

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.

1 State of Arkansas
2 87th General Assembly
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 900

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5 By: Senators Madison, Salmon, Elliott
6 By: Representatives Harrelson, Greenberg, M. Burris, J. Roebuck, Hyde, Rainey

For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF CERTAIN SINGLE-USE
11 TEXTBOOKS AND COURSE MATERIALS FOR UNDERGRADUATE
12 COURSES AT STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER
13 EDUCATION; TO MINIMIZE THE COST OF TEXTBOOKS AND
14 COURSE MATERIALS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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19 UNDERGRADUATE COURSES AT STATE-SUPPORTED
20 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TO
21 MINIMIZE THE COST OF TEXTBOOKS AND
22 COURSE MATERIALS.

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

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

29 6-60-606. Single-use textbooks and course materials prohibited.

30 (a) As used in this section, "single-use textbook or course material"
31 means a textbook or course material containing removable pages or other
32 material that renders the textbook or course material incapable of use by a
33 subsequent user of the textbook or course material taking the same or similar
34 class.

35 (b) The Board of Trustees of a state-supported institution of higher
36 education in this state shall prohibit the selection or use for instruction



1 of a single-use textbook or course material for an undergraduate course
2 except a workbook or lab manual if at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the
3 pages of the workbook or lab manual are required to be consumed by the
4 student to complete assigned course projects or lessons.

5 (c) A violation of subsection (b) of this section:

6 (1) Shall be reported within ten (10) business days by the
7 state-supported institution of higher education to the:

8 (A) Board of Trustees of the institution;

9 (B) Chief academic officer of the institution;

10 (C) Chief legal counsel of the institution; and

11 (D) Legislative Council; and

12 (2) May be reported to the parties identified in subdivision
13 (c)(1) of this section by any business or consumer.

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