

SENATE BILL NO. 386—SENATORS PORTER, CARLTON,
O'DONNELL AND WASHINGTON

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Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Requires certain school districts to use electronic textbooks to extent practicable. (BDR 34-1099)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Contains Appropriation not included in Executive Budget.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to education; requiring certain school districts to use electronic textbooks to the extent practicable; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 **Section 1.** Chapter 390 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a
2 new section to read as follows:
3 1. *The board of trustees of a school district in a county whose*
4 *population is 400,000 or more shall, to the extent practicable, cause*
5 *electronic textbooks to be used in the public schools of that school*
6 *district, excluding charter schools.*
7 2. *In carrying out the provisions of subsection 1, the board of*
8 *trustees shall ensure that electronic textbooks are made available to the*
9 *public schools of the school district, excluding charter schools, in a*
10 *manner that is equitable.*
11 **Sec. 2.** NRS 390.005 is hereby amended to read as follows:
12 390.005 As used in this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise:
13 1. “Basic textbook” or “textbook” means any medium or manual of
14 instruction, including, without limitation, ~~{software for computers,~~
15 ~~containing}~~ *electronic textbooks, that contains* a presentation of the
16 principles of a subject and *is* used as a basis of instruction.
17 2. *“Electronic textbook” means any electronic medium pursuant to*
18 *which information is conveyed to a pupil or that otherwise contributes to*
19 *the learning process, including, without limitation:*
20 (a) *Computers, whether stationary or portable, and the hardware and*
21 *software necessary for the operation of those computers;*



- 1 ***(b) Interactive videodiscs or other optical discs;***
2 ***(c) Magnetic media, including, without limitation, computer discs,***
3 ***audiotape and videotape; and***
4 ***(d) Services pursuant to which a subscriber may access the Internet or***
5 ***use an electronic mail address, or both.***

6 3. "Supplemental textbook" means any medium or material, including,
7 without limitation, ~~software for computers,~~ ***electronic textbooks,*** used to
8 reinforce or extend a basic program of instruction.

9 ~~13-1~~ 4. A basic or supplemental textbook , ***other than an electronic***
10 ***textbook,*** becomes "unserviceable" when 4 years have elapsed since its
11 removal from the adopted list.

12 **Sec. 3.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the state general fund
13 to the Clark County School District the sum of \$200,000 for costs related
14 to implementing a pilot project to carry out the provisions of this act.

15 2. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by subsection 1
16 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2003, and reverts to
17 the state general fund as soon as all payments of money committed have
18 been made.

19 **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

