

SENATE BILL No. 520

May 31, 2001, Introduced by Senators SMITH, PETERS, YOUNG, HAMMERSTROM,
DE BEAUSSAERT, SCOTT, HART, DINGELL, KOIVISTO, GOUGEON,
MC COTTER and GOSCHKA and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to require textbook publishers to provide electronic
versions of certain instructional materials used in colleges and
universities.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
2 "college and university electronic textbook act".

3 Sec. 2. As used in this act:

4 (a) "College or university" means a degree or certificate
5 granting public or private college or university, junior college,
6 or community college located in this state.

7 (b) "Textbook" includes a text published in electronic media
8 that is used for instructional purposes.

9 Sec. 3. Upon request, a publisher of a textbook that is
10 adopted for instructional use at a college or university shall
11 furnish the college or university with an electronic version of

1 the textbook if the textbook is for a literary subject or, for a
2 textbook for a nonliterary subject, if the technology is avail-
3 able to convert the textbook directly to a format compatible with
4 braille translation software. A publisher shall not charge a
5 price for this electronic version that exceeds the price it
6 charges for the print or electronic media version of the
7 textbook.