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**ELECTRONIC TEXTBOOK ACT**

**House Bill 5795**

**Sponsor: Rep. Doug Spade**

**Committee: Education**

**Complete to 6-1-00**

**A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5795 AS INTRODUCED 5-16-00**

The bill would create a new act, the College and University Electronic Textbook Act. Upon request, a publisher of a textbook adopted by a college or university would be required to furnish the school with an electronic version of the textbook, if the textbook was for a literary subject. For a textbook for a nonliterary subject, the publisher would be required to convert the textbook directly to a format compatible with braille translation software, if the technology was available. A publisher could not charge a price for this electronic version exceeding the price for the print or electronic media version of the textbook.

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