



Higher Education Committee

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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4903

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 4903 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

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 "Alternative formats" means other versions of a specific
8 textbook, including paperbacks.

9 "Bundled textbook" means a textbook that is packaged with
10 additional materials, including, but not necessarily limited
11 to, a supplemental workbook CD-ROM, or online resource
12 password.

13 "Institution" means an institution of higher learning in
14 this State.

15 "Supplemental items" means supplemental items, not
16 including the textbook, that are developed by a third party and

1 that, by third-party contractual agreement, may not be offered
2 by a publisher separately from the textbook with which the
3 items are combined.

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

8 "Unbundled textbook" means a textbook that is offered for
9 sale without any additional materials.

10 Section 10. Disclosure of information. When contacting or
11 being contacted by prospective clients, each publisher of
12 college textbooks shall disclose, in whatever form the
13 publisher is selling, all of the following to the faculty
14 member or, if applicable, the other entity in charge of
15 selecting textbooks for courses taught at an institution:

16 (1) The price at which the publisher would make the
17 textbook or supplemental materials available to the
18 bookstore on the campus of or otherwise associated with the
19 institution.

20 (2) The revision history for the textbook or
21 supplemental materials, including copyright dates and
22 substantial changes from past editions for the previous 10
23 years, if any.

24 (3) The existence and price of alternative formats of
25 the textbook or supplemental materials.

1 Section 15. Bundled textbooks. Publishers of college
2 textbooks are required to offer all bundled textbooks for sale
3 as individual unbundled textbooks and supplemental items.
4 Supplemental items in integrated textbooks are exempt. Nothing
5 in this Section shall be construed to require the bookstore on
6 the campus of or otherwise associated with an institution to
7 double stock or purchase textbooks and supplemental items as
8 both bundled and unbundled items.

9 Section 20. Institutional autonomy and academic freedom.
10 Nothing in this Act shall be construed to supersede
11 institutional autonomy or the academic freedom of persons
12 involved in the selection of textbooks and supplemental
13 materials.

14 Section 80. Enforcement. The Attorney General, a State's
15 Attorney, or any affected resident of this State may bring a
16 civil action to enforce this Act."