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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to instructional materials;
3	amending s. 230.23, F.S.; prescribing duty of
4	school boards to provide instructional
5	materials; amending s. 233.09, F.S.; amending
6	existing notice requirements and eliminating
7	the requirements for providing weighted and
8	unweighted aggregations; amending s. 233.16,
9	F.S.; changing the reference from the
10	Department of Education to the Commissioner of
11	Education with respect to certain duties in
12	selecting and adopting instructional materials;
13	eliminating a condition for rejecting bids;
14	amending s. 233.17, F.S.; changing the term of
15	adoption for instructional materials;
16	eliminating the optional escalator clause in
17	certain contracts; amending s. 233.22, F.S.;
18	requiring the superintendent of a school
19	district to requisition certain materials;
20	allowing the superintendent of a school
21	district to requisition certain materials;
22	amending s. 233.25, F.S.; requiring publishers
23	and manufacturers to retain instructional
24	materials in a depository for a specified
25	period of time and to ensure the availability
26	of materials; authorizing the Commissioner of
27	Education to accept certain submissions under
28	certain circumstances; amending s. 233.34,
29	F.S.; requiring school districts to purchase
30	instructional materials in core courses of
31	subject areas within a specified time; allowing
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1	school districts to make certain purchases when
2	authorized in the General Appropriations Act;
3	changing dates for authorized purchase orders;
4	amending s. 233.37, F.S.; providing for the
5	disposal of unserviceable instructional
6	materials and those no longer on state
7	contract; eliminating contracts between the
8	Department of Education and recycling firms;
9	authorizing the district school board to
10	prescribe policies for destroying instructional
11	materials; requiring that certain moneys be
12	deposited in the district school fund and added
13	to the district appropriation for instructional
14	materials; repealing s. 233.38, F.S., relating
15	to the exchange of textbooks by school
16	districts; amending s. 233.43, F.S.; requiring
17	district school board policies to include the
18	superintendent's responsibilities for keeping
19	records pursuant to s. 233.46(4), F.S.;
20	establishing notification requirements for
21	superintendents; requiring reports; amending s.
22	233.46, F.S.; adding a responsibility for
23	principals; requiring policies by district
24	school boards related to lost or damaged books;
25	requiring a report by the Department of
26	Education; requiring that the Executive Office
27	of the Governor and the Secretary of State
28	renegotiate existing contracts for certain
29	instructional materials; amending s. 230.23025,
30	F.S.; requiring that administrative and
31	instructional technology be included in the
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review of best financial management practices; 1 2 amending s. 233.07, F.S.; providing for more 3 members on the state committees; providing for 4 geographical representation; creating s. 5 233.66, F.S.; authorizing the Commissioner of 6 Education to take certain actions; creating 7 additional responsibilities for publishers; providing an effective date. 8 9 10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 11 12 Section 1. Subsection (7) of section 230.23, Florida 13 Statutes, is amended to read: 14 230.23 Powers and duties of school board.--The school 15 board, acting as a board, shall exercise all powers and 16 perform all duties listed below: 17 (7) COURSES OF STUDY AND OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS AIDS.--Provide adequate instructional materials aids for all 18 19 children as follows and in accordance with the requirements of chapter 233. For purposes of this subsection, the term 20 "adequate instructional materials" means a sufficient number 21 of textbooks or sets of materials serving as the basis for 22 23 instruction for each student in the core courses of mathematics, language arts, social studies, science, reading, 24 and literature, except for instruction for which the school 25 26 advisory council approves the use of a program that does not 27 include a textbook as a major tool of instruction. 28 (a) Courses of study; adoption. -- Adopt courses of 29 study for use in the schools of the district. (b) Textbooks. -- Provide for proper requisitioning, 30 31 distribution, accounting, storage, care, and use of all 3 CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.

instructional materials furnished by the state and furnish 1 such other instructional materials as may be needed. The 2 3 school board is responsible for assuring that instructional materials used in the district are consistent with the 4 5 district goals and objectives and the curriculum frameworks approved by the State Board of Education, as well as with the б 7 state and district performance standards provided for in ss. 8 229.565 and 232.2454.

9 (c) Other instructional <u>materials</u> aids.--Provide such
10 other teaching accessories and aids as are needed to carry out
11 the program.

(d) School library media services; establishment and maintenance.--Establish and maintain school library media centers, or school library media centers open to the public, and, in addition thereto, such traveling or circulating libraries as may be needed for the proper operation of the district school system. Establish and maintain a program of school library media services for all public schools.

Section 2. Subsection (1) and paragraphs (f) and (g) of subsection (4) of section 233.09, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

22 233.09 Duties of each state instructional materials 23 committee.--The duties of each state instructional materials 24 committee shall be:

(1) PLACE AND TIME OF MEETING.--To meet at the call of the Commissioner of Education, at a place in the state designated by him or her, and to remain there in session for a period of time, not to exceed 20 days, for the purpose of evaluating and recommending instructional materials for adoption by the state. All meetings of state instructional materials committees shall be announced publicly through the

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news media of the state <u>and in the Florida Administrative</u>
 <u>Weekly</u> at least 2 weeks prior to the date of convening. The
 announcement of the meeting shall include the agenda of the
 meeting. All meetings of the committees shall be open to the
 public.

6 (4) EVALUATION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS.--To
7 evaluate carefully all instructional materials submitted, to
8 ascertain which instructional materials, if any, submitted for
9 consideration best implement the selection criteria developed
10 by the Commissioner of Education and those curricular
11 objectives included within applicable performance standards
12 provided for in s. 229.565.

(f) When recommending instructional materials for use 13 14 in the schools, each committee shall have the recommendations of all districts which submit evaluations on the materials 15 submitted for adoption in that particular subject area 16 aggregated and presented to the members to aid them in the 17 18 selection process. ; however, such aggregation shall be 19 weighted in accordance with the full-time equivalent student 20 percentage of each district. Each committee shall prepare an additional aggregation, unweighted, with Each district 21 recommendation must be given equal consideration. No 22 23 Instructional materials may not shall be evaluated or recommended for adoption unless each of the district 24 25 committees has shall have been loaned the specified number of 26 samples. 27 (g) In addition to relying on statements of publishers 28 or manufacturers of instructional material, any committee may 29 conduct, or cause to be conducted, an independent investigation as to the compliance of submitted materials with 30 the requirements of this section. 31

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1	Section 3. Subsection (2) of section 233.16, Florida
2	Statutes, is amended to read:
3	233.16 Powers and duties of Department of Education in
4	selecting and adopting instructional materialsThe powers
5	and duties of the Department of Education in selecting and
6	adopting instructional materials shall be:
7	(2) SELECTION AND ADOPTION OF INSTRUCTIONAL
8	MATERIALSThe Department of Education shall notify all
9	publishers or manufacturers of instructional materials who
10	have submitted bids that within 3 weeks after the deadline for
11	receiving bids, at a designated time and place, it will open
12	bids and proposals which have been submitted and deposited
13	with the Department of Education. At the time and place
14	designated, the bids or proposals shall be opened, read, and
15	tabulated in the presence of the bidders or their
16	representatives. No one may revise his or her bid after the
17	bids have been filed. When all bids or proposals have been
18	carefully considered, the <u>Commissioner of Education</u> <del>department</del>
19	shall, from the list of suitable, usable, and desirable
20	instructional materials reported by the state instructional
21	materials committee, select and adopt instructional materials
22	for each grade and subject field in the curriculum of public
23	elementary and secondary schools in the state in which
24	adoptions are made and in the subject areas designated in the
25	advertisement, which adoption shall continue for the period
26	specified in the advertisement, to begin on the ensuing April
27	1. Such adoption shall not prevent the extension of a
28	contract as provided in subsection (3). The Commissioner of
29	Education department shall always reserve to itself the right
30	to reject any and all bids or proposals <del>if it is of the</del>
31	opinion that any or all bids, for any reason, should be
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rejected. The Commissioner of Education department may ask for 1 new sealed bids from publishers or manufacturers whose 2 3 instructional materials were recommended by the state 4 instructional materials committee as suitable, usable, and 5 desirable; specify the dates for filing such bids and the date on which they shall be opened; and proceed in all matters 6 7 regarding the opening of bids and the awarding of contracts as required by the terms and provisions of this chapter. In all 8 9 cases, bids or proposals shall be accompanied by a cash deposit or certified check of from \$500 to \$2,500, as the 10 Commissioner of Education department may direct. 11 The 12 department, in adopting instructional materials, shall give due consideration both to the prices bid for furnishing 13 14 instructional materials and to the report and recommendations of the state instructional materials committee. When the 15 Commissioner of Education department has finished with the 16 17 report of the state instructional materials committee, the report shall be filed and preserved in the office of the 18 19 Department of Education and shall be available at all times for public inspection. 20 21 Section 4. Section 233.17, Florida Statutes, is 22 amended to read: 23 233.17 Term of adoption for instructional materials.--(1) The term of adoption of any instructional 24 materials must be a 6-year an 8-year period beginning on April 25 26 1 following the adoption, except for the core subject areas 27 which include mathematics, science, social studies, reading, and literature which shall be for a term not to exceed 6 years 28 29 beginning on April 1 following the adoption. Any contract for instructional materials may be extended as prescribed in s. 30 233.16(3). The Commissioner of Education may approve terms of 31 7 CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.

adoption of less than 8 years for materials in content areas 1 which require more frequent revision. 2 3 (2) Any contract placing an instructional material on 4 adoption for 4 or more years shall provide that a publisher or 5 manufacturer of instructional materials may, at the end of the third year during the term of the contract, upon giving 60 6 7 days' notification, increase such contract price to the publisher's or manufacturer's then-current lowest wholesale 8 9 price at which the materials are then being offered to any 10 state or school district in the United States, except that such adjustment shall not exceed the percentage by which the 11 12 consumer price index as determined by the United States Department of Labor has increased during the time the contract 13 14 has been in force. Such price increase shall remain in effect 15 for the remaining term of the contract, unless the contract price is increased as permitted above. 16 17 (2) (3) The department shall publish annually an official schedule of subject areas to be called for adoption 18 19 for each of the succeeding 2 years, and a tentative schedule for years 3, 4, 5, and 6. If extenuating circumstances 20 warrant, the Commissioner of Education may order the 21 department to add one or more subject areas to the official 22 23 schedule, in which event the commissioner shall develop criteria for such additional subject area or areas pursuant to 24 s. 229.512(18) and make them available to publishers as soon 25 26 as practicable. Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 229.512(18), the criteria for such additional subject area or 27 areas may be provided to publishers less than 24 months before 28 29 the date on which bids are due. The schedule shall be developed so as to promote balance among the subject areas so 30 that the required expenditure for new instructional materials 31

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is approximately the same each year in order to maintain 1 2 curricular consistency. 3 Section 5. Section 233.22, Florida Statutes, is 4 amended to read: 5 233.22 Requisition of instructional materials from 6 publisher's depository .--7 (1) The superintendent shall requisition adopted 8 instructional materials from the depository of the publisher 9 with whom a contract has been made. However, the superintendent shall requisition current instructional 10 materials to provide each student with a textbook or other 11 12 materials as a major tool of instruction in core courses of the subject areas specified in s. 233.34(2). These materials 13 14 must be requisitioned within the first 2 years of the adoption 15 cycle, except for instructional materials related to growth of 16 student membership or instructional-materials-maintenance 17 needs. The superintendent may requisition instructional materials in the core subject areas specified in s. 233.34(2) 18 19 that are related to growth of student membership or 20 instructional-materials-maintenance needs during the 3rd, 4th, 21 5th, and 6th years of the original contract period. 22 (2) The superintendent shall verify that such 23 requisition is complete and accurate and order the depository to forward to him or her the adopted instructional materials 24 25 shown by the requisition. The depository shall prepare an 26 invoice of the materials shipped, including shipping charges, 27 and mail it to the superintendent to whom the shipment is being made. The superintendent shall pay the depository within 28 29 60 days after receipt of the requisitioned materials from the appropriation for the purchase of adopted instructional 30 31 materials.

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1	Section 6. Subsections (8) and (12) of section 233.25,
2	Florida Statutes, are amended, present subsections (13) and
3	(14) of that section are redesignated as subsections (16) and
4	(17), respectively, and new subsections (13), (14), and (15)
5	are added to that section, to read:
6	233.25 Duties, responsibilities, and requirements of
7	publishers and manufacturers of instructional
8	materialsPublishers and manufacturers of instructional
9	materials, or their representatives, shall:
10	(8) Provide any instructional materials free of charge
11	in the state to the same extent as that received by any state
12	or school district in the United States. The commissioner may
13	accept submissions that include a charge for ancillary
14	materials provided free of charge in other states' contracts
15	if the publisher reduces the total program cost to state
16	school districts.
17	(12) Maintain <del>,</del> or contract with <del>,</del> a depository in the
18	state and maintain there an inventory sufficient to receive
19	and fill orders for instructional materials.
20	(13) For the core subject areas specified in s.
21	233.34(2), maintain in the depository for the first 2 years of
22	the contract an inventory of instructional materials which is
23	sufficient to receive and fill orders.
24	(14) For the core subject areas specified in s.
25	233.34(2), ensure the availability of an inventory sufficient
26	to receive and fill orders for instructional materials for
27	growth, including the opening of a new school, and replacement
28	during the 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th years of the original
29	contract period.
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(15) For all other subject areas, maintain in the 1 2 depository an inventory of instructional materials which is 3 sufficient to receive and fill orders. 4 Section 7. Section 233.34, Florida Statutes, is 5 amended to read: 6 233.34 Use of instructional materials allocation; 7 instructional materials, library books, and reference books; repair of books; exceptions.--8 9 (1) On or before July 1 each year, the commissioner shall certify to the superintendent of each district the 10 estimated allocation of state funds for instructional 11 12 materials, computed pursuant to the provisions of chapter 236 for the ensuing fiscal year. 13 14 (2)(a) Each school district must purchase current 15 instructional materials to provide each student with a 16 textbook or other instructional materials as a major tool of 17 instruction in core courses of the subject areas of mathematics, language arts, science, social studies, reading, 18 19 and literature for kindergarten through grade 12. Such 20 purchase must be made within the first 2 years of the 21 effective date of the adoption cycle. 22 (b) The requirement in paragraph (a) does not apply to 23 contracts in existence before April 1, 2000, or to a purchase related to growth of student membership in the district or for 24 25 instructional-materials-maintenance needs. 26 (c) Any school district that meets the requirement in paragraph (a) may use at least 5 percent of public school 27 28 technology funds to purchase electronic book readers when 29 authorized to do so in the General Appropriations Act. (3)(a) (2) Each school district shall use the annual 30 allocation for the purchase of instructional materials 31 11 CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions. 1 included on the state-adopted list. No less than 50 percent 2 of the annual allocation shall be used to purchase items which 3 will be used to provide instruction to students at the level 4 or levels for which the materials are designed.

5 (b) However, up to 50 percent of the annual allocation 6 may be used for the purchase of instructional materials, 7 including library and reference books and nonprint materials, 8 not included on the state-adopted list and for the repair and 9 renovation of textbooks and library books.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, 10 school districts may use 100 percent of that portion of the 11 12 annual allocation which is designated by the district for the 13 purchase of instructional materials for kindergarten, and 75 14 percent of that portion of the annual allocation which is 15 designated for the purchase of instructional materials for 16 first grade, to purchase materials not on the state-adopted 17 list.

(4) (3) Notwithstanding the definition of instructional 18 19 materials in s. 233.07(4), the funds described in subsection (3)<del>(2)</del>which school districts may use to purchase materials 20 not on the state adopted list may be used for the purchase of 21 instructional materials or other items having intellectual 22 23 content which assist in the instruction of a subject or course. These items may be available in bound, unbound, kit, 24 or package form and may consist of hardbacked or softbacked 25 26 textbooks, replacements for items which were part of 27 previously purchased instructional materials, consumables, learning laboratories, manipulatives, electronic media, 28 29 computer courseware or software, and other commonly accepted instructional tools as prescribed by school board policy. The 30 funds available to school districts for the purchase of 31

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materials not on the state adopted list may not be used to 1 purchase electronic or computer hardware even if such hardware 2 3 is bundled with software or other electronic media, nor may 4 such funds be used to purchase equipment or supplies. However, 5 when authorized to do so in the General Appropriations Act, a school or school district may use a portion of the funds 6 7 available to it for the purchase of materials not on the state 8 adopted list to purchase science laboratory materials and 9 supplies.

10 (5)(4) Each district school board shall adopt 11 policies, and each superintendent shall implement procedures, 12 that will assure the maximum use by the students of the 13 materials herein authorized.

14 (6)(5) District school boards are authorized to issue 15 purchase orders subsequent to February 1 March 15 in an 16 aggregate amount that which does not exceed 20 percent of the 17 current year's allocation, and subsequent to April May 1 in an aggregate amount that which does not exceed 90 percent of the 18 19 current year's allocation, for the purpose of expediting the delivery of instructional materials which are to be paid for 20 from the ensuing year's allocation. 21

22 (7)(6) In any year in which the total allocation for a 23 district has not been expended or obligated prior to June 30, 24 the district shall carry forward such unobligated amount and 25 shall add this amount to the next year's allocation.

26 Section 8. Section 233.37, Florida Statutes, is 27 amended to read:

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233.37 Disposal of instructional materials.--

29 (1) Under policy rules of the commissioner, or rules
30 of the district school board which have been approved by the
31 commissioner, the district school board may dispose of the

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instructional materials of an old adoption when they have 1 2 become unserviceable or surplus or are no longer on state 3 contract by: 4 (a) Giving or lending the materials to other public 5 education programs within the district or state, to the 6 teachers to use in developing supplementary teaching 7 materials, to students or others, or to any charitable 8 organization, governmental agency, private school, or state. 9 (b) Selling the materials to used book dealers, recycling plants, pulp mills, or other persons, firms, or 10 corporations upon such terms as are most economically 11 12 advantageous to the district school board. 13 (2) The district school board may prescribe by policy 14 the manner for destroying instructional materials that cannot be disposed of as provided in subsection (1). 15 (3) All moneys received by reason of sale, exchange, 16 17 or other disposition of instructional materials shall be deposited in the district school fund and added to the 18 19 district appropriation for instructional materials., upon such 20 terms and conditions as will yield their fair salvage value. The Department of Education shall enter into one or more 21 22 contracts with recycling firms for periodic pickup in school 23 districts of obsolete or unusable materials to be salvaged. Section 9. Section 233.38, Florida Statutes, is 24 25 repealed. 26 Section 10. Section 233.43, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 27 28 233.43 Duties of superintendent relating to 29 instructional materials. --30 (1) The duties and responsibilities of each superintendent for the requisition, purchase, receipt, 31 14 CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.

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storage, distribution, use, conservation, records, and reports 1 of, and management practices and property accountability 2 3 concerning, instructional materials shall be prescribed by 4 policies of the district school board. Such policies shall 5 also provide for an evaluation of any instructional materials to be requisitioned that have not been used previously in the б 7 schools of the district. The duties and responsibilities include keeping adequate records and accounts for all 8 9 financial transactions for funds collected pursuant to s. 233.46(4). Each superintendent shall provide an annual report 10 on the funds collected from the sale, exchange, loss, or 11 12 damage of instructional materials under s. 233.46(4) to the 13 Department of Education. The Department of Education shall 14 annually review these reports and compile a report to the 15 Legislature, including recommendations for any needed changes. 16 (2) Each superintendent shall notify the Department of 17 Education, by April 1 of each year of those instructional materials adopted by the Commissioner of Education which will 18 19 be requisitioned for use in his or her district. The 20 notification must include the district plans for 21 implementation. Section 11. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 233.46, 22 23 Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 233.46 Duties of principals. -- The duties and 24 25 responsibilities of principals for instructional materials 26 management and care include: (1) PROPER USE OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS.--The 27 principal is responsible for assuring that instructional 28 29 materials are used to provide instruction to students enrolled at the grade level or levels for which the materials are 30 designed, pursuant to policies of the school board. The 31 15 CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.

1	principal is responsible for effectively communicating to
2	parents the manner in which instructional materials are used
3	to implement the curricular objectives of the school.
4	(2) MONEY COLLECTED FOR LOST OR DAMAGED BOOKS;
5	ENFORCEMENTIt shall be the duty and responsibility of each
6	principal to collect from each pupil or the pupil's parent the
7	purchase price of any instructional material the pupil has
8	lost, destroyed, or unnecessarily damaged and to report and
9	transmit such amounts so collected to the superintendent. If
10	such material so lost, destroyed, or damaged has been in
11	school use for more than 1 year, a sum ranging between 50 and
12	75 percent of the purchase price of the book shall be
13	collected. Such sum shall be determined by the physical
14	condition of the book. The failure to collect such sum upon
15	reasonable effort by the principal may result in the
16	suspension of the pupil from participation in extracurricular
17	activities or satisfaction of the debt by the pupil through
18	community service activities at the school site as determined
19	by the principal. The provisions of this subsection must be
20	included in the policies of the district school board.
21	Section 12. The Department of Education shall review
22	the contracts used for the core subject areas and prepare a
23	report that includes recommendations for any needed changes.
24	The department shall provide a copy of the report to the
25	President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
26	Representatives, and the minority leader of each house by
27	January 1, 2001.
28	Section 13. The Executive Office of the Governor and
29	the Secretary of State shall renegotiate any contracts in
30	existence on the effective date of this act which provide for
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instructional materials for the core subject area of science 1 2 for kindergarten and for grades 1 through 12. 3 Section 14. Subsection (1) of section 230.23025, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 4 5 230.23025 Best financial management practices; 6 standards; reviews; designation of districts.--7 (1) The Office of Program Policy Analysis and 8 Government Accountability (OPPAGA) and the Office of the 9 Auditor General are directed to develop a system for reviewing the financial management practices of school districts. In 10 this system, OPPAGA and the Auditor General shall jointly 11 12 examine district operations to determine whether they meet "best financial management practices." The best financial 13 14 management practices adopted by the Commissioner of Education 15 may be updated periodically after consultation with the 16 Legislature, the Governor, the SMART Schools Clearinghouse, OPPAGA, and the Auditor General. The best financial management 17 practices, at a minimum, must instill public confidence by 18 19 addressing the following areas: 20 (a) Efficient use of resources, use of lottery proceeds, student transportation and food service operations, 21 22 management structures, and personnel systems and benefits, and 23 administrative and instructional technology; (b) Compliance with generally accepted accounting 24 25 principles and state and federal laws relating to financial 26 management; (c) Performance accountability systems, including 27 performance measurement reports to the public, internal 28 29 auditing, financial auditing, and information made available 30 to support decisionmaking; 31 17 CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.

(d) Cost control systems, including asset, risk, and 1 2 financial management, purchasing, and information system 3 controls. 4 Section 15. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (1) 5 of section 233.07, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 6 233.07 State instructional materials committees.--7 (1) Each school year, not later than April 15, the 8 Commissioner of Education shall appoint state instructional 9 materials committees composed of persons actively engaged in teaching or in the supervision of teaching in the public 10 elementary or secondary schools and representing the major 11 12 fields and levels in which instructional materials are used in the public schools of the state and, in addition, lay citizens 13 14 not professionally connected with education. There shall be committees for the recommendation of instructional materials 15 for the elementary and secondary grades as may be found 16 17 necessary by the Commissioner of Education. Committee members 18 shall receive training pursuant to s. 233.095 in competencies 19 related to the evaluation and selection of instructional materials. 20 21 There shall be nine or more members on each (a) committee: Four shall be classroom teachers who are certified 22 23 in an area directly related to the academic area or level being considered for adoption, two shall be laypersons, one 24 shall be a school board member, and two shall be supervisors 25 26 of teachers. The committee must have the capacity or expertise to address the broad racial, ethnic, socioeconomic, and 27 cultural diversity of the student population of the state. 28 29 Personnel selected as teachers of the year at the school, 30 district, regional, or state level pursuant to the provisions 31 18

of the program conducted by the Department of Education shall 1 be encouraged to serve on instructional materials committees. 2 (b) The membership of each committee must reflect the 3 4 broad racial, ethnic, socioeconomic, and cultural diversity of 5 the state, including balanced representation from the state's 6 geographic regions. 7 Section 16. Section 233.66, Florida Statutes, is 8 created to read: 9 233.66 Accuracy of instructional materials .--(1) In addition to relying on statements of publishers 10 or manufacturers of instructional materials, the Commissioner 11 12 of Education may conduct or cause to be conducted an independent investigation to determine the accuracy of 13 14 state-adopted instructional materials. 15 (2) When errors in state-adopted materials are confirmed, the publisher of the materials shall provide to 16 17 each district that has purchased the materials the corrections 18 in a format approved by the Commissioner of Education. 19 (3) The Commissioner of Education may remove materials 20 from the list of state-adopted materials if he or she finds 21 that the content is in error and the publisher refuses to correct the error when notified by the department. 22 23 (4) The Commissioner of Education may remove materials from the list of state-adopted materials at the request of the 24 publisher if, in his or her opinion, there is no material 25 26 impact on the education goals of the state. 27 Section 17. This act shall take effect upon becoming a 28 law. 29 30 31 19