



95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SB0325

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act
30 ILCS 805/8.31 new

Creates the Textbook Advisory Committee Act. Requires a textbook advisory committee to be established in the office of the provost or chief academic officer of each public institution of higher education in this State. Specifies who must serve on the committee. Provides that a committee shall establish and implement certain policies with respect to textbooks. Provides that the committee shall report annually to the Board of Higher Education or the Illinois Community College Board, as appropriate, on measures undertaken to reduce textbook costs and provide students with cost-saving alternatives. Requires certain information to be included in the report. Repeals the Act on June 30, 2015. 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 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. Definition. In this Act, "public institution
16 of higher education" means an institution that is included in
17 the definition of "public institutions of higher education"
18 under the Board of Higher Education Act.

19 Section 15. Textbook advisory committees established. A
20 textbook advisory committee must be established in the office
21 of the provost or chief academic officer of each public

1 institution of higher education. The committee must be
2 comprised of cross-disciplinary teams of faculty and
3 representatives of the administration, representatives of the
4 bookstore or bookstores that provide textbooks, and students.

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

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

11 (2) Ensure the publication, on the public institution
12 of higher education's Internet website or at other
13 appropriate venues, of the title, author, International
14 Standard Book Number (ISBN), and retail price of new and
15 used textbooks by 60 days before the start of the semester
16 or other term; and ensure the availability of information
17 regarding how current editions of textbooks differ from
18 previous editions.

19 (3) Prohibit employees of the public institution of
20 higher education and academic departments from receiving
21 payments in exchange for selection of specific course
22 materials. This item (3) does not preclude an employee from
23 receiving royalties based on the sales of his or her own
24 work.

25 (4) Foster the establishment of textbook reserves,

1 including online electronic collections ("e-reserves"),
2 for student use in campus libraries or academic
3 departments, free of charge.

4 (5) Encourage buy-back programs to expand the
5 availability of used textbooks and reduce student costs.

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

8 The committee may implement other policies as desired to
9 provide textbook cost savings to students.

10 Section 25. Report. A textbook advisory committee
11 established under this Act shall report annually to the Board
12 of Higher Education or the Illinois Community College Board, as
13 appropriate, on measures undertaken to reduce textbook costs
14 and provide students with cost-saving alternatives. The report
15 shall include a full listing of student costs for a
16 representative sample of textbooks for coursework for
17 first-time, full-time students in a manner prescribed by the
18 Board of Higher Education or the Illinois Community College
19 Board, as appropriate.

20 Section 80. Expiration. This Act is repealed on June 30,
21 2015.

22 Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding
23 Section 8.31 as follows:

1 (30 ILCS 805/8.31 new)

2 Sec. 8.31. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6 and 8
3 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required for the
4 implementation of any mandate created by the Textbook Advisory
5 Committee Act.