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**Committee Bill No. 6885**

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Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment  
Advancement

Introduced by:  
(HED)

**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

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require the Department of Higher Education to evaluate changes and policies due to recent legislation concerning the disclosure by publishers of information concerning textbook prices and the history of revisions for textbooks to prospective faculty purchasers, and the use of financial aid to purchase textbooks.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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