



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 461

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AN ACT CONCERNING STUDENT TEXTBOOK PURCHASING POLICIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2004*) (a) The Commissioner of Higher
2 Education, in collaboration with the Board of Trustees for Community-
3 Technical Colleges, the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State
4 University System and the Board of Trustees for The University of
5 Connecticut, shall examine ways to maximize the combined
6 purchasing power of the constituent units of the state system of higher
7 education in order to ensure that textbooks are priced and sold at a
8 reasonable cost to students enrolled at public institutions of higher
9 education. Such examination shall include, but not be limited to, ways
10 the constituent units of the state system of higher education may (1)
11 provide faculty members with information about the cost of textbooks
12 prior to the faculty members' selection of textbooks for their courses;
13 (2) encourage stores that sell textbooks to students enrolled at public
14 institutions of higher education to sell such textbooks separately from
15 other products recommended by the publishers; (3) utilize on-line,
16 used or older edition textbooks without sacrificing educational
17 content; and (4) inform students about purchasing textbooks from
18 alternative sources at a reduced cost.

19 (b) Not later than January 1, 2005, the Commissioner of Higher

20 Education shall submit a report on the commissioner's findings,
21 together with any recommendations for appropriate legislation, to the
22 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance
23 of matters relating to higher education and employment advancement,
24 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
25 statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2004</i>

HED *Joint Favorable Subst.*