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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1390

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND SCHOOL DISTRICT TEXTBOOK REQUIREMENTS
9 TO INCLUDE DIGITAL RESOURCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

11 TO AMEND SCHOOL DISTRICT TEXTBOOK
12 REQUIREMENTS TO INCLUDE DIGITAL
13 RESOURCES.
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-21-403 is amended to read as follows:

21 6-21-403. Requirements generally.

22 (a) Public school districts shall provide textbooks, ~~and~~ other
23 instructional materials, and digital resources, including the availability of
24 any equipment needed to access the digital resources, for all pupils
25 attending the public schools of this state in kindergarten through grade
26 twelve (K-12), inclusive, in all subjects taught in those grades, without
27 cost to the pupils.

28 (b) School districts may select their own textbooks, ~~or~~ instructional
29 materials, and digital resources, including the availability of any equipment
30 needed to access the digital resources, or school districts may select from
31 the recommended state-approved list.

32 (c) Any textbooks, instructional materials, or digital resources
33 purchased with state funds shall be consistent with the curriculum and
34 educational goals established by the State Board of Education.

35 (d)(1)(A) The Department of Education shall monitor to ensure that all
36 school districts in Arkansas comply ~~with the provisions set forth in this~~



1 section.

2 (B) Any The department shall report in the annual school
 3 performance report a school district failing that fails to provide textbooks,
 4 and other instructional materials, or digital resources, including the
 5 availability of any equipment needed to access the digital resources shall be
 6 reported in the annual school performance report.

7 (2) The state board, through the department, ~~is authorized to~~
 8 may promulgate rules as may be necessary to carry out ~~the provisions of this~~
 9 subchapter and shall report to the members of the ~~House Education Committee~~
 10 House Committee on Education and ~~Senate Education Committee~~ Senate Committee
 11 on Education annually any school district out of compliance by ~~November 1,~~
 12 2007, and November 1 of each year thereafter.

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