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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act
30 ILCS 805/8.31 new

Creates the Textbook Consumer Information Act. Provides that when contacting prospective clients, each publisher of college textbooks shall disclose to the faculty member or, where applicable, the other entity in charge of selecting textbooks for courses taught at a public institution of higher education (i) the price at which the publisher would make the textbooks and supplementary learning materials available to a college bookstore and (ii) the history of revisions for such products. Provides that any faculty member or entity in charge of selecting textbooks for courses taught at an institution must provide a written statement to the college bookstore placing an order for textbooks detailing all textbooks and supplementary learning materials required for each course, all textbooks and supplementary learning materials suggested for each course, and the earliest edition of any required textbook that may be purchased by a student for that course. Requires college bookstores to make available a listing of all textbooks and supplementary learning materials that are required for courses taught during each term, which shall include new and used textbook retail prices. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

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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 Textbook Consumer Information Act.

6 Section 5. Purpose. It is in the interest of the State of
7 Illinois to reduce financial barriers and thereby increase
8 access to higher education for all capable students. The
9 purpose of this Act is to ensure that students have the timely
10 and complete information that they need in order to make
11 informed decisions when purchasing textbooks and other
12 required or suggested materials to further their higher
13 education goals.

14 Section 10. Definitions. In this Act:

15 "College bookstore" means a bookstore that offers
16 textbooks and supplementary learning materials to students of
17 an institution and that has a physical presence on or near the
18 institution's campus.

19 "Institution" means a public institution of higher
20 education that is included in the definition of "public
21 institutions of higher education" under the Board of Higher
22 Education Act.

1 Section 15. Requirements of textbook publishers. When
2 contacting prospective clients, each publisher of college
3 textbooks shall disclose the following to the faculty member
4 or, where applicable, the other entity in charge of selecting
5 textbooks for courses taught at an institution:

6 (1) the price at which the publisher would make the
7 textbooks and, if applicable, supplementary learning
8 materials available to a college bookstore or bookstores;
9 and

10 (2) the history of revisions for such products, if any.
11 If supplemental items are available, the publisher's
12 disclosure must include the supplements' prices if sold
13 individually versus their prices if sold packaged with a
14 textbook (i.e., bundled), where bundling is available.

15 Section 20. Requirements of faculty. Any faculty member or
16 entity in charge of selecting textbooks for courses taught at
17 an institution must provide a written statement to the college
18 bookstore or bookstores placing an order for textbooks,
19 detailing all textbooks and supplementary learning materials
20 required for each course, all textbooks and supplementary
21 learning materials suggested for each course, and the earliest
22 edition of any required textbook that may be purchased by a
23 student for that course.

24 Nothing in this Act shall prohibit a faculty member from

1 requiring the most recent edition of a textbook.

2 Section 25. Requirements of bookstores. All college
3 bookstores must make available, with reasonable expediency
4 after the information becomes available, a listing of all
5 textbooks and supplementary learning materials that are
6 required for courses taught during each term. The list shall
7 include the title, author, and International Standard Book
8 Number (ISBN) for each textbook and the new and used textbook
9 retail prices. The college bookstore shall publish the listing
10 on its Internet website or, if no such website exists, must
11 post the listing in a non-restricted area of the college
12 bookstore.

13 Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding
14 Section 8.31 as follows:

15 (30 ILCS 805/8.31 new)

16 Sec. 8.31. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6 and 8
17 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required for the
18 implementation of any mandate created by the Textbook Consumer
19 Information Act.

20 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
21 becoming law.