

SCS HCS HB 2048 -- TEXTBOOK TRANSPARENCY ACT

This bill establishes the Textbook Transparency Act which requires college textbook publishers to make the price, any substantial content revision between the last two editions, copyright dates, and the variety of formats for a text available, upon request, to faculty members or textbook adopters at public higher education institutions when the publisher provides information about their products. The bill distinguishes between supplemental material and integrated textbooks and requires a publisher to make a textbook and supplemental material available separately when selling the materials bundled together. Where it is feasible, public institutions of higher education must develop policies allowing students to use financial aid that has not been disbursed for tuition or fees to purchase textbooks at campus bookstores. Public higher education institutions are required to encourage the selection of textbooks early enough that the campus bookstore can supply information about textbooks and materials which will promote cost efficiency.