

FINAL BILL REPORT

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Notifying students of courses with low-cost instructional materials and open educational resources at the four-year institutions of higher education.

Sponsors: Representatives Jacobsen, Simmons, Young, Graham, Pollet, Leavitt, Dolan and Rule.

House Committee on College & Workforce Development
House Committee on Appropriations
Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development
Senate Committee on Ways & Means

Background:

Affiliated Bookstores.

Bookstores affiliated with public higher education institutions have certain requirements for selling course materials. Affiliated bookstores must sell unbundled books, disclose the cost of materials to faculty and staff, disclose how new editions vary from previous editions, and promote book buy-back programs. With some exceptions, students must be provided with information on required course materials, including title, authors, edition, price, and the International Standard Book Number (ISBN) four weeks before the start of the class.

Faculty and staff must take into account cost when assigning course materials, such as adopting the least expensive edition, using free or open textbooks when available, or working with librarians to use free online and library resources.

Open Educational Resources.

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Community and Technical College Course Material Notifications.

In 2017 the community and technical colleges were required to provide students with information during registration about required course materials' costs and whether a course uses OER. The information is provided by displaying it in the online course description or by providing a link to the bookstore's website. In 2020 the community and technical colleges were also required to identify whether a course uses low-cost instructional materials. Low-cost means all required materials equal \$50 or less.

Summary:

The public four-year institutions of higher education (institutions) must designate in their online course descriptions, which students use to register for courses, whether a course uses the OER or requires low-cost instructional materials. Low-cost instructional materials means the entire cost of all required materials equals \$50 or less. The institutions must adjust the dollar value of low-cost at least once every five years to reflect the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index over the preceding five years. The institutions may designate whether the course uses low-cost materials or OER at a later date than registration if, at the time of registration, the faculty member has not yet been assigned to the course.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	96	0	
Senate	48	0	(Senate amended)
House	97	1	(House concurred)

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