

HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

BILL: CS/SB 850, 1st Eng. [S0850.HMS]
SPONSOR: Education Committee and Senator Cowin
SUBJECT: Instructional Materials
PREPARED BY: Senate Committee on Education
DATE: May 4, 2000

I. Amendments Contained in Message

House Amendment 1- 400925 (body with title)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message

House Amendment 1 eliminates the district pre-adoption process, while requiring balanced geographical representation on the existing state committee.

The amendment also:

- Specifies the teacher composition of the state committee;
- Provides the commissioner with additional responsibilities for pilot programs and contracts;
- Requires a pilot program for customizing materials;
- Provides additional protections for the accuracy of materials;
- Provides a safeguard for keeping the costs of materials in line with district allocations;
- Clarifies the newly created components of the best financial management practices review; and
- Updates several notice requirements related to the adoption and selection process.