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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act
30 ILCS 805/8.32 new

Creates the Transparency in College Textbook Publishing Practices Act. Provides that a public institution of higher education in this State may not buy, sell, or allow the sale on its campus of a textbook unless and until the publisher of that textbook posts on its Internet website or otherwise makes available to the public (1) for any bundled textbook, the price difference between the bundled textbook and the same unbundled textbook; (2) for any new editions of textbooks, a summary of the substantive differences between the new edition and the prior edition; (3) for any new editions of textbooks, an estimate of how long the new edition will remain in print; and (4) the amount and recipient of any compensation provided to faculty or administrators of the institution as inducement to adopt particular textbooks for courses, except for sample copies and royalties. Allows the Attorney General, a State's Attorney, or any affected resident of this State to bring a civil action to enforce the Act. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

STATE MANDATES
ACT MAY REQUIRE
REIMBURSEMENT

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 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Transparency in College Textbook Publishing Practices Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. In this Act:

7 "Bundled textbook" means a textbook that is packaged with
8 additional materials, including, but not necessarily limited
9 to, a supplemental workbook or a CD-ROM.

10 "Institution" means a public institution of higher
11 education that is included in the definition of "public
12 institutions of higher education" under the Board of Higher
13 Education Act.

14 "Textbook" means a book that is intended for use as a
15 source of study material for a class or group of students, a
16 copy of which is expected to be available for the individual
17 use of each student in that class or group.

18 "Unbundled textbook" means a textbook that is offered for
19 sale without any additional materials.

20 Section 10. Posting of information required. An
21 institution may not buy, sell, or allow the sale on its campus
22 of a textbook unless and until the publisher of that textbook

1 posts all of the following information on its Internet website
2 or otherwise makes all of the following information available
3 to the public in a manner acceptable to the governing board of
4 the institution:

5 (1) For any bundled textbook, the price difference
6 between the bundled textbook and the same unbundled
7 textbook.

8 (2) For any new editions of textbooks, a summary of the
9 substantive differences between the new edition and the
10 prior edition.

11 (3) For any new editions of textbooks, an estimate of
12 how long the new edition will remain in print.

13 (4) The amount and recipient of any compensation
14 provided to faculty or administrators of the institution as
15 inducement to adopt particular textbooks for courses,
16 except for sample copies and royalties.

17 Section 15. Enforcement. The Attorney General, a State's
18 Attorney, or any affected resident of this State may bring a
19 civil action to enforce this Act.

20 Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding
21 Section 8.32 as follows:

22 (30 ILCS 805/8.32 new)

23 Sec. 8.32. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6 and 8

1 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required for the
2 implementation of any mandate created by the Transparency in
3 College Textbook Publishing Practices Act.