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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1427

4
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND SCHOOL DISTRICT TEXTBOOK REQUIREMENTS
10 TO INCLUDE DIGITAL RESOURCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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13 TO AMEND SCHOOL DISTRICT TEXTBOOK
14 REQUIREMENTS TO INCLUDE DIGITAL
15 RESOURCES.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-21-403 is amended to read as follows:

22 6-21-403. Requirements generally.

23 (a) Public school districts shall provide textbooks, ~~and~~ other
24 instructional materials, or digital resources, including the availability of
25 any equipment needed to access the digital resources, for all pupils
26 attending the public schools of this state in kindergarten through grade
27 twelve (K-12), inclusive, in all subjects taught in those grades, without
28 cost to the pupils.

29 (b) School districts may select their own textbooks, ~~or~~ instructional
30 materials, or digital resources, including the availability of any equipment
31 needed to access the digital resources, or school districts may select from
32 the recommended state-approved list.

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

36 (d)(1)(A) The Department of Education shall monitor to ensure that all



1 school districts in Arkansas comply with the provisions set forth in this
2 section.

3 (B) Any The department shall report in the annual school
4 performance report a school district failing that fails to provide textbooks,
5 and other instructional materials, or digital resources, including the
6 availability of any equipment needed to access the digital resources shall be
7 reported in the annual school performance report.

8 (2) The state board, through the department, ~~is authorized to~~
9 may promulgate rules as may be necessary to carry out ~~the provisions of this~~
10 subchapter and shall report to the members of the ~~House Education Committee~~
11 House Committee on Education and ~~Senate Education Committee~~ Senate Committee
12 on Education annually any school district out of compliance by ~~November 1,~~
13 2007, and November 1 of each year thereafter.

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