

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE BILL 940  
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Short Title: Make E-Textbooks Available to Students.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO  
2 CONDUCT A STUDY REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY AND USE OF  
3 ELECTRONIC COPIES OF TEXTBOOKS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS.  
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** The Legislative Research Commission shall study issues  
7 related to the availability and use of electronic copies of textbooks for public school  
8 students. As part of the study, the Commission shall consider the feasibility of requiring  
9 that all textbook contracts include a clause requiring publishers to provide an electronic  
10 version of the textbook with any printed textbook they sell to the State Board of  
11 Education. The Department of Public Instruction shall provide the Commission any  
12 information it requires to conduct this study. The Commission shall make a report of  
13 the results of its study and any recommendations to the 2004 Regular Session of the  
14 2003 General Assembly.

15 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.