

# HOUSE BILL No. 4070

January 28, 2003, Introduced by Rep. Spade and referred to the Committee on Higher 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  
3 available to convert the textbook directly to a format compatible  
4 with braille translation software. A publisher shall not charge  
5 a price for this electronic version that exceeds the price it  
6 charges for the print or electronic media version of the  
7 textbook.