

256.181 Textbook notice — legislative intent and recommendation.

1. In order to promote consumer choice and lower the costs of textbooks in higher education, the general assembly intends that students enrolled in institutions of higher learning have access to appropriate textbook information prior to the start of classes, with adequate time to pursue alternative purchase avenues.

2. The general assembly recommends that every public and private institution of higher education in this state, including those institutions referenced in [chapters 260C](#) and [262](#) and [section 256.183](#), post the list of required and suggested textbooks for all courses and the corresponding international standard book numbers for such textbooks at least fourteen days before the start of each semester or term, to the extent possible, at the locations where textbooks are sold on campus and on the internet site for the respective institution of higher education.

3. The college student aid commission is directed to convey the legislative intent and recommendation contained in [this section](#) to every institution of higher education in the state registered pursuant to [chapter 261B](#) at least once a year.

[2008 Acts, ch 1146, §1](#)

C2009, §261.7

[2008 Acts, ch 1191, §125](#); [2013 Acts, ch 90, §257](#); [2023 Acts, ch 19, §2641](#)

C2024, §256.181