
By: **Delegate Burns**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Schools - Core Curriculum Course - Textbook - Required**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a county board of education to provide an instructional
4 textbook for a core curriculum course for each student in a public school;
5 requiring the State Board of Education to adopt certain regulations; and
6 generally relating to providing an instructional textbook for a core curriculum
7 course for each student in a public school.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Education
10 Section 7-106
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1999 Replacement Volume)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article - Education**

16 7-106.

17 (a) (1) EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL PROVIDE AN INSTRUCTIONAL
18 TEXTBOOK FOR A CORE CURRICULUM COURSE FOR EACH STUDENT IN A PUBLIC
19 SCHOOL.

20 (2) THE STATE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO DEFINE A CORE
21 CURRICULUM COURSE.

22 (B) On the recommendation of the county superintendent and subject to the
23 provisions of this article, each county board shall adopt procedures for the selection
24 and purchase of the following necessary items, at the lowest price consistent with
25 good quality, for use in the public schools:

26 (1) Textbooks;

27 (2) Supplementary readers;

- 1 (3) Materials of instruction;
- 2 (4) Visual and auditory aids;
- 3 (5) Stationery; and
- 4 (6) School supplies.

5 [(b)] (C) (1) Each county board shall adopt procedures for the selection and
6 purchase for use in each public school library or media center of a collection of books
7 and auditory and visual materials concerning African American history.

8 (2) The collection in each library or media center shall be appropriate for
9 students in each age group and reading level in the school.

10 [(c)] (D) Each county board shall furnish the materials and supplies listed in
11 [subsection (a)] SUBSECTIONS (A) AND (B) of this section:

- 12 (1) Free of cost for use in the public schools; and
- 13 (2) In sufficient quantities for the different grades in the public schools.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 July 1, 2000.