



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5527

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AN ACT CONCERNING TEXTBOOK AFFORDABILITY.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2006*) All publishers of college
2 textbooks shall provide prospective purchasers of their products who
3 are members of the faculty of institutions of higher education a
4 complete list of all of the publisher's products related to the subject
5 matter, as requested by the member of faculty, wholesale prices of
6 such products and estimated length of time that the publisher intends
7 to keep the products on the market. The publisher shall provide the list
8 to such prospective purchaser at the start of any sales interaction,
9 whether it be in person, by phone or electronically. The publisher shall
10 publish such information on any Internet web site such publisher
11 operates. For purposes of this section, "products" means all versions of
12 a textbook or set of textbooks in a subject area, including supplemental
13 items, both when sold together or separately from a textbook.

14 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2006*) The Board of Trustees of the
15 Community-Technical Colleges shall develop policies governing the
16 use of financial aid at stores on the campuses of the colleges under its
17 jurisdiction that sell required textbooks for courses taught at the
18 colleges. Such policies shall permit students to purchase such
19 textbooks at such stores during the first week of the academic term
20 using financial aid that the student has not yet received.

21 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2006*) The Board of Trustees of the
22 Connecticut State University System shall develop policies governing
23 the use of financial aid at stores on the campuses of the universities
24 under its jurisdiction that sell required textbooks for courses taught at
25 the universities. Such policies shall permit students to purchase such
26 textbooks at such stores during the first week of the academic term
27 using financial aid the student has not yet received.

28 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2006*) The Board of Trustees for The
29 University of Connecticut shall develop policies governing the use of
30 financial aid at stores on the campuses of the university under its
31 jurisdiction that sell required textbooks for courses taught at the
32 university. Such policies shall permit students to purchase such
33 textbooks at such stores during the first week of the academic term
34 using financial aid the student has not yet received.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section

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