

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

By: Senator Madison

Filed with: Senate Interim Committee on Insurance and Commerce
pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

For An Act To Be Entitled

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

Subtitle

TO PROMOTE PROMPT NOTICE OF TEXTBOOKS
AND COURSE MATERIALS SELECTED FOR
UNDERGRADUATE COURSES AT STATE-SUPPORTED
INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-60-601 is amended to read as follows:

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



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

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

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

4 (2) The author or authors;

5 (3) The title and edition; and

6 (4) Any special instructions or circumstances for the purchase
7 or use of the textbook or course material.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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33 /s/ Madison

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