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.

Act 175 of the Regular Session

A Bill

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By: Senators Madison, Salmon
By: Representatives Harrelson, Greenberg, Burris

For An Act To Be Entitled
AN ACT TO REGULATE STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTION OF
HIGHER EDUCATION TEXTBOOK SALES; TO REQUIRE
PROMPT NOTICE OF THE ADOPTION OF TEXTBOOKS AND
COURSE MATERIALS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle
TO REGULATE STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTION
OF HIGHER EDUCATION TEXTBOOK SALES AND
TO REQUIRE PROMPT NOTICE OF THE ADOPTION
OF TEXTBOOKS AND COURSE MATERIALS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 60 is amended to add an additional subchapter to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER 6 – TEXTBOOKS AND COURSE MATERIALS
6-60-601. Adoption of textbooks and course materials.
(a)(1) For each full semester and collectively for summer sessions, a state-supported institution of higher education in this state shall distribute a list of all textbooks and course materials required or assigned for an undergraduate course by:

(A) Publication on its website; and
(B) Posting at its bookstore.

(2) The list shall be distributed no later than noon on:
(A) April 1 for the following fall semester;
(B) November 1 for the following spring semester; and
(C) April 1 for all following summer sessions.

(b) For each textbook or course material the list shall include:
   (1) A brief description of the textbook or course material;
   (2) The author or authors;
   (3) The title and edition; and
   (4) Any special instructions or circumstances for the purchase
   or use of the textbook or course material.

(c) A textbook or course material for an undergraduate course may be
   adopted after the time specified in subsection (a) of this section for
distributing the list if:
   (1) The adoption is approved by the department chair and
       the dean or division head of the affected college; and
   (2) The dean or division head of the college forwards to
       the chief academic officer of the affected state-supported institution of
       higher education the following information:
       (A) A list of each late adoption;
       (B) The names of the person or persons responsible
           for each late adoption; and
       (C) A written statement explaining why each adoption
           was late.

/s/ Madison

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