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H.B. No. 927

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requiring certain textbook publishers to offer electronic textbooks.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter I, Chapter 51, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 51.456 to read as follows:

Sec. 51.456. ELECTRONIC TEXTBOOKS REQUIRED. (a) Not later than January 1, 2020, a textbook publisher who offers textbooks for sale at a college bookstore shall, to the extent practicable, make the textbooks available for sale wholly or partly in an electronic format. The electronic version of any textbook must contain the same content as the printed version and may be copy-protected.

(b) This section does not authorize any use of a textbook or other instructional materials that would constitute an infringement of copyright under the Copyright Act of 1976 (17 U.S.C. Section 101 et seq.).

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.