

1 AN ACT regarding education.

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

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing  
5 Section 18-17 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/18-17) (from Ch. 122, par. 18-17)

7 Sec. 18-17. The State Board of Education shall provide  
8 the loan of secular textbooks listed for use by the State  
9 Board of Education free of charge to any student in this  
10 State who is enrolled in grades kindergarten through 12 at a  
11 public school or at a school other than a public school which  
12 is in compliance with the compulsory attendance laws of this  
13 State and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The  
14 foregoing service shall be provided directly to the students  
15 at their request or at the request of their parents or  
16 guardians. The State Board of Education shall adopt  
17 appropriate regulations to administer this Section and to  
18 facilitate the equitable participation of all students  
19 eligible for benefits hereunder, including provisions  
20 authorizing the exchange, trade or transfer of loaned secular  
21 textbooks between schools or school districts for students  
22 enrolled in such schools or districts. After secular  
23 textbooks have been on loan under this Section for a period  
24 of 5 years or more, such textbooks may be disposed of by  
25 school districts in such manner as their respective school  
26 boards shall determine following written notification to the  
27 State Board of Education and expiration of a reasonable  
28 waiting period not to exceed 30 days. Loaned textbooks may  
29 not be disposed of out-of-State or sold without the prior  
30 approval of the State Board of Education.

31 As used in this Section, "textbook" means any book or

1 book substitute which a pupil uses as a text or text  
2 substitute in a particular class or program. It shall  
3 include books, reusable workbooks, manuals, whether bound or  
4 in loose leaf form, and instructional computer software,  
5 intended as a principal source of study material for a given  
6 class or group of students. "Textbook" also includes science  
7 curriculum materials in a kit format that includes  
8 pre-packaged consumable materials if (i) it is shown that the  
9 materials serve as a textbook substitute, (ii) the materials  
10 are for use by pupils as a principal learning resource, (iii)  
11 each component of the materials is integrally necessary to  
12 teach the requirements of the intended course, (iv) the kit  
13 includes teacher guidance materials, and (v) the purchase of  
14 individual consumable materials is not allowed.

15 (Source: P.A. 89-46, eff. 6-23-95.)

16 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
17 becoming law.