
ENGROSSED SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1375

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By House Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Van Werven, Tarleton, Orwall, Griffey, Haler, Holy, McCabe, Young, Dent, Riccelli, Bergquist, Buys, Kraft, Kagi, Ryu, Muri, Goodman, Lovick, Frame, and Hargrove)

READ FIRST TIME 02/24/17.

1 AN ACT Relating to providing students with the costs of required
2 course materials; adding a new section to chapter 28B.50 RCW; and
3 creating new sections.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes the high cost
6 of textbooks and the burden this can create for students. The
7 legislature also recognizes the work of the state board for community
8 and technical colleges in creating the open course library, in which
9 free textbooks and other course materials are available for eighty-
10 one of the highest enrolled courses in the community and technical
11 college system. The student public interest research groups completed
12 a cost analysis of the open course library and found that students
13 who take open course library courses save ninety-six dollars on
14 average per course over a traditional textbook. Therefore, it is the
15 legislature's intent to incentivize faculty to use resources
16 available on the open course library by informing students of a
17 textbook's cost when they register for a class.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.50
19 RCW to read as follows:

1 (1) To the maximum extent practicable, but no later than the
2 first full quarter after a community or technical college has
3 implemented the ctcLink system, a community or technical college
4 shall provide the following information to students during
5 registration by displaying it in the online course description or by
6 providing a link that connects to the bookstore's web site or other
7 web site where students can search and view:

8 (a) The cost of any required textbook or other course materials;
9 and

10 (b) Whether a course uses open educational resources.

11 (2) If a course's required textbooks and course materials are not
12 determined prior to registration due to an unassigned faculty member,
13 the textbooks' and course materials' cost must be provided as soon as
14 feasible after a faculty member is assigned.

15 (3) Each community and technical college shall report to the
16 college board which courses provided textbooks' and course materials'
17 costs to students during registration, and what percent of total
18 classes this equaled. The college board shall report the information
19 to the legislature in accordance with RCW 43.01.036 by January 1st of
20 each biennium, beginning with January 1, 2019.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If specific funding for the purposes of
22 this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not
23 provided by June 30, 2017, in the omnibus appropriations act, this
24 act is null and void.

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