

Senate File 2178 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 2178
BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 2058)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to textbooks and laptop computers or other
2 personal portable computing devices adopted for use by
3 school districts and provided to public and accredited
4 nonpublic school students.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 301.1, subsection 3, Code 2009, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 3. As used in subsection 2, "*textbooks*" means ~~books~~ any of
4 the following:

5 a. Books and loose-leaf or bound manuals, systems of
6 reusable instructional materials or combinations of books and
7 supplementary instructional materials which convey information
8 to the student or otherwise contribute to the learning process,
9 ~~or electronic.~~

10 b. Electronic textbooks, including but not limited to
11 computer software, applications using computer-assisted
12 instruction, interactive videodisc, and other computer
13 courseware and magnetic media.

14 c. Laptop computers or other portable personal computing
15 devices which are used for nonreligious instructional use only.

16 EXPLANATION

17 This bill relates to the use of state funds allocated to
18 school districts for purposes of making textbooks available to
19 accredited nonpublic school pupils by expanding the definition
20 of textbooks to include laptop computers or other portable
21 personal computing devices which are used for nonreligious
22 instructional use only. Currently, the definition is limited
23 to books, supplementary instructional materials, and electronic
24 textbooks, including but not limited to computer software.