

1 AN ACT concerning 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 adding Section  
5 2-3.153 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.153 new)

7 Sec. 2-3.153. Textbook block grant program.

8 (a) The provisions of this Section are in the public  
9 interest, for the public benefit, and serve secular public  
10 purposes.

11 (b) As used in this Section, "textbook" means any book or  
12 book substitute that a pupil uses as a text or text substitute,  
13 including electronic textbooks. "Textbook" includes books,  
14 reusable workbooks, manuals, whether bound or in loose-leaf  
15 form, instructional computer software, and electronic  
16 textbooks and the technological equipment necessary to gain  
17 access to and use electronic textbooks intended as a principal  
18 source of study material for a given class or group of  
19 students. "Textbook" also includes science curriculum  
20 materials in a kit format that includes pre-packaged consumable  
21 materials if (i) it is shown that the materials serve as a  
22 textbook substitute, (ii) the materials are for use by the  
23 pupils as a principal learning source, (iii) each component of

1 the materials is integrally necessary to teach the requirements  
2 of the intended course, (iv) the kit includes teacher guidance  
3 materials, and (v) the purchase of individual consumable  
4 materials is not allowed.

5 (c) Beginning July 1, 2011, subject to annual appropriation  
6 by the General Assembly, the State Board of Education is  
7 authorized to provide annual funding to public school districts  
8 and State-recognized, non-public schools serving students in  
9 grades kindergarten through 12 for the purchase of secular  
10 textbooks. Each public school district and State-recognized,  
11 non-public school shall, subject to appropriations for that  
12 purpose, receive a per pupil grant for the purchase of secular  
13 textbooks. The per pupil grant amount must be calculated by the  
14 State Board of Education utilizing the most current student  
15 enrollment data available divided by the total appropriation  
16 made for these purposes.

17 (d) The State Board of Education may adopt rules as  
18 necessary for the implementation of this Section.

19 (105 ILCS 5/18-17 rep.)

20 (105 ILCS 5/28-6 rep.)

21 (105 ILCS 5/28-10 rep.)

22 (105 ILCS 5/28-12 rep.)

23 (105 ILCS 5/28-16 rep.)

24 (105 ILCS 5/28-17 rep.)

25 Section 10. The School Code is amended by repealing

1 Sections 18-17, 28-6, 28-10, 28-12, 28-16, and 28-17.

2 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,  
3 2011.