

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.

INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2009-100

State of Arkansas  
87th General Assembly  
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**A Bill**

SENATE BILL 930

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 REQUIRE THE REPORTING AND PUBLICATION  
OF HIGHER EDUCATION COSTS FOR TEXTBOOKS AND  
COURSE MATERIALS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**Subtitle**

TO REQUIRE THE REPORTING AND PUBLICATION  
OF HIGHER EDUCATION COSTS FOR TEXTBOOKS  
AND COURSE MATERIALS.

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

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

6-60-606. Reporting and publication of undergraduate higher education  
textbook and course material costs.

(a) As used in this section, "net cost" means the retail price of a  
new textbook or course material minus the national wholesale buyback value of  
the textbook or course material.

(b) For each undergraduate course with an enrollment of more than  
fifty (50) students, the Board of Trustees of a state-supported institution  
of higher education shall cause the state-supported institution of higher  
education to report no later than eleven (11) days after the beginning of  
each semester to the Department of Higher Education the:

(1) Net cost for each student of textbooks and course materials



1 for the current semester; and

2 (2) Extent to which used textbooks and course materials were  
3 available for students to purchase.

4 (c) The department shall:

5 (1) By rule establish forms and criteria for the submission of  
6 the information required by subsection (b) of this section; and

7 (2) Publish the information required by subsection (b) of this  
8 section for each of the preceding three (3) academic years on the  
9 department's website in a manner that permits an easy comparison of the net  
10 cost of textbooks and course materials for similar courses among all state-  
11 supported institutions of higher education.

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