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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires board of education to provide an individual textbook for each student enrolled in a class.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



1 AN ACT concerning public school textbooks and supplementing  
2 chapter 34 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. a. As used in this section, “textbook” means books,  
8 workbooks or manuals, whether bound or in looseleaf form, or  
9 electronic textbooks, intended as the principal source of study  
10 material for a given class.

11 b. The board of education of a school district shall provide an  
12 individual textbook for each student enrolled in each class in the  
13 district which uses a textbook.

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15 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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20 This bill requires that the board of education of a school district  
21 provide an individual textbook for each student enrolled in each  
22 class in the district which uses a textbook. The bill defines a  
23 textbook as any book, workbook or manual, or electronic textbook  
24 intended as the principal source of study for a given class.

25 The purpose of this bill is to address the concern raised by the  
26 parents of students in some school districts that not all of the  
27 students in a particular class are being issued a textbook. This lack  
28 of a textbook puts students at a disadvantage in completing  
29 homework assignments and preparing for tests.