

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 2007-114

State of Arkansas

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A Bill

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SENATE BILL 22

By: Senators Madison, *Salmon*

By: Representatives Harrelson, Greenberg, Burris

Referred to

Insurance & Commerce - Senate

by the Arkansas Senate

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For An Act To Be Entitled

*AN ACT TO REGULATE THE SELECTION AND USE OF
TEXTBOOKS AND COURSE MATERIALS AT STATE-SUPPORTED
INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION; TO MINIMIZE THE
COST OF TEXTBOOKS AND COURSE MATERIALS; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.*

Subtitle

*TO REGULATE THE SELECTION AND USE OF
TEXTBOOKS AND COURSE MATERIALS AND TO
MINIMIZE THE COST OF TEXTBOOKS AND
COURSE MATERIALS AT STATE-SUPPORTED
INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.*

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. Selection and use of textbooks and course materials.

(a) A state-supported *institution of higher education* in this state

1 shall establish and implement policies, procedures, and guidelines for the
2 selection and use of textbooks and course materials for undergraduate courses
3 that encourage efforts to minimize the cost of textbooks and course materials
4 for students while maintaining the quality of education and academic freedom.

5 (b) The policies, procedures, and guidelines described in subsection
6 (a) of this section shall require that before the selection of a textbook or
7 course material is finalized, the appropriate faculty member shall:

8 (1) Affirmatively confirm his or her intent to use all items
9 selected, including all items sold as part of a bundled package;

10 (2) Confirm that some components of a bundled package may not be
11 reusable by another student;

12 (3) Affirmatively acknowledge the quoted on-campus retail price
13 for each textbook or course material he or she selects; and

14 (4) Confirm that the publisher of a textbook or course material
15 has acknowledged that all components of a bundled package may be purchased
16 and sold separately by a local textbook retailer.

17 (c) As used in this section, "bundled package" means any combination
18 of one (1) or more reusable textbooks and one (1) or more non-reusable
19 textbooks, workbooks, CD-ROMs, floppy disks, passwords, interactive hand-held
20 remote devices, flash drives, or any other memory-storing device as a package
21 for sale.

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