

House File 487 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 276)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring postsecondary institutions and schools to
2 provide students with specific textbook information.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
4 TLSB 1334HV 83
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1 1 Section 1. Section 261.7, subsection 2, Code 2009, is
1 2 amended to read as follows:
1 3 2. ~~The general assembly recommends that every~~ Every public
1 4 and private institution of higher education in this state,
1 5 including those institutions referenced in chapters 260C and
1 6 262 and section 261.9, shall post the list of required and
1 7 suggested textbooks for all courses and the corresponding
1 8 international standard book numbers for such textbooks at
1 9 least fourteen days before the start of each semester or term,
1 10 to the extent possible, at the locations where textbooks are
1 11 sold on campus and on the website for the respective
1 12 institution of higher education.
1 13 Sec. 2. Section 261.7, subsection 3, Code 2009, is amended
1 14 to read as follows:
1 15 3. The college student aid commission ~~is directed to shall~~
1 16 convey the legislative intent and ~~recommendation contained in~~
1 17 requirements of this section to every institution of higher
1 18 education in the state and to every postsecondary school
1 19 registered pursuant to chapter 261B at least once a year. The
1 20 college student aid commission may adopt rules to administer
1 21 this section.

EXPLANATION

1 22 This bill amends Code section 261.7 by requiring, rather
1 23 than recommending, that all institutions of higher learning
1 24 post information on campus and on a website identifying
1 25 textbooks necessary for collegiate courses and the textbooks'
1 26 corresponding international standard book numbers. Code
1 27 section 261.7(3) directs the college student aid commission to
1 28 convey the legislative intent and requirements about posting
1 29 textbook information at least once a year and allows the
1 30 commission to adopt rules to administer the section.
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