

18A:34-3

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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LAWS OF: 2002 **CHAPTER:** 98
NJSA: 18A:34-3 (Requires DOE to coordinate sharing of textbooks)
BILL NO: A2308 (Substituted for S1713)

SPONSOR(S): Fisher and Doria

DATE INTRODUCED: May 9, 2002

COMMITTEE: **ASSEMBLY:** Education

SENATE: Education

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: Yes

DATE OF PASSAGE: **ASSEMBLY:** October 7, 2002

SENATE: September 30, 2002

DATE OF APPROVAL: November 13, 2002

FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

[FINAL TEXT OF BILL](#) (2nd reprint enacted)
(Amendments during passage denoted by superscript numbers)

A2308

[SPONSORS STATEMENT](#): (Begins on page 2 of original bill) Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** Yes

SENATE: Yes

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

S1713

[SPONSORS STATEMENT](#): (Begins on page 2 of original bill) Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** No

SENATE: Yes

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

VETO MESSAGE: No

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P.L. 2002, CHAPTER 98, *approved November 13, 2002*
Assembly, No. 2308 (*Second Reprint*)

1 **AN ACT** concerning the sharing of textbooks between school districts
2 and supplementing chapter 34 of Title 18A of the New Jersey
3 Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. a. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the
9 Department of Education shall coordinate the sharing of textbooks
10 ¹[between] among¹ school districts by creating a Statewide textbook
11 bank. The Department of Education shall create and maintain a
12 ²[searchable]² database of all textbooks that will be discarded by each
13 school district. The ²[searchable]² textbook bank database shall be
14 made available on the Department of Education's website and a list of
15 all available textbooks shall be sent to each school district periodically.

16 b. Each school district shall notify the Department of Education of
17 any textbooks the district intends to discard. The Department of
18 Education shall within 14 days of receiving notification from the
19 school district of the intent to dispose of the textbooks, list the
20 textbooks in the ²[searchable]² textbook bank database. School
21 districts shall retain the textbooks to be discarded for a period of 120
22 days after the district has notified the Department of Education.

23 c. Districts acquiring textbooks using the textbook bank database
24 are responsible for all costs associated with receiving them from the
25 donating district.

26 ¹d. The department shall make the textbook bank database
27 available for use by nonpublic schools.¹

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29 2. ¹a. The Department of Education shall develop and disseminate
30 to school districts, guidelines on the useful life of textbooks in the core
31 curriculum content standards subject areas. Textbooks exceeding the
32 useful life guidelines established by the department shall be exempt
33 from the provisions of section 1 of this act.

34 b.¹ The provisions of section 1 of this act shall not apply to
35 textbooks that are worn out or useless due to damage or mutilation.

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37 3. This act shall take effect on the 180th day after enactment, but
38 the Commissioner of Education may take such anticipatory

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ **Assembly AED committee amendments adopted June 17, 2002.**

² **Senaate SED committee amendments adopted September 9, 2002.**

1 administrative action in advance as shall be necessary for the
2 implementation of the act.

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7 Requires DOE to coordinate sharing of textbooks between school
8 districts.

ASSEMBLY, No. 2308

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 210th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 9, 2002

Sponsored by:

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District 3 (Salem, Cumberland and Gloucester)

Assemblyman JOSEPH V. DORIA, JR.

District 31 (Hudson)

Co-Sponsored by:

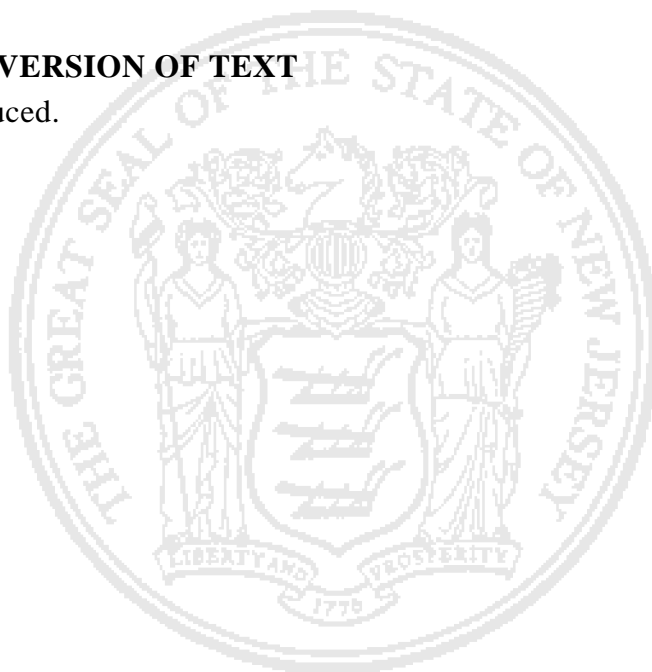
**Assemblymen Burzichelli, Van Drew, Diegnan, Barnes, Chivukula, Egan,
Guear, Assemblywoman Friscia, Assemblymen Connors, Conaway,
Hackett, Assemblywoman Cruz-Perez and Assemblyman Edwards**

SYNOPSIS

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As introduced.



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14 Department of Education's website and a list of all available textbooks
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16 b. Each school district shall notify the Department of Education of
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19 school district of the intent to dispose of the textbooks, list the
20 textbooks in the searchable textbook bank database. School districts
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36 STATEMENT

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38 This bill provides that the Department of Education shall coordinate
39 the sharing of textbooks between school districts by creating and
40 maintaining a Statewide database of all textbooks that each school
41 district will discard. School districts may not dispose of textbooks
42 used in their public schools until 120 days after they have notified the
43 Department of Education of their intent to discard the textbooks.
44 Districts receiving textbooks from the textbook bank are responsible
45 for all costs associated with moving the books to their district. The
46 provisions of this bill do not apply to textbooks that are worn out or
47 useless due to damage or mutilation.

ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2308

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 17, 2002

The Assembly Education Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 2308 with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill provides that the Department of Education will coordinate the sharing of textbooks among school districts by creating and maintaining a Statewide database of all textbooks that each school district will discard. School districts may not dispose of textbooks used in their public schools until 120 days after they have notified the Department of Education of their intent to discard the textbooks. The department is to list the textbooks on its website within 14 days of receiving notification from districts of the intent to dispose of the textbooks. Districts receiving textbooks from the textbook database will be responsible for all costs associated with transferring the books.

The bill also directs the Department of Education to develop and disseminate to school districts guidelines on the useful life of textbooks in the core curriculum content standards subject areas. Textbooks that exceed the useful life guidelines or are worn out or useless due to damage or mutilation are exempt from the bill's provisions. The bill also stipulates that the department will make the textbook bank database available for use by nonpublic schools.

The committee amended the bill to direct the Department of Education to develop and disseminate to school districts, guidelines on the useful life of textbooks in the core curriculum content standards subject areas, and to provide that textbooks which exceed the useful life guidelines are exempt from the bill's provisions. The amendments also direct the department to make the textbook bank database available for use by nonpublic schools.

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 2308

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 9, 2002

The Senate Education Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 2308 (1R).

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The committee amended the bill to delete the requirement that the Department of Education create and maintain a "searchable" database.

As reported, this bill is identical to S-1713 with Senate committee amendments.

SENATE, No. 1713

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 210th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 27, 2002

Sponsored by:

Senator STEPHEN M. SWEENEY

District 3 (Salem, Cumberland and Gloucester)

Senator JOSEPH CONIGLIO

District 38 (Bergen)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senator Turner

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STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1713

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 9, 2002

The Senate Education Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 1713.

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