

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 7, 2005

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005—06 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 756

Introduced by Assembly Member Goldberg

February 18, 2005

~~An act relating to public schools. An act to add Section 60050 to the Education Code, relating to instructional materials.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 756, as amended, Goldberg. Instructional materials: ~~use of technology~~ *page limitation*.

Existing law requires the State Board of Education to adopt at least 5 separate basic instructional materials, as defined, for use in kindergarten and each of grades 1 to 8, inclusive, in language arts, mathematics, science, social science, bilingual or bicultural subjects, and any other subject, discipline or interdisciplinary areas for which the state board determines the adoption of instructional materials to be necessary or desirable.

Existing law requires the governing board of a school district maintaining one or more high schools to adopt textbooks for use in the high schools and authorizes only textbooks of publishers who comply with certain requirements to be adopted.

Existing law required the State Board of Education ~~by Education~~ by July 1, 2004, to adopt maximum weight standards for textbooks, as specified.

This bill would ~~declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would facilitate and enhance pupil learning by enabling~~ *prohibit* the State Board of Education and school districts ~~to adopt~~ *from adopting* instructional materials that ~~make use of~~

~~technology and multimedia materials to supplement and reduce the cost and size of conventional textbooks exceed 200 pages in length.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 ~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact~~
2 ~~legislation that would facilitate and enhance pupil learning by~~
3 ~~enabling the State Board of Education and school districts to~~
4 ~~adopt instructional materials that make use of technology and~~
5 ~~multimedia materials to supplement and reduce the cost and size~~
6 ~~of conventional textbooks.~~

7 *SECTION 1. Section 60050 is added to the Education Code,*
8 *to read:*

9 *60050. (a) Neither the state board nor a governing board*
10 *may adopt instructional materials that exceed 200 pages in*
11 *length.*

12 *(b) The Legislature encourages the use of technology and*
13 *multimedia materials in order to comply with subdivision (a) and*
14 *reduce the cost and weight of textbooks.*