

AMENDMENTS TO LB 1250

1 1. Strike the original section and insert the following
2 new section:

3 "Section 1. On and after January 1, 2003, all contracts
4 for the purchase of textbooks for school districts and educational
5 service units shall require the publisher or manufacturer to
6 provide to the school district or educational service unit, at no
7 cost, (a) computer files or other electronic versions of each
8 textbook title purchased and (b) the right to transcribe,
9 reproduce, modify, and distribute each textbook title purchased in
10 braille, large print if the publisher or manufacturer does not
11 offer a large-print edition, or other specialized accessible media
12 exclusively for use by students in the same school district who are
13 blind or visually impaired.

14 The contract shall also provide that: (1) Within thirty
15 days after receiving a request from a school district or
16 educational service unit, the publisher or manufacturer shall
17 provide computer files or other electronic versions of each
18 textbook title purchased to such school district or educational
19 service unit; (2) the computer files or other electronic version
20 shall maintain the structural integrity of the standard
21 instructional materials, be compatible with commonly used braille
22 translation and speech synthesis software, and include corrections
23 and revisions as may be necessary; (3) if the technology is not
24 available to convert a math, science, or other nonliterary textbook

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1 into the format prescribed in this section, the publisher or
2 manufacturer shall not be required to provide computer files or
3 other electronic versions of the textbook; and (4) upon the willful
4 failure of the publisher or manufacturer to comply with the
5 requirements of the contract pursuant to this section, the
6 publisher or manufacturer shall reimburse the school district or
7 educational service unit for the cost of creating such computer
8 files or electronic versions."