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Regular Session, 2013

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 116

### BY REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMANN

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

1	AN ACT
2	To enact R.S. 17:8.3 and R.S. 36:651(G)(1), relative to textbooks and other instructional
3	materials; to create the Task Force on Textbooks and Instructional Materials and
4	provide for its purpose, membership, duties, compensation, and staffing; to provide
5	for reporting requirements; to provide for a termination date for the task force; and
6	to provide for related matters.
7	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
8	Section 1. R.S. 17:8.3 is hereby enacted to read as follows:
9	<u>§8.3. Task Force on Textbooks and Instructional Materials</u>
10	A. There is hereby created the Task Force on Textbooks and Instructional
11	Materials, hereafter referred to as the "task force", for the purpose of undertaking a
12	thorough review and analysis of the processes utilized in the selection and approval
13	of textbooks and other instructional materials for use in the state's elementary and
14	secondary schools and to make recommendations for any revisions necessary to the
15	laws and policies which govern these processes to ensure that the students enrolled
16	in Louisiana's elementary and secondary schools have texts and instructional
17	materials that are both grade appropriate and aligned with state content standards.
18	B. The task force shall be composed of eighteen members as follows:
19	(1) The state superintendent of education, or his designee, who shall serve
20	as chairman.
21	(2) A member of the staff of the state Department of Education with a
22	working knowledge of the processes utilized in the review, selection, and approval
23	of textbooks and other instructional materials.

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1	(3) One member appointed by the Louisiana School Boards Association.
2	(4) One member appointed by the Louisiana Association of School
3	Superintendents.
4	(5) One member appointed by the Louisiana Association of School
5	Executives.
б	(6) One member appointed by the Louisiana Association of Principals.
7	(7) One member appointed by the Louisiana Federation of Teachers.
8	(8) One member appointed by the Louisiana Association of Educators.
9	(9) One member appointed by the Associated Professional Educators of
10	Louisiana.
11	(10) Three classroom teachers, appointed by the state superintendent of
12	education.
13	(11) Three parents of students enrolled in an elementary or secondary school,
14	appointed by the state superintendent of education.
15	(12) A member of the Louisiana Senate, appointed by the president of the
16	Senate.
17	(13) A member of the Louisiana House of Representatives, appointed by the
18	speaker of the House of Representatives.
19	(14) A representative of the Association of American Publishers.
20	C. Members shall serve without compensation, but may receive any per diem
21	or reimbursement for travel and expenses as allowed and provided by the appointing
22	authority.
23	D. Vacancies shall be filled in the manner of original appointment.
24	E. The state superintendent shall convene the first meeting of the task force
25	not later than September 1, 2013, and shall designate staff to assist the task force in
26	performing its duties and responsibilities.
27	F. In making its recommendations pursuant to Subsection A of this Section,
28	the task force shall, at a minimum, consider the following:
29	(1) The optimal balance of authority and responsibility between the Board
30	of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Department of Education, and local

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1	schools and school systems for the review, selection, and purchase of texts and
2	instructional materials, including internet content, for use in elementary and
3	secondary schools.
4	(2) Strategies to increase the use of electronic texts and other instructional
5	materials and address the costs of providing necessary related hardware and internet
6	access to students and schools.
7	(3) Strategies to revise the processes utilized in the review, selection, and
8	purchase of texts and other instructional materials to provide maximum flexibility
9	for schools to take advantage of the best available educational instructional
10	materials, while ensuring that every student is provided with texts and instructional
11	materials that are as current as practicable and that are aligned with the state content
12	standards prescribed for the appropriate grade level.
13	(4) A process to facilitate the purchase and delivery of texts and instructional
14	materials at the lowest possible cost and in a timely manner, either through state
15	contracts with publishers and other educational content providers or another
16	mechanism that allows schools and school systems to conveniently and efficiently
17	combine their purchases.
18	G. The task force shall submit a written report of its findings and
19	recommendations for related policy and statutory changes to the Senate Committee
20	on Education and the House Committee on Education not later than February 1,
21	<u>2014.</u>
22	H. The task force shall terminate and all authority for its existence shall end
23	June 30, 2014.
24	Section 2. R.S. $36:651(G)(1)$ is hereby enacted to read as follows:
25	§651. Transfer of boards, commissions, departments, and agencies to Department of
26	Education; boards, commissions, and agencies within Department of
27	Education
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1	G. The following agencies, as defined by R.S. 36:3, are transferred to and
2	hereafter shall be within the Department of Education as provided in Part III of
3	Chapter 22 of this Title:
4	(1) The Task Force on Textbooks and Instructional Materials (R.S. 17:8.3)
5	* * *
6	Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
7	signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
8	by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
9	vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
10	effective on the day following such approval.

## SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

## GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_