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TEXTBOOKS/MATERIALS OR -\$100,000 GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
 Provides relative to the review and adoption of textbooks and other instructional materials. (gov sig)

The proposed legislation provides a process for a digital review process for textbooks and instructional materials to be adopted for use in public schools. Requires the review process to be conducted entirely online and requires that any comments submitted by members of the review committee, parents and other members of the public, and publishers and content providers be posted on the website. The bill requires the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to promulgate rules to implement proposed law which shall include: criteria and procedures for evaluation and selection of materials; guidelines and timelines for submission, review, comment, consideration and adoption of textbooks and other instructional materials; the establishment and composition of review committees; the opportunity for public review and comment; and the requirement that all material under review be supplied in an electronic format that can be converted into specialized formats for children with disabilities. Schools or school districts shall not be prohibited from purchasing or otherwise acquiring textbooks and instructional materials that are not included in the list approved by BESE provided they

EXPENDITURES	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	(\$100,000)	(\$55,000)	(\$55,000)	(\$55,000)	(\$55,000)	(\$320,000)
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total	(\$100,000)	(\$55,000)	(\$55,000)	(\$55,000)	(\$55,000)	(\$320,000)

REVENUES	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation could reduce costs for the DOE due to the review process being conducted primarily online. Currently, the cost of a review committee includes travel reimbursements in accordance with the state's travel regulations (PPM 49) for lodging, meals and mileage. High volume submissions may require as many as 3 committees, or 45 evaluators and cost an estimated \$100,000 annually. These costs also include substitute teacher reimbursement costs associated with teachers serving on the review committee. DOE estimates that online reviews will significantly reduce travel costs, but not necessarily eliminate them altogether. Further, there would be costs associated with stipend payments for participating evaluators, although fewer evaluators will be used. Committee review expenditures could be reduced to \$45,000 beginning with FY 15-16. In FY 14-15, DOE would suspend the textbook adoption process and any related review activity resulting in a savings of the full amount of annual expenses. Additionally, utilizing the online process would no longer require providing hard copies of textbooks and instructional materials in libraries around the state and will result in an additional savings.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

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| Senate | <u>Dual Referral Rules</u> | House | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S} |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H} | | | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 State Rev. Reduc. {H & S} |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H} | | | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S} |

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