

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2013 and 2014 HB4573

Introduced , by Rep. Kelly Burke

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

Appropriates \$12,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the State Board of Education for the textbook block grant program, which provides secular textbooks listed for use by the State Board of Education free of charge to any student in the State who is enrolled in any of grades kindergarten through 12 at a public school or at a State-recognized non-public school. Effective July 1, 2014.

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1 AN ACT concerning appropriations.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- 4 Section 1. The General Assembly finds the following:
- 5 (1) that the textbook block grant program provides 6 instructional materials for 2.1 million school children and 7 164,000 educators throughout the entire State;
- 8 (2) that it is the policy of this State to ensure that 9 Illinois' students have instructional materials that have 10 current information and are in good working condition; and
- 11 (3) that the textbook block grant program is for many 12 school districts their sole source of funding for 13 instructional materials and serves as a safeguard against 14 increases in property and other local taxes.
 - Section 5. The amount of \$12,500,000, or so much of that amount as may be necessary, is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the State Board of Education for the textbook block grant program, which provides secular textbooks listed for use by the State Board of Education free of charge to any student in this State who is enrolled in any of grades kindergarten through 12 at a public school or at a State-recognized non-public school.

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1, 1

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