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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 332

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 332 immediately
3 above the enacting clause by inserting the following:

4 "WHEREAS, Postsecondary education is increasingly
5 necessary for success in the modern workforce; and

6 WHEREAS, The affordability of college is an ongoing
7 concern for students, families, and State policymakers; and

8 WHEREAS, The equitable first-day-of-class access to
9 effective textbooks and other learning materials plays a
10 critical role in a student's postsecondary educational
11 experience; and

12 WHEREAS, Institutions of higher learning within and
13 outside of this State are utilizing online educational
14 software to enhance and personalize a student's learning

1 experience while driving down the costs of attending college;
2 therefore,"; and

3 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the
4 following:

5 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
6 College Course Materials Affordability and Equitable Access
7 Collaborative Study Act.

8 Section 5. College Course Materials Affordability and
9 Equitable Access Task Force; membership.

10 (a) The College Course Materials Affordability and
11 Equitable Access Task Force is created within the Illinois
12 Student Assistance Commission.

13 (b) The Task Force shall consist of all of the following
14 members:

15 (1) One member of the General Assembly appointed by
16 the President of the Senate.

17 (2) One member of the General Assembly appointed by
18 the Minority Leader of the Senate.

19 (3) One member of the General Assembly appointed by
20 the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

21 (4) One member of the General Assembly appointed by
22 the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

23 (5) One member of the public appointed by the

1 President of the Senate.

2 (6) One member of the public appointed by the Minority
3 Leader of the Senate.

4 (7) One member of the public appointed by the Speaker
5 of the House of Representatives.

6 (8) One member of the public appointed by the Minority
7 Leader of the House of Representatives.

8 (9) One member representing an institution of higher
9 learning appointed by the President of the Senate.

10 (10) One member representing an institution of higher
11 learning appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate.

12 (11) One member representing an institution of higher
13 learning appointed by the Speaker of the House of
14 Representatives.

15 (12) One member representing an institution of higher
16 learning appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of
17 Representatives.

18 (13) The following members appointed by the Governor:

19 (A) One member representing the Board of Higher
20 Education.

21 (B) One member representing the Illinois Community
22 College Board.

23 (C) One member representing the Illinois Student
24 Assistance Commission.

25 (D) One member representing the Faculty Advisory
26 Council of the Board of Higher Education.

1 (E) One member representing the Student Advisory
2 Council of the Board of Higher Education.

3 (F) One member who is a librarian or online
4 education specialist.

5 (G) One member representing a national association
6 representing the higher education textbook publishing
7 industry.

8 (H) One member representing a statewide
9 professional organization that advocates on behalf of
10 public university employees.

11 (I) One member representing a statewide
12 professional organization that advocates on behalf of
13 public community college employees.

14 (J) One member representing a national association
15 representing higher education book stores in this
16 State.

17 (K) One member representing a higher education
18 digital content platform provider with offices located
19 within this State.

20 (b) Appointments to the Task Force shall be made within 90
21 days after the effective date of this Act.

22 (c) The Task Force shall meet initially at the call of the
23 Illinois Student Assistance Commission, shall elect a
24 chairperson from among the appointed members at the Task
25 Force's initial meeting, and shall thereafter meet at the call
26 of the chairperson.

1 (d) The chairperson and other members of the Task Force
2 shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for
3 their reasonable and necessary expenses from funds
4 appropriated to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for
5 that purpose, including travel, subject to the rules of the
6 appropriate travel control board.

7 Section 10. Illinois Student Assistance Commission
8 assistance.

9 (a) The Illinois Student Assistance Commission shall
10 provide administrative support, staff support, and other
11 resources necessary for the College Course Materials
12 Affordability and Equitable Access Task Force to fulfill the
13 Task Force's obligations under this Act.

14 (b) The Illinois Student Assistance Commission shall
15 designate a staff member to serve as a point of contact between
16 the Task Force and the public and to serve as a technology and
17 policy advisor to assist the Task Force. The Commission shall
18 provide a public website or web page for the Task Force to
19 publish digital meeting notices, minutes, commentary, draft
20 reports, reports, and other relevant documents and information
21 online.

22 Section 15. Meetings.

23 (a) Meetings of the College Course Materials Affordability
24 and Equitable Access Task Force are subject to the Open

1 Meetings Act. The Task Force shall make available to the
2 public online meeting notices at least 10 days in advance of
3 any Task Force meeting and shall publish meeting minutes that
4 are available to the public within 14 days after the meeting to
5 allow for structured written and verbal commentary by the
6 public throughout the process.

7 (b) The Task Force shall establish and maintain a contact
8 list of all members of the public who seek to be apprised of
9 the work of the Task Force to allow for electronic
10 notification, by email or by any other mutually agreed-upon
11 method, of Task Force meetings, agendas, minutes, draft
12 reports, reports, and other communications regarding the work
13 of the Task Force.

14 (c) The Task Force may conduct its work remotely via
15 telephone and online video broadcasting, including through
16 audio and video conferencing applications. The Task Force
17 shall allow for public observation and structured
18 participation via telephone and online video broadcasting for
19 all meetings conducted by the Task Force.

20 Section 20. Duties.

21 (a) The duties of the College Course Materials
22 Affordability and Equitable Access Task Force are to:

23 (1) conduct a collaborative college course materials
24 affordability and equitable access study;

25 (2) examine the cost-saving methods and practices

1 utilized by public and private institutions of higher
2 learning in this State and throughout the United States
3 for improving students' equitable first-day-of-class
4 access to required course materials and conduct an
5 affordability comparison of providing students' course
6 materials, including digital learning tools; and

7 (3) submit a report of its findings to the Governor,
8 the General Assembly, and the Illinois Student Assistance
9 Commission.

10 (b) The report required to be submitted under subsection
11 (a) shall include all of the following items:

12 (1) A list of cost-saving methods available to
13 students, including, but not limited to:

14 (A) inclusive access programs;

15 (B) textbook subscription programs;

16 (C) textbook rental programs;

17 (D) used textbooks; and

18 (E) other institutional textbook cost-saving
19 methods, such as open educational resources.

20 (2) The total amount of cost savings achieved by
21 public and private institutions of higher learning and the
22 total number of students that utilize each cost-saving
23 method.

24 (3) The equitable access achieved for students by
25 providing all students with access to course materials on
26 the first day of class.

1 (4) The potential impact on academic freedom of
2 faculty to be able to choose the most appropriate
3 materials for their courses for each of the various
4 methods of providing course materials.

5 (5) A description of the process required to implement
6 each cost-saving method listed in paragraph (1) of this
7 subsection (b).

8 (6) A description of the process by which students
9 obtain required course materials.

10 (7) The current, future, and potential costs of the
11 development and maintenance necessary for the utilization
12 of any course material that is provided to students at no
13 charge.

14 (8) The identification of best practices resulting
15 from the cost-saving methods listed in paragraph (1) of
16 this subsection (b).

17 (9) An examination of the following areas in relation
18 to improving equity in higher education to determine
19 whether the methods:

20 (A) improved equitable access to required course
21 materials by the first day of class;

22 (B) increased the affordability of required course
23 materials; and

24 (C) improved access to learning materials and
25 improved student outcomes for minority, low-income,
26 and first-generation students.

1 (10) A description of the ways students and faculty
2 are utilizing or have utilized inclusive access programs,
3 subscription programs, textbook rental programs, used
4 textbooks, and open educational resources for the purposes
5 of remote learning as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic
6 health crisis.

7 Section 25. Collaboration. As part of the College Course
8 Materials Affordability and Equitable Access Task Force's
9 information gathering process to prepare its report under
10 Section 20, the Task Force shall engage and consult with
11 higher education administrators, faculty, campus bookstores,
12 publishers, librarians, and other online education specialists
13 for their perspectives on the topics covered by this Act. The
14 Task Force may also seek advice and input from such other
15 persons and entities as the Task Force finds helpful to its
16 work as outlined in this Act.

17 Section 30. Reporting; dissolution.

18 (a) No later than October 1, 2022, the Task Force shall
19 submit an initial collaborative report of its findings to the
20 Governor, the General Assembly, and the Illinois Student
21 Assistance Commission. The Illinois Student Assistance
22 Commission shall publish the initial collaborative report of
23 the Task Force's findings on the Commission's website. Members
24 of the public and other interested parties shall have until

1 February 1, 2023 to submit written comments with regard to the
2 initial collaborative report. The Commission shall publish
3 comments submitted by members of the public or other
4 interested parties on its website.

5 (b) No later than March 31, 2023, the Task Force shall
6 submit a final collaborative report of its findings to the
7 Governor, the General Assembly, and the Illinois Student
8 Assistance Commission. The Illinois Student Assistance
9 Commission shall publish the final collaborative report of the
10 Task Force's findings on the Commission's website.

11 (c) The Task Force is dissolved on March 31, 2024.

12 Section 90. Repeal. This Act is repealed on March 31,
13 2025.

14 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
15 becoming law.".