

# SB2938



## 98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2013 and 2014

SB2938

Introduced 2/4/2014, by Sen. Bill Cunningham

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

Appropriates \$12,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the State Board of Education for the textbook block grant program, which provides secular textbooks listed for use by the State Board of Education free of charge to any student in the State who is enrolled in any of grades kindergarten through 12 at a public school or at a State-recognized non-public school. Effective July 1, 2014.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning appropriations.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented**  
3 **in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. The General Assembly finds the following:

5 (1) that the textbook block grant program provides  
6 instructional materials for 2.1 million school children and  
7 164,000 educators throughout the entire State;

8 (2) that it is the policy of this State to ensure that  
9 Illinois' students have instructional materials that have  
10 current information and are in good working condition; and

11 (3) that the textbook block grant program is for many  
12 school districts their sole source of funding for  
13 instructional materials and serves as a safeguard against  
14 increases in property and other local taxes.

15 Section 5. The amount of \$12,500,000, or so much of that  
16 amount as may be necessary, is appropriated from the General  
17 Revenue Fund to the State Board of Education for the textbook  
18 block grant program, which provides secular textbooks listed  
19 for use by the State Board of Education free of charge to any  
20 student in this State who is enrolled in any of grades  
21 kindergarten through 12 at a public school or at a State-  
22 recognized non-public school.

1           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,  
2    2014.