Report.

35 (2) The State Board of Education, through the department, is  
36 authorized to promulgate rules as may be necessary to carry out the provision



of this subchapter and shall report to the members of the House Education and Senate Education Committees annually any school district out of compliance by November 1, 2007, and each year thereafter.

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