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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: SB 233

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 27, 2005

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Technology Textbooks.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Gard

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: *Technology Textbooks:* The bill requires the governing body of a school corporation to purchase classroom sets of technology textbooks for students to use in school instead of requiring students to rent or purchase the textbooks.

User Fee: The bill allows the governing body to charge a reasonable user fee to a student for use of the classroom set of textbooks.

Three-Year Adoption Cycle: The bill allows the governing body to adopt and purchase new technology textbooks every three years.

Effective Date: July 1, 2006.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Technology Textbooks:* Schools would only need to purchase enough technology textbooks for each classroom in which the subject is taught.

Three-Year Adoption Cycle: The bill would give schools the option to purchase technology textbooks every three years with social studies books and with miscellaneous books. Ordinarily, a reduction in time between textbook purchase from six to three years would increase school textbook expenditures. However, assuming

more than two students used a technology textbook in a given year and fewer supplemental materials were purchased to update older texts, schools would likely realize a net savings under the bill.

Background on Technology Textbook Adoption: Currently, technology textbooks are purchased every six years along with books for the following subjects: art, music, business, and family/consumer science. The latest technology textbooks are scheduled for adoption during the current school year for first use in the 2006-2007 school year. Under current law, the next technology textbook adoption would be in October 2011 for first use in the 2012-2013 school year.

Explanation of Local Revenues: *User Fee:* Individual students would neither purchase nor rent technology textbooks during the school year. However, technology textbook purchase costs could be offset by a user fee. The bill would allow schools to establish such a fee not to exceed the cost of the textbooks over a three-year period. Additionally, students receiving free or reduced price lunches that are not charged for textbook rental would not have to pay a technology textbook user fee.

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: School corporations.

Information Sources: Department of Education: www.doe.state.in.us/olr/textbook/adoptioncycle.html; DOE SAS and ORACLE databases.

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