

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 Textbook Advisory Committee Act.

6 Section 5. Findings; purpose. The General Assembly finds
7 that the State and its residents would benefit from increased
8 affordability at public institutions of higher education. In
9 pursuit of this common goal, the faculty and administration at
10 all public institutions of higher education must consider the
11 most cost-effective practices in textbook decision-making. The
12 purpose of this Act is to foster the development of
13 institutional textbook adoption policies with the aim of
14 reducing textbook costs to students.

15 Section 10. Definitions. In this Act:

16 "Off-campus college bookstore" means a bookstore that is
17 not operated by or on behalf of the public institution of
18 higher education, but sells or offers to sell textbooks and
19 supplemental materials to students and has a physical presence
20 on or near the institution's campus.

21 "On-campus college bookstore" means a bookstore, whether
22 operated by or on behalf of the public institution of higher

1 education, that sells or offers to sell textbooks and
2 supplemental materials to students of the public institution of
3 higher education and that has a physical presence on or near
4 the institution's campus.

5 "Public institution of higher education" means an
6 institution that is included in the definition of "public
7 institutions of higher education" under the Board of Higher
8 Education Act, but does not include a public institution of
9 higher education whose primary method of textbook issuance is
10 through a rental program.

11 "Publisher" means any publishing house, publishing firm,
12 or publishing company that publishes instructional materials
13 and supplemental materials.

14 Section 15. Textbook advisory committees established. A
15 textbook advisory committee must be established in the office
16 of the provost or chief academic officer of each public
17 institution of higher education. The committee must be
18 comprised of cross-disciplinary teams of faculty and
19 representatives of the administration, representatives of the
20 on-campus college bookstore and off-campus college bookstore,
21 if any, that provide textbooks, students, and a publisher.

22 Section 20. Policies. A textbook advisory committee
23 established under this Act shall establish and implement
24 policies to do all of the following:

1 (1) Establish deadlines for faculty to notify a
2 bookstore or bookstores of textbooks selected for the
3 pending semester or other term.

4 (2) Ensure the publication, on the public institution
5 of higher education's Internet website or at other
6 appropriate venues, of the title, author, International
7 Standard Book Number (ISBN), and retail price of new and
8 used textbooks within reasonable expediency after the
9 information becomes available. The requirement for
10 disclosure of the International Standard Book Number
11 (ISBN) under this Section is applicable so long as
12 disclosure does not conflict with or impair the contractual
13 rights of a private third party that operates the on-campus
14 college bookstore on behalf of the public institution of
15 higher education.

16 (3) Ensure the availability of information regarding
17 how current editions of textbooks differ from previous
18 editions.

19 (4) Prohibit employees and departments of the public
20 institution of higher education from demanding or
21 receiving any present or promised gift, payment, loan,
22 subscription, advance deposit of money, services, or other
23 thing of value as an inducement for the selection of any
24 specific textbook or supplemental material for use in an
25 academic course taught at the public institution of higher
26 education. This item (4) does not prevent instructors of

1 the public institution of higher education from receiving
2 any of the following:

3 (A) Sample copies, instructor's copies, or
4 instructional materials that are not to be sold by
5 instructors, staff, on-campus college bookstores, or
6 off-campus college bookstores, if any.

7 (B) Royalties or other compensation from sales of
8 textbooks or supplemental materials that include the
9 instructor's own writing or written work, as
10 determined by the textbook advisory committee.

11 (C) Training in the use of course materials and
12 learning technologies.

13 (D) Honoraria for academic peer review of course
14 materials.

15 (5) Foster the establishment of textbook reserves,
16 including online electronic collections ("e-reserves"),
17 for student use in campus libraries or academic
18 departments, free of charge, so long as all materials
19 provided adhere to applicable federal copyright laws.

20 (6) Encourage buy-back programs to reduce student
21 costs.

22 (7) Provide support for the creation or operation of
23 campus book swaps.

24 The committee may implement other policies as desired to
25 provide textbook cost savings to students.

1 Section 25. Report. Each public institution of higher
2 education shall report annually to the Board of Higher
3 Education or the Illinois Community College Board, as
4 appropriate, on measures undertaken to reduce textbook costs
5 and provide students with cost-saving alternatives. The report
6 shall include a full listing of student costs for a
7 representative sample of textbooks for coursework for
8 first-time, full-time students in a manner prescribed by the
9 Board of Higher Education or the Illinois Community College
10 Board, as appropriate.

11 Section 80. Expiration. This Act is repealed on June 30,
12 2015.