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May 7, 2008

The Honorable Michael Mauro  
Secretary of State  
State Capitol Building  
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

**House File 2197**, an Act recommending institutions of higher learning to provide students with specific textbook information.

The above House File is hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

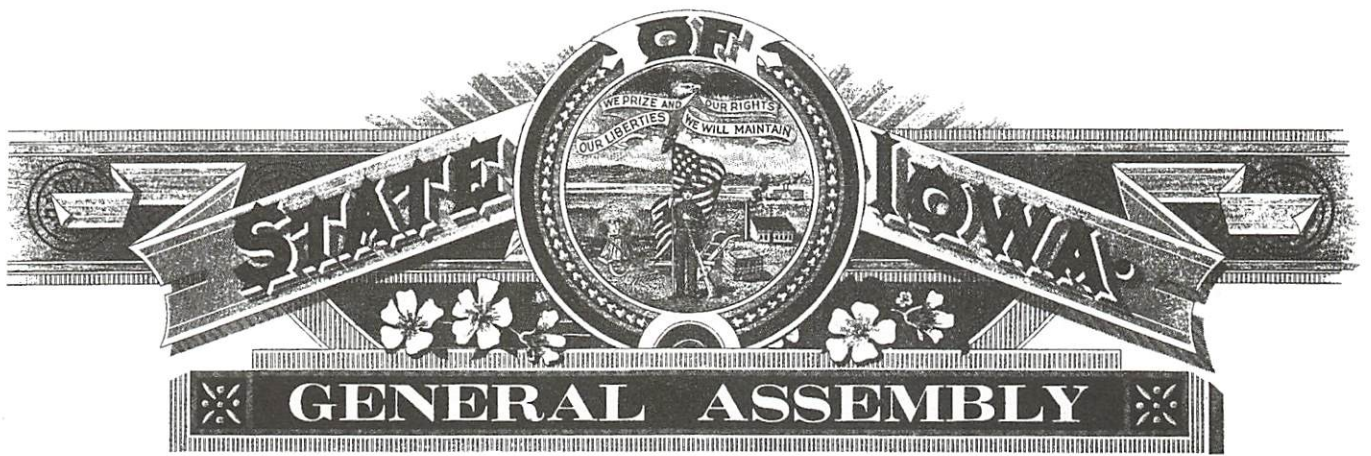
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Chester J. Culver  
Governor

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cc: Secretary of the Senate  
Chief Clerk of the House





HOUSE FILE 2197

AN ACT

RECOMMENDING INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING TO PROVIDE  
STUDENTS WITH SPECIFIC TEXTBOOK INFORMATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

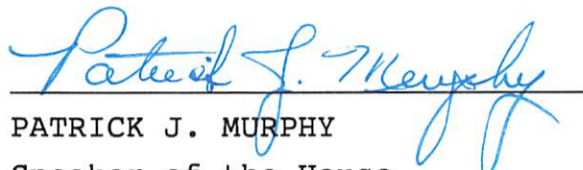
Section 1. NEW SECTION. 261.7 TEXTBOOK NOTICE --  
LEGISLATIVE INTENT AND RECOMMENDATION.

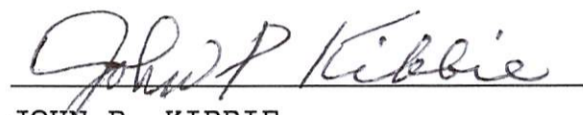
1. In order to promote consumer choice and lower the costs of textbooks in higher education, the general assembly intends that students enrolled in institutions of higher learning have access to appropriate textbook information prior to the start of classes, with adequate time to pursue alternative purchase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

2. The general assembly recommends that every public and private institution for higher education in this state, including those institutions referenced in chapters 260C and 262 and section 261.9, 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 web site for the respective institution for higher education.


3. The college student aid commission is directed to convey the legislative intent and recommendation contained in this section to every institution for higher education in the

state registered pursuant to chapter 261B at least once a year.


  
PATRICK J. MURPHY  
Speaker of the House

  
JOHN P. KIBBIE  
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 2197, Eighty-second General Assembly.

  
MARK BRANDSGARD  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008

  
CHESTER J. CULVER  
Governor