

AMENDMENTS TO LB 1149

1 1. Strike the original sections and all amendments
2 thereto and insert the following new section:

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

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

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