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"COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ELECTRONIC TEXTBOOK ACT"

House Bill 4070

Sponsor: Rep. Doug Spade Committee: Higher Education

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4070 AS INTRODUCED 1-28-03

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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