

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB356

House of Origin X Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Watkins

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: **Textbook purchasing contracts.**

5. Summary: 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 The bill reorganizes the textbook purchasing process and repeals several sections of outdated code.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. No Fiscal Impact.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: None. 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: Similar to HB129 and HB354

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