

BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 710
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and Zirkin” and substitute “Zirkin, Bartlett, Cardin, Goodwin, Gordon, Healey, Howard, Kaiser, Marriott, McKee, Myers, Ramirez, and Ross”; in lines 3 and 4, strike “establish a certain instructional resources center” and substitute “collaborate with and provide support to the Instructional Resources Center”; strike beginning with “a” in line 6 down through “standard” in line 7 and substitute “certain specialized formats using a certain federal standard”; in line 7, after “requiring” insert “the Department and”; in line 9, after “contracts;” insert “providing that certain publishers may not be required to provide electronic copies of certain instructional materials;”; in lines 11 and 12, strike “a certain instructional resource center” and substitute “the Instructional Resources Center”; in line 12, strike “ensure the availability of” and substitute “make reasonable efforts to provide”; in the same line, strike “for” and substitute “to”; in line 13, after “year” insert “or as soon as possible thereafter”; and strike beginning with “requiring” in line 15 down through “materials;” in line 21 and substitute “requiring certain State agencies to review certain research and recommendations and make a certain report to the Governor and General Assembly;”.

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 2 through 7, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, in line 4, after “BRAILLE,” insert “LARGE PRINT,”; in line 5, strike “EXCLUSIVELY FOR USE” and substitute “USED”; in lines 5 and 6, strike “OTHER INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES” and substitute “VISUALLY IMPAIRED INDIVIDUALS”; in line 22, strike “ESTABLISH AN” and substitute “COLLABORATE WITH AND PROVIDE SUPPORT TO THE”; in the same line, strike “RESOURCE” and substitute “RESOURCES”; in line 25, strike “NONVISUAL MEANS INCLUDING ADOPTING” and substitute “SPECIALIZED FORMATS THAT USE”; in line 26, after “(2)” insert “(I)”; in line 27, after “REQUIRE” insert “THE DEPARTMENT AND”; in lines 31 and 35, strike “(I)” and “(II)”, respectively, and substitute

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“1.” and “2.”, respectively; and after line 37, insert:

“(II) A PUBLISHER MAY NOT BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE AN ELECTRONIC COPY OF ANY INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL COPYRIGHTED BEFORE JULY 1, 2007.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 4, strike beginning with “OF” in line 10 down through “PUBLISHERS” in line 11; in line 12, strike “RESOURCE” and substitute “RESOURCES”; strike beginning with “ESTABLISHED” in line 12 down through “FORMATS” in line 13 and substitute “OF”;

(I) ELECTRONIC FILES OR INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SENT BY PUBLISHERS FOR THE INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES CENTER TO CONVERT THE INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS INTO SPECIALIZED FORMATS; AND

(II) ELECTRONIC FILES OR INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS PURCHASED FROM A PUBLISHER IN A SPECIALIZED FORMAT”;

in line 14, after “(4)” insert “BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2007,”; in the same line, strike “RESOURCE” and substitute “RESOURCES”; in the same line, strike “ENSURE THAT” and substitute “MAKE REASONABLE EFFORTS TO PROVIDE”; in line 15, strike “ARE AVAILABLE”; in line 16, strike “HAVE OTHER QUALIFYING DISABILITIES” and substitute “VISUALLY IMPAIRED”; in line 17, after “YEAR” insert “OR IN A TIMELY MANNER”; and in line 20, strike “UNDER THIS SECTION” and substitute “BY THE DEPARTMENT”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On pages 4 and 5, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 23 on page 4 through line 2 on page 5, inclusive, and substitute:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(1) The Maryland Higher Education Commission and the Maryland Department of Disabilities shall review the research and recommendations developed by the Association of American Publishers’ National Alternative Formats Initiative regarding approaches and technologies to best provide textbooks to postsecondary students with print disabilities.

(2) On or before December 31, 2006, the Maryland Higher Education Commission and the Maryland Department of Disabilities shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on procedures to

ensure that postsecondary students with print disabilities have access to instructional materials.”.

On page 5, in line 3, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.