

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 931

5 By: Senators Madison, Salmon, Elliott  
6 By: Representatives Harrelson, Greenberg, M. Burris, J. Roebuck, Hyde, Rainey  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH POLICIES FOR THE SELECTION  
11 AND USE OF TEXTBOOKS AND COURSE MATERIALS AT  
12 STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION;  
13 TO DISCOURAGE ABUSES IN THE USE OF "BUNDLED  
14 PACKAGE" TEXTBOOKS AND COURSE MATERIALS; TO  
15 MINIMIZE THE COST OF TEXTBOOKS AND COURSE  
16 MATERIALS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

18 TO ESTABLISH SELECTION POLICIES AND  
19 DISCOURAGE ABUSES IN THE USE OF "BUNDLED  
20 PACKAGES" TO SELL TEXTBOOKS AND COURSE  
21 MATERIALS AT STATE-SUPPORTED  
22 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.  
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26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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28 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 60, Subchapter 6 is amended  
29 to add an additional section to read as follows:

30 6-60-606. Selection and use of textbooks and course materials.

31 (a) The Board of Trustees of a state-supported institution of higher  
32 education in this state shall establish and implement policies, procedures,  
33 and guidelines for the selection and use of textbooks and course materials  
34 for undergraduate courses that encourage efforts to minimize the cost of  
35 textbooks and course materials for students while maintaining the quality of  
36 education and academic freedom.



1           (b) The policies, procedures, and guidelines described in subsection  
2 (a) of this section shall require that before the selection of a textbook or  
3 course material is finalized, the appropriate faculty member shall confirm or  
4 acknowledge:

5                   (1) His or her intent to use all items selected, including all  
6 items sold as part of a bundled package;

7                   (2) That some components of a bundled package may not be  
8 reusable by another student;

9                   (3) The quoted on-campus retail price for each textbook or  
10 course material he or she selects; and

11                   (4) That the publisher of a textbook or course material has  
12 acknowledged that all components of a bundled package may be purchased and  
13 sold separately by a local textbook retailer.

14           (c) As used in this section, "bundled package" means any combination  
15 of one (1) or more reusable textbooks and one (1) or more nonreusable  
16 textbooks, workbooks, CD-ROMs, floppy disks, passwords, interactive hand-held  
17 remote devices, flash drives, or any other memory-storing device packaged as  
18 a single item for sale.

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