

ENROLLED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 2586

By: Hilliard and Boyd of the  
House

and

Hobson of the Senate

An Act relating to schools; stating legislative intent that students with disabilities be afforded certain opportunities; requiring the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to encourage institutions to make certain communications to certain publishers and manufacturers of instructional materials; requiring instructors to provide certain assistance; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3241 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

It is the intent of the Legislature to ensure that all students with disabilities enrolled in institutions in The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education be afforded the opportunities to succeed. In recognition of the fact that instructional materials are a critical component of education, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall encourage the state institutions of higher education to communicate to all manufacturers and publishers of required or essential instructional materials that such materials should be provided in a digital electronic format, in a timely manner to fit course schedules, and at no additional cost to the institutions. Instructors of higher education should be made aware of this alternative format, and should provide whatever assistance that may be feasible in making the materials available to students when so requested.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2000.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the House of Representatives the 8th day of March, 2000.

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Speaker of the House of  
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 10th day of April, 2000.

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President of the Senate