



## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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HB5237

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/10-20.83 new  
105 ILCS 5/34-18.78 new

Amends the School Code. Provides that each school board shall adopt a policy to allow pupils, parents, guardians, and members of the public to review each textbook that the superintendent or school board is considering approving for use in the schools of the district for a period of no less than 30 days prior to the textbook being approved for use by the superintendent or the school board. Provides that the policy must be published in the student handbook and on the district's Internet website if one is maintained. Effective July 1, 2022.

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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 Sections  
5 10-20.83 and 34-18.78 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.83 new)

7 Sec. 10-20.83. Textbook review.

8 (a) In this Section, "textbook" means any book or book  
9 substitute that a pupil uses as a text or text substitute,  
10 including an electronic textbook. "Textbook" includes a book,  
11 reusable workbook, manual, whether bound or in loose-leaf  
12 form, instructional computer software, or an electronic  
13 textbook and the technological equipment necessary to gain  
14 access to and use the electronic textbook that is intended as a  
15 principal source of study material for a given class or group  
16 of students.

17 (b) Each school board shall adopt a policy to allow  
18 pupils, parents, guardians, and members of the public to  
19 review each textbook that the district superintendent or  
20 school board is considering approving for use in the schools  
21 of the district for a period of no less than 30 days prior to  
22 the textbook being approved for use by the district  
23 superintendent or the school board. The policy must be

1 published in the student handbook and on the district's  
2 Internet website if one is maintained.

3 (105 ILCS 5/34-18.78 new)

4 Sec. 34-18.78. Textbook review.

5 (a) In this Section, "textbook" means any book or book  
6 substitute that a pupil uses as a text or text substitute,  
7 including an electronic textbook. "Textbook" includes a book,  
8 reusable workbook, manual, whether bound or in loose-leaf  
9 form, instructional computer software, or an electronic  
10 textbook and the technological equipment necessary to gain  
11 access to and use the electronic textbook that is intended as a  
12 principal source of study material for a given class or group  
13 of students.

14 (b) The board shall adopt a policy to allow pupils,  
15 parents, guardians, and members of the public to review each  
16 textbook that the general superintendent of schools or the  
17 board is considering approving for use in the schools of the  
18 district for a period of no less than 30 days prior to the  
19 textbook being approved for use by the general superintendent  
20 or the board. The policy must be published in the student  
21 handbook and on the district's Internet website.

22 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,  
23 2022.