1	State of Arkansas	A Bill		
2	87th General Assembly	A DIII	GENTARE DITT. 000	
3	Regular Session, 2009		SENATE BILL 899	
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5	By: Senators Madison, Salmon, Elliott			
6	By: Representatives Harrelson,	Greenberg, M. Burris, J. Roebuck, Hyde, R	Rainey	
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8	For An Act To Be Entitled			
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12	COURSES AT STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER			
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15	COURSE III	indicate, and for office for obligi	•	
16		Subtitle		
17	TO PRO	OHIBIT THE USE OF CERTAIN		
18		MIZED TEXTBOOKS AND COURSE		
19	MATERI	ALS FOR UNDERGRADUATE COURSES AT		
20	STATE-	SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER	₹	
21	EDUCATION AND TO MINIMIZE THE COST OF			
22	TEXTBO	OOKS AND COURSE MATERIALS.		
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25	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GE	NERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF A	RKANSAS:	
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27	SECTION 1. Arkan	sas Code Title 6, Chapter 60, Su	bchapter 6 is amended	
28	to add an additional se	ction to read as follows:		
29	6-60-606. Custom	ized textbooks and course materi	als prohibited.	
30	(a)(1) As used in this section, "customized textbook or course			
31	material" means an undergraduate textbook or course material that:			
32	(A) Includes supplemental information, logos, design			
33	features, or any other information specific to the college, university,			
34	technical institute, geographic area, or state;			
35	(B) Contains information that produces no substantive			
36	change to the main text; and			

1	(C) Is listed or treated by a state-supported institution		
2	of higher education as the textbook or course material required for a class		
3	to the exclusion of a textbook or course material containing the main or		
4	substantially similar text whether or not the supplemental information or		
5	alteration results in a new International Standard Book Number for the		
6	textbook or course material required for the class.		
7	(2) "Customized textbook or course material" does not include a		
8	publication of selected segments or chapters of one (1) or more undergraduate		
9	$\underline{\text{textbooks or course materials if the wholesale cost of the publication is } } \underline{\text{no}}$		
10	more than fifty percent (50%) of the wholesale cost of the complete textbooks		
11	or course materials when purchased new.		
12	(b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, the board of		
13	trustees of a state-supported institution of higher education in this state		
14	shall prohibit the selection or use for instruction of a customized textbook		
15	or course material.		
16	(c) A customized textbook or course material may be adopted after the		
17	effective date of this section if:		
18	(1) The adoption is approved by the department chair and		
19	the dean or division head of the affected college; and		
20	(2) The dean or division head of the affected college		
21	forwards to the board of trustees and the chief academic officer of the		
22	state-supported institution of higher education the following information:		
23	(A) A list of each adoption;		
24	(B) The names of the person or persons responsible		
25	for each adoption; and		
26	(C) A written statement explaining the reason for		
27	adoption.		
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