

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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5 By: Senators Madison, *Salmon*

6 By: Representatives Harrelson, Greenberg, Burris

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

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Subtitle

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18 *TEXTBOOKS AND COURSE MATERIALS AND TO*
19 *MINIMIZE THE COST OF TEXTBOOKS AND*
20 *COURSE MATERIALS AT STATE-SUPPORTED*
21 *INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.*

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

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

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29 Subchapter 6 – Textbooks and course materials

30 6-60-601. Selection and use of textbooks and course materials.

31 (a) A state-supported institution of higher education in this state
32 shall establish and implement policies, procedures, and guidelines for the
33 selection and use of textbooks and course materials for undergraduate courses
34 that encourage efforts to minimize the cost of textbooks and course materials
35 for students while maintaining the quality of education and academic freedom.

36 (b) The policies, procedures, and guidelines described in subsection



1 (a) of this section shall require that before the selection of a textbook or
2 course material is finalized, the appropriate faculty member shall:

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

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

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

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

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

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