

HB 1544 -- Instructional Material in Specialized Formats

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Beginning January 1, 2009, companies publishing or selling print instructional material must provide, at no cost, electronic files of the material within 30 days of being requested to do so by schools that purchase it for use by students with print disabilities. The requirement does not cover reference works, trade books, newspapers, and certain ancillary materials. Publishers and vendors can request certification that the material is being used by a student with a print disability. Failure to comply makes the publisher or vendor liable for three times the cost to the school to obtain the material in the specialized format. The entities who may make a liability claim are specified in the bill, and the Missouri Assistive Technology Council is required to establish a material-tracking system to enable maximum reuse of the specialized materials.