

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Education to Reengrossed House Bill No. 116 by Representative Hoffmann

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, delete lines 2 through 13, and insert the following:

3 "To enact R.S. 17:8.3 and R.S. 36:651(G)(1), relative to textbooks and other instructional
 4 materials; to create the Task Force on Textbooks and Instructional Materials and
 5 provide for its purpose, membership, duties, compensation, and staffing; to provide
 6 for reporting requirements; to provide for a termination date for the task force; and
 7 to provide for related matters."

8 AMENDMENT NO. 2

9 On page 1, delete lines 15 through 20, delete pages 2 through 5 in their entirety, on page 6,
 10 delete lines 1 through 4, and insert the following:

11 "Section 1. R.S. 17:8.3 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

12 §8.3. Task Force on Textbooks and Instructional Materials

13 A. There is hereby created the Task Force on Textbooks and Instructional
 14 Materials, hereafter referred to as the "task force", for the purpose of undertaking a
 15 thorough review and analysis of the processes utilized in the selection and approval
 16 of textbooks and other instructional materials for use in the state's elementary and
 17 secondary schools and to make recommendations for any revisions necessary to the
 18 laws and policies which govern these processes to ensure that the students enrolled
 19 in Louisiana's elementary and secondary schools have texts and instructional
 20 materials that are both grade appropriate and aligned with state content standards.

- 21 B. The task force shall be composed of seventeen members as follows:
 22 (1) The state superintendent of education, or his designee, who shall serve
 23 as chairman.
 24 (2) A member of the staff of the state Department of Education with a
 25 working knowledge of the processes utilized in the review, selection, and approval
 26 of textbooks and other instructional materials.
 27 (3) One member appointed by the Louisiana School Boards Association.
 28 (4) One member appointed by the Louisiana Association of School
 29 Superintendents.
 30 (5) One member appointed by the Louisiana Association of School
 31 Executives.
 32 (6) One member appointed by the Louisiana Association of Principals.
 33 (7) One member appointed by the Louisiana Federation of Teachers.
 34 (8) One member appointed by the Louisiana Association of Educators.
 35 (9) One member appointed by the Associated Professional Educators of
 36 Louisiana.
 37 (10) Three classroom teachers, appointed by the state superintendent of
 38 education.
 39 (11) Three parents of students enrolled in an elementary or secondary school,
 40 appointed by the state superintendent of education.
 41 (12) A member of the Louisiana Senate, appointed by the president of the
 42 Senate.
 43 (13) A member of the Louisiana House of Representatives, appointed by the
 44 speaker of the House of Representatives.

1 C. Members shall serve without compensation, but may receive any per diem
2 or reimbursement for travel and expenses as allowed and provided by the appointing
3 authority.

4 D. Vacancies shall be filled in the manner of original appointment.

5 E. The state superintendent shall convene the first meeting of the task force
6 not later than September 1, 2013, and shall designate staff to assist the task force in
7 performing its duties and responsibilities.

8 F. In making its recommendations pursuant to Subsection A of this Section,
9 the task force shall, at a minimum, consider the following:

10 (1) The optimal balance of authority and responsibility between the Board
11 of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Department of Education, and local
12 schools and school systems for the review, selection, and purchase of texts and
13 instructional materials, including internet content, for use in elementary and
14 secondary schools.

15 (2) Strategies to increase the use of electronic texts and other instructional
16 materials and address the costs of providing necessary related hardware and internet
17 access to students and schools.

18 (3) Strategies to revise the processes utilized in the review, selection, and
19 purchase of texts and other instructional materials to provide maximum flexibility
20 for schools to take advantage of the best available educational instructional
21 materials, while ensuring that every student is provided with texts and instructional
22 materials that are as current as practicable and that are aligned with the state content
23 standards prescribed for the appropriate grade level.

24 (4) A process to facilitate the purchase and delivery of texts and instructional
25 materials at the lowest possible cost and in a timely manner, either through state
26 contracts with publishers and other educational content providers or another
27 mechanism that allows schools and school systems to conveniently and efficiently
28 combine their purchases.

29 G. The task force shall submit a written report of its findings and
30 recommendations for related policy and statutory changes to the Senate Committee
31 on Education and the House Committee on Education not later than February 1,
32 2014.

33 H. The task force shall terminate and all authority for its existence shall end
34 June 30, 2014.

35 Section 2. R.S. 36:651(G)(1) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

36 §651. Transfer of boards, commissions, departments, and agencies to Department of
37 Education; boards, commissions, and agencies within Department of
38 Education

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40 G. The following agencies, as defined by R.S. 36:3, are transferred to and
41 hereafter shall be within the Department of Education as provided in Part III of
42 Chapter 22 of this Title:

43 (1) The Task Force on Textbooks and Instructional Materials (R.S. 17:8.3)

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45 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
46 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without
47 signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution
48 of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature,
49 this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval."