

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 929

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5 By: Senator Madison
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO PROMOTE PROMPT NOTICE OF TEXTBOOKS AND
10 COURSE MATERIALS SELECTED FOR UNDERGRADUATE
11 COURSES AT STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER
12 EDUCATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 TO PROMOTE PROMPT NOTICE OF TEXTBOOKS
15 AND COURSE MATERIALS SELECTED FOR
16 UNDERGRADUATE COURSES AT STATE-SUPPORTED
17 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-60-601 is amended to read as follows:
24 6-60-601. Adoption of textbooks and course materials.

25 (a)(1) For each full semester and collectively for summer sessions, a
26 state-supported institution of higher education in this state shall
27 distribute a list of all textbooks and course materials required or assigned
28 for an undergraduate course by:

29 (A) Publication on its website within two (2) hours of
30 receipt by the university from the instructor; and

31 (B) Posting at its bookstore.

32 (2) The list shall be distributed no later than noon on:

33 (A) April 1 for the following fall semester;

34 (B) November 1 for the following spring semester; and

35 (C) April 1 for all following summer sessions.

36 (b) For each textbook or course material the list shall include:



- 1 (1) A brief description of the textbook or course material;
 2 (2) The author or authors;
 3 (3) The title and edition; and
 4 (4) Any special instructions or circumstances for the purchase
 5 or use of the textbook or course material.

6 (c) A textbook or course material for an undergraduate course may be
 7 adopted or changed after the time specified in subsection (a) of this section
 8 for distributing the list if:

9 (1) The adoption or change is approved in writing by the
 10 department chair and the dean or division head of the affected college; and

11 (2) The dean or division head of the college forwards to the
 12 chief academic officer of the affected state-supported institution of higher
 13 education the following information in writing:

14 (A) A list of each late adoption or change;

15 (B) The names of the person or persons responsible for
 16 each late adoption or change; ~~and~~

17 (C) A written statement explaining why each adoption was
 18 late or changed; and

19 (D) The information required by subsection (b) of this
 20 section for each late adoption or change.

21 (d) A change in the course instructor within four (4) weeks of the
 22 start of classes shall not be a reason to change textbooks or course
 23 materials unless the new instructor provides all textbooks and course
 24 materials at his or her personal expense and the expense is not reimbursed by
 25 the state-supported institution of higher education.

26 (e)(1) Notification of a late adoption or change in a textbook or
 27 course material shall be emailed to each private local textbook vendor that
 28 requests notification of the late adoption or change within two (2) hours of
 29 a state-supported institution of higher education's receipt of the
 30 information concerning the change or late adoption required by subsection (b)
 31 of this section.

32 (2) The email shall contain the information concerning the
 33 change or late adoption required by subsection (b) of this section.

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