

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 929

5 By: Senator Madison  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO PROMOTE PROMPT NOTICE OF TEXTBOOKS AND  
10 COURSE MATERIALS SELECTED FOR UNDERGRADUATE  
11 COURSES AT STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER  
12 EDUCATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

14 TO PROMOTE PROMPT NOTICE OF TEXTBOOKS  
15 AND COURSE MATERIALS SELECTED FOR  
16 UNDERGRADUATE COURSES AT STATE-SUPPORTED  
17 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-60-601 is amended to read as follows:  
24 6-60-601. Adoption of textbooks and course materials.

25 (a)(1) For each full semester and collectively for summer sessions, a  
26 state-supported institution of higher education in this state shall  
27 distribute a list of all textbooks and course materials required or assigned  
28 for an undergraduate course by:

29 (A) *Publication on its website; and*

30 (B) Posting at its bookstore.

31 (2) The list shall be distributed no later than noon on:

32 (A) April 1 for the following fall semester;

33 (B) November 1 for the following spring semester; and

34 (C) April 1 for all following summer sessions.

35 (b) For each textbook or course material the list shall include:

36 (1) A brief description of the textbook or course material;



- 1           (2) The author or authors;
- 2           (3) The title and edition; and
- 3           (4) Any special instructions or circumstances for the purchase
- 4 or use of the textbook or course material.

5           (c) A textbook or course material for an undergraduate course may be  
6 adopted or changed after the time specified in subsection (a) of this section  
7 for distributing the list if:

8           (1) The adoption or change is approved in writing by the  
9 department chair and the dean or division head of the affected college; and

10           (2) The dean or division head of the college forwards to the  
11 chief academic officer of the affected state-supported institution of higher  
12 education the following information in writing:

13           (A) A list of each late adoption or change;

14           (B) The names of the person or persons responsible for  
15 each late adoption or change; ~~and~~

16           (C) A written statement explaining why each adoption was  
17 late or changed; and

18           (D) The information required by subsection (b) of this  
19 section for each late adoption or change.

20           (d)(1) Notification of a late adoption or change in a textbook or  
21 course material shall be emailed to each private local textbook vendor that  
22 requests notification of the late adoption or change within one (1) business  
23 day of receipt by the bookstore or department responsible for textbook  
24 adoption records at a state-supported institution of higher education  
25 concerning the change or late adoption required by subsection (c) of this  
26 section.

27           (2) The email shall contain the information concerning the  
28 change or late adoption required by subsection (b) of this section.

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/s/ Madison