



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 496**

January Session, 2005

Substitute House Bill No. 6948

*House of Representatives, April 21, 2005*

The Committee on Education reported through REP. FLEISCHMANN of the 18th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR REVISIONS TO THE EDUCATION STATUTES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10-228 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

3 Each local and regional board of education shall purchase such  
4 books, either as regular texts, as supplementary books or as library  
5 books, and such supplies, material and equipment, as it deems  
6 necessary to meet the needs of instruction in its schools. In day and  
7 evening schools of elementary and secondary grades, all books and  
8 equipment, including, but not limited to, assistive technology  
9 equipment, shall be loaned and materials and supplies furnished to all  
10 pupils free of charge, subject to such rules and regulations as to their  
11 care and use as the board of education prescribes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	10-228
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**ED**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:**

<b>Municipalities</b>	<b>Effect</b>	<b>FY 06 \$</b>	<b>FY 07 \$</b>
Local and Regional School Districts	Revenue Loss	Potential Minimal	Potential Minimal

**Explanation**

This bill adds assistive technology equipment to the list of items that must be loaned to students free of charge and thus results in a potential minimum revenue loss to local and regional school districts.

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

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***AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR REVISIONS TO THE EDUCATION STATUTES***

**SUMMARY:**

This bill expressly requires local and regional boards of education to loan assistive technology equipment to public school students free of charge, and allows boards to prescribe rules and regulations for the care and use of the equipment. The same requirements already apply to books, supplies, material, and equipment for school instructional needs.

The bill does not define “assistive technology equipment,” but the term generally refers to equipment for students with disabilities that helps them increase, maintain, or improve their functional capabilities.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2005

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Education Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 25    Nay 0