

Senate File 452 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 452
BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1114)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing a sales tax exemption for textbooks used in
2 attending a postsecondary educational institution.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 423.3, Code 2011, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 96. *a.* The sales price of new and
4 used textbooks if the textbooks are for use in attending a
5 postsecondary educational institution.

6 *b.* For purposes of this subsection:

7 (1) "*Postsecondary educational institution*" means an
8 accredited higher education institution, as defined in section
9 261.92, an Iowa community college, a postsecondary educational
10 institution under the control of the state board of regents, a
11 school of cosmetology arts and sciences licensed under chapter
12 157, or a barber school licensed under chapter 158.

13 (2) "*Textbooks*" means books and other printed materials used
14 in attending a postsecondary educational institution in this
15 state.

16 *c.* Postsecondary educational institutions are required
17 to provide the titles of required and recommended textbooks
18 for all courses and the corresponding authors, publishers,
19 and international standard book numbers for such textbooks on
20 the postsecondary educational institution's internet site for
21 access to all booksellers and all students. The state board
22 of regents shall designate the format by which the textbook
23 information shall be provided.

24 *d.* In order to receive the sales tax exemption, a person
25 is required to show a current official identification card
26 from a postsecondary educational institution and either the
27 purchaser or the bookseller must show that the textbooks
28 intended to be purchased are on a list of textbooks provided by
29 a postsecondary educational institution under paragraph "*c*".

30 EXPLANATION

31 This bill provides a sales tax exemption for textbooks used
32 in attending a public or private Iowa postsecondary educational
33 institution, including licensed cosmetology and barber schools.
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11 or the bookseller must show that the textbooks intended to be
12 purchased are on an institution's textbooks list.

13 By operation of Code section 423.6, an item exempt from the
14 imposition of the sales tax is also exempt from the use tax
15 imposed in Code section 423.5.