

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6574

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As Reported By Senate Committee On:  
Education, February 6, 1998

**Title:** An act relating to the learning materials loan program.

**Brief Description:** Authorizing learning materials to be loaned to private school students.

**Sponsors:** Senators Johnson, Stevens, Wood, Winsley, Deccio, Schow, Oke, McCaslin, Rossi, Hochstatter, Swecker, Sellar, Morton, McDonald and Roach.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Education: 2/3/98, 2/5/98, 2/6/98 [DPS].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

**Majority Report:** That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6574 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Hochstatter, Chair; Finkbeiner, Vice Chair; Goings, Johnson, McAuliffe, Rasmussen and Zarelli.

**Staff:** William Bridges (786-7424)

**Background:** School districts may set policies for the selection, granting, and loaning of instructional materials to public school students. School districts may also enter into joint purchasing agreements with private schools.

**Summary of Substitute Bill:** The Legislature finds that: (1) the state's constitutional duty of educating "all children" includes the students of private schools; and (2) a significant number of private school students frequently move between private and public schools, resulting in the parents of these children paying for private and public school materials.

The laws governing private schools are expanded so that students attending state-approved private schools may receive learning materials loaned by the local school district. To receive such loans, private schools must submit an annual request to the local school district. The local school district may then enter into a loan agreement with the private school subject to certain guidelines: