

Department of Finance and Administration

Legislative Impact Statement

Bill: HB1535

Bill Subtitle: TO AMEND THE FREE TEXTBOOK ACT OF 1975.

Basic Change :

Rep. Lampkin,

This bill would substantially amend and repeal portions of The Free Textbook Act of 1975, codified at Title 6, Chapter 21, Subchapter 4, which is limited to K-12 instruction. It includes the term "textbooks" in the definition of "instructional materials", and makes stylistic changes throughout accordingly. The bill requires entities that sell instruction materials in Arkansas not charge more for such materials than the lowest contracted price in another state, and such entities much charge that rate uniformly to all school districts in the state.

Revenue Impact :

None

Taxpayer Impact :

None

Resources Required :

None

Time Required :

None

Procedural Changes :

None

Other Comments :

The Office of State Procurement is neutral on this bill. There is no effect on OSP's processes, including buying instructional materials for a state agency such as the School for the Blind and Deaf, as instructional materials are exempt from procurement law, pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 19-11-203(14)(S).

Legal Analysis :

None