



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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House Bill No. 6885

House of Representatives, March 13, 2007

The Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement reported through REP. WILLIS of the 64th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING AN EVALUATION OF CERTAIN LAWS AND POLICIES CONCERNING THE SALE AND PURCHASE OF COLLEGE TEXTBOOKS.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Higher
2 Education shall evaluate (1) the availability of price and revision
3 information for college textbooks, in accordance with the provisions of
4 section 10a-44a of the general statutes, since July 1, 2006, and (2) the
5 policies concerning the use of financial aid by students to purchase
6 textbooks developed by the Boards of Trustees (A) of the Community-
7 Technical Colleges, in accordance with the provisions of section 10a-
8 80b of the general statutes, (B) of the Connecticut State University
9 System, in accordance with the provisions of section 10a-89f of the
10 general statutes, and (C) for The University of Connecticut, in
11 accordance with the provisions of section 10a-105a of the general
12 statutes. Such evaluation shall consider whether students have
13 benefited from such policies. Not later than January 1, 2008, the

14 Commissioner of Higher Education shall report findings pursuant to
15 this section, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
16 general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General
17 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher education.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

HED *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Department of Higher Education to evaluate legislation affecting textbook purchasing, which became effective July 1, 2006, and to report findings to the General Assembly. The bill is not anticipated to have a fiscal impact.

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Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 18 Nay 0 (03/01/2007)