



Senate

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Senate Bill No. 931

Senate, April 2, 2015

The Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement reported through SEN. BARTOLOMEO of the 13th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING REQUIREMENTS FOR COLLEGE TEXTBOOKS.

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2015*) No public institution of
- 2 higher education, as defined in section 10a-173 of the general statutes,
- 3 or faculty member of a public institution of higher education shall
- 4 require a student of such institution of higher education to use a new
- 5 edition of a textbook as part of a course offered at such public
- 6 institution of higher education within three years of the date of the
- 7 initial publication of the previous edition of such textbook.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	New section
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HED *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in no fiscal impact to the state as it applies to transactions of private individuals (students).

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 931*****AN ACT CONCERNING REQUIREMENTS FOR COLLEGE TEXTBOOKS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill prohibits Connecticut public higher education institutions and their faculty members from requiring students to use a new edition of a textbook within three years of its most recent previous publication as part of an academic course.

The state's public higher education institutions consist of UConn, Connecticut State University System institutions, regional community-technical colleges, and Charter Oak State College.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2015

COMMITTEE ACTION

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 17 Nay 0 (03/19/2015)