



## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

SB0101

Introduced 2/3/2021, by Sen. Laura M. Murphy

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 205/9.40 new

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Provides that each public institution of higher education shall study and issue a report on the cost-saving methods and practices utilized by the public institution for improving students' timely access to required course materials and the affordability of required course materials. Sets forth the required areas of study that must be included in the report. Provides that the report from each public institution must be submitted to the Board of Higher Education or Illinois Community College Board no later than August 1, 2022. Provides that no later than February 1, 2023, the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College Board shall submit a joint report to the Governor and General Assembly that summarizes the findings from the reports submitted by public institutions. Requires the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College Board to post each institution's report and the joint report on their respective websites. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

STATE MANDATES  
ACT MAY REQUIRE  
REIMBURSEMENT

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Board of Higher Education Act is amended by  
5 adding Section 9.40 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 205/9.40 new)

7 Sec. 9.40. College course materials access and  
8 affordability study.

9 (a) To examine the cost-saving methods and practices  
10 utilized by each public institution of higher education for  
11 improving students' timely access to required course materials  
12 and the affordability of required course materials, each  
13 public institution, after consultation with administrators,  
14 faculty, campus bookstores, and publishers, shall conduct a  
15 course materials access and affordability study and shall  
16 submit a report of the study's findings to the Board of Higher  
17 Education if the public institution is a university and to the  
18 Illinois Community College Board if the public institution is  
19 a community college.

20 (b) The report shall include all of the following areas:

21 (1) A list of cost-saving methods available to  
22 students, including, but not limited to, inclusive access  
23 programs developed by publishers, textbook subscription

1 programs, textbook rental programs, used textbooks, and  
2 other institutional textbook cost-saving methods, such as  
3 open educational resources.

4 (2) The total amount of cost savings achieved by the  
5 public institution and the total number of students that  
6 utilized each cost-saving method.

7 (3) A description of the process required to implement  
8 each cost-saving method listed in paragraph (1) of this  
9 subsection.

10 (4) A description of the process by which students  
11 obtain required course materials.

12 (5) The identification of best practices resulting  
13 from the cost-saving methods listed in paragraph (1) of  
14 this subsection.

15 (6) An examination of the following areas:

16 (A) whether the methods improved access to  
17 required course materials by the first day of class;

18 (B) whether the methods increased the  
19 affordability of required course materials; and

20 (C) whether the methods improved access to  
21 learning materials and improved student outcomes for  
22 minority, low-income, and first generation students.

23 (7) A description of the ways students and faculty are  
24 utilizing or have utilized inclusive access programs,  
25 subscription programs, textbook rental programs, used  
26 textbooks, and open educational resources for the purposes

1 of remote learning as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic  
2 health crisis.

3 (c) Each public university shall submit its report to the  
4 Board of Higher Education and each public community college  
5 shall submit its report to the Illinois Community College  
6 Board no later than August 1, 2022.

7 (d) The Board of Higher Education and the Illinois  
8 Community College Board shall review each submitted report to  
9 ensure that each report addresses all of the areas listed in  
10 subsection (b). The Board of Higher Education and the Illinois  
11 Community College Board shall post the reports on their  
12 respective websites no later than October 1, 2022.

13 (e) No later than February 1, 2023, the Board of Higher  
14 Education and the Illinois Community College Board shall  
15 submit a joint report to the Governor and General Assembly  
16 that summarizes the findings from the reports submitted by  
17 public institutions of higher education, including the areas  
18 listed in subsection (b).

19 (f) No later than February 1, 2023, the Board of Higher  
20 Education and the Illinois Community College Board shall post  
21 the joint report on their respective websites.

22 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
23 becoming law.