

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 3526
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Public Education
Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties contend that utilization of the instructional materials allotment for technology purchases could be improved. C.S.H.B. 3526 seeks to clarify the purpose of the allotment by renaming the allotment and a related fund and account to include technology.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 3526 amends the Education Code to rename the instructional materials allotment as the technology and instructional materials allotment, the state instructional materials fund as the state technology and instructional materials fund, and the instructional materials account as the technology and instructional materials account.

C.S.H.B. 3526 amends the Government Code to make conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2017.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE

While C.S.H.B. 3526 may differ from the original in minor or nonsubstantive ways, the following comparison is organized and formatted in a manner that indicates the substantial differences between the introduced and committee substitute versions of the bill.

INTRODUCED	HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SECTION 1. Section 31.001, Education Code, is amended.	SECTION 1. Same as introduced version.
SECTION 2. Section 31.005, Education Code, is amended.	SECTION 2. Same as introduced version.

SECTION 3. Section 31.021, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 31.021. STATE TECHNOLOGY AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS FUND. (a) The state technology and instructional materials fund consists of:

(1) an amount set aside by the State Board of Education from the available school fund, in accordance with Section 43.001(d); and

(2) all amounts lawfully paid into the fund from any other source.

(c) Money in the state technology and instructional materials fund shall be used to:

(1) fund the technology and instructional materials allotment, as provided by Section 31.0211;

(2) purchase special instructional materials for the education of blind and visually impaired students in public schools;

(3) pay the expenses associated with the instructional materials adoption and review process under this chapter;

(4) pay the expenses associated with the purchase or licensing of open-source instructional material;

(5) pay the expenses associated with the purchase of instructional material, including intrastate freight and shipping and the insurance expenses associated with intrastate freight and shipping; and

(6) ~~fund the technology lending grant program established under Section 32.201; and~~

~~[(7)]~~ provide funding to the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, the Texas School for the Deaf, and the Texas Juvenile Justice Department.

(d) Money transferred to the state technology and instructional materials fund remains in the fund until spent and does not lapse to the state at the end of the fiscal year.

SECTION 4. The heading to Section 31.0211, Education Code, is amended.

SECTION 5. Sections 31.0211(a) and (b), Education Code, are amended.

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31.0212, Education Code, is amended.

SECTION 7. Sections 31.0212(a), (b), (d), and (e), Education Code, are amended.

SECTION 7. Same as introduced version.

SECTION 8. Section 31.0213, Education Code, is amended.

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SECTION 9. Section 31.0214(a), Education Code, is amended to read.

SECTION 9. Same as introduced version.

SECTION 10. The heading to Section 31.0215, Education Code, is amended.

SECTION 10. Same as introduced version.

SECTION 11. Sections 31.0215(b) and (c), Education Code, are amended.

SECTION 11. Same as introduced version.

SECTION 12. Section 31.0231(b), Education Code, is amended.

SECTION 12. Same as introduced version.

SECTION 13. Section 31.029(a), Education Code, is amended.

SECTION 13. Same as introduced version.

SECTION 14. Section 31.031(a), Education Code, is amended.

SECTION 14. Same as introduced version.

SECTION 15. Section 31.071(e), Education Code, is amended.

SECTION 15. Same as introduced version.

SECTION 16. Section 31.101(f), Education Code, is amended.

SECTION 16. Same as introduced version.

SECTION 17. Section 31.151(d), Education Code, is amended.

SECTION 17. Same as introduced version.

SECTION 18. Section 41.124(c), Education Code, is amended.

SECTION 18. Same as introduced version.

SECTION 19. Section 43.001(d), Education Code, is amended.

SECTION 19. Same as introduced version.

SECTION 20. Section 403.093(d), Government Code, is amended.

SECTION 20. Same as introduced version.

SECTION 21. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

SECTION 21. Same as introduced version.