



# State of Tennessee

## PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 341

### HOUSE BILL NO. 1513

By Representatives Cochran, Weaver, Crawford, Bricken, Todd, Smith, Cepicky, Moody,  
Terry, Lynn

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1034

By Senators Bell, Rose, Stevens

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 22, relative to the Textbook Transparency Act.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. This act is known and may be cited as the "Textbook Transparency Act."

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-2203(d), is amended by deleting subdivision (3) and substituting instead the following:

(3)

(A) In addition to the finished textbooks and instructional materials required to be filed with the secretary of the commission, publishers shall make all textbooks and instructional materials proposed for adoption available for inspection by LEAs and the public online, which may include access via the state textbook depository's website. The online inspection must allow inspection of both the textbook or instructional materials and all accompanying manuals, workbooks, and other ancillary materials. The content, including pictures and graphs, of the textbooks, instructional materials, and supplementary materials that are made available for online inspection must be in finished form and must be the same as what would be distributed to public schools.

(B) The commission shall require that a publisher in its bid document agree to provide complete online copies of the textbooks or instructional materials bid during the review process by the advisory panels for a period of no less than ninety (90) days. Textbooks and instructional materials approved by the state board of education for local adoption must remain accessible to the public pursuant to subdivision (d)(3)(C).

(C)

(i) A publisher that submits textbooks or instructional materials for adoption shall provide the department of education with a link to the textbooks or instructional materials that the public and advisory panel members can use to access the textbooks or instructional materials. The department shall post the links provided by publishers pursuant to this subdivision (d)(3)(C)(i) on the department's website.

(ii) A publisher of textbooks or instructional materials approved by the state board for local adoption shall provide each LEA with a link to the textbooks or instructional materials that the public can use to access the textbooks or instructional materials. Each LEA shall:

(a) Post, on the LEA's website, the links provided by publishers pursuant to this subdivision (d)(3)(C)(ii) for textbooks or instructional materials adopted by the LEA; or

(b) Identify, on the LEA's website, the name and publisher of textbooks or instructional materials adopted by the LEA and

provide a link to the state textbook depository's website where the textbooks or instructional materials may be accessed.

(iii) The links provided pursuant to this subdivision (d)(3)(C) must remain active for all textbooks and instructional materials approved by the state board for so long as the textbooks and instructional materials are approved for local adoption or adopted by the LEA, respectively.

(D)

(i) A publisher of textbooks or instructional materials for which a waiver is granted to an LEA pursuant to § 49-6-2206, shall provide the respective LEA with a link to the textbooks or instructional materials that the public can use to access the textbooks or instructional materials.

(ii) Each LEA shall:

(a) Post, on the LEA's website, the link provided by the publisher pursuant to subdivision (d)(3)(D)(i); or

(b) Identify, on the LEA's website, the name and publisher of the textbooks or instructional materials for which the LEA received a waiver pursuant to § 49-6-2206, and provide:

(1) A link to the state textbook depository's website where the textbooks or instructional materials may be accessed by the public; or

(2) Instructions for how the public may access the textbooks or instructional materials at the central office of the LEA's local board of education.

(iii) The links provided pursuant to this subdivision (d)(3)(D) must remain active for all textbooks or instructional materials for so long as the textbooks or instructional materials are adopted.

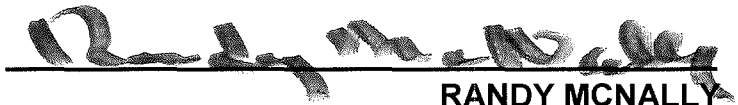
SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 19, 2021



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR