

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB354H1

House of Origin	<u>X</u>	Introduced	<u>X</u>	Substitute	<u> </u>	Engrossed
Second House	<u> </u>	In Committee	<u> </u>	Substitute	<u> </u>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Committee on Education

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: Textbook purchasing contracts.

5. Summary: The substitute bill, permits local school boards to enter into contracts with publishers for the purchase of textbooks. The bill expands the definition of textbook to include print, electronic, online, and other manipulative-based programs. The bill reorganizes the textbook purchasing process and repeals several sections of outdated code. Also provides that if consumable materials are sold to students, the local school board must provide those materials at a reduced price, or free of charge, to students who are unable to afford them.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimate: See item 8.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: The substitute bill requires the Department of Education (DOE) to present the list of approved textbooks on its website and also to list the publisher and the price of the textbooks. DOE anticipates that publishing the required information on its website can be done using existing resources. The requirement for localities to provide these materials at a reduced price, or free of charge, to students who are unable to afford them is a continuation of current policy.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Board of Education, local school divisions.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: Same as HB137H1 and SB356S1

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