

CHAPTER 668

S.B. No. 598

AN ACT

relating to public school textbooks adopted by the State Board of Education.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Subsection (b), Section 12.14, Education Code, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The multiple list shall consist of not less than two nor more than *eight* [~~five~~] textbooks for each subject matter or course designated by the board to implement Section 21.101 of this code. *If available, the State Board of Education shall attempt to choose one remedial and one advanced text on the multiple list in each subject area.*

SECTION 2. Subsection (c), Section 12.01, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) Except as otherwise specifically defined in this chapter, "textbooks" or "books" as used herein shall mean books, systems of instructional materials, or combinations of books and supplementary instructional materials which convey information to the pupil or otherwise contribute to the learning process, *computer software, including but not limited to applications using computer assisted instruction, interactive videodisc, other computer courseware, and magnetic media provided that these can be delivered in lieu of textbooks with similar costs to the state.*

SECTION 3. This Act applies to textbooks adopted for the 1988-1989 school year and thereafter. This Act does not require the State Board of Education to adopt textbooks for a particular subject matter or course in any year in which the board would not otherwise be adopting textbooks for that subject matter or course.

SECTION 4. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the Senate on May 7, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0. Passed the House on May 25, 1987, by a non-record vote.

Approved June 19, 1987.

Effective Aug. 31, 1987, 90 days after date of adjournment.