

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.

State of Arkansas

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86th General Assembly

# A Bill

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SENATE BILL 25

By: Senators Madison, *Salmon*

By: Representatives Harrelson, Burris

## 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 PROHIBIT  
CERTAIN CUSTOMIZED TEXTBOOKS AND COURSE  
MATERIALS; 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  
PROHIBIT CERTAIN CUSTOMIZED 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. Customized textbooks and course materials prohibited.

(a)(1) As used in this section, "customized textbook or course material" means an undergraduate textbook or course material that contains information that:

(A) Includes supplemental information, logos, design features, or any other information specific to the college, university, technical institute, geographic area, or state;



1                   (B) Produces no substantive change to the main text; and

2                   (C) Is listed or treated by a state-supported institution

3 of higher education as the textbook or course material required for a class  
4 to the exclusion of a textbook or course material containing the main or  
5 substantially similar text whether or not the supplemental information or  
6 alteration results in a new International Standard Book Number for the  
7 textbook or course material required for the class.

8                   (2) "Customized textbook or course material" does not include a  
9 publication of selected segments or chapters of one (1) or more undergraduate  
10 textbooks or course materials if the retail cost of the publication is no  
11 more than fifty percent (50%) of the retail cost of the complete textbooks or  
12 course materials when purchased new.

13                  (b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, no state-  
14 supported institution of higher education in this state shall select or use  
15 for instruction any customized textbook or course material.

16                  (c) A customized textbook or course material may be adopted after the  
17 effective date of this act if:

18                   (1) The adoption is approved by the department chair and  
19 the dean of the affected college; and

20                   (2) The dean or division head of the college forwards to  
21 the chief academic officer of the affected state-supported institution of  
22 higher education the following information:

23                               (A) A list of each adoption;

24                               (B) The names of the person or persons responsible  
25 for each adoption; and

26                               (C) A written statement explaining the reason for  
27 adoption.

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