

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 900

By: Senators Madison, Salmon, Elliott

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

For An Act To Be Entitled

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

Subtitle

TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF CERTAIN SINGLE-
USE TEXTBOOKS AND COURSE MATERIALS FOR
UNDERGRADUATE COURSES AT STATE-SUPPORTED
INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TO
MINIMIZE THE COST OF 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. Single-use textbooks and course materials prohibited.

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



1 class.

2 (b) The Board of Trustees of a state-supported institution of higher
3 education in this state shall prohibit the selection or use for instruction
4 of a single-use textbook or course material for an undergraduate course
5 except a workbook or lab manual if at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the
6 pages of the workbook or lab manual are required to be consumed by the
7 student to complete assigned course projects or lessons.

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

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

11 (A) Board of Trustees of the institution;

12 (B) Chief academic officer of the institution;

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

14 (D) Legislative Council; and

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

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