

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 125 (SB 117)

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Walsworth

New law defines "affordable educational resource" (AER) and "open educational resource" (OER).

New law provides for greater availability and use of affordable textbooks and other educational resources by requiring public postsecondary education institutions, beginning with Fall 2020, to:

- (1) Use a conspicuous symbol, logo, or other distinguishing feature to highlight each course included in its course schedule that exclusively utilizes AER or OER course materials and ensure that these course materials comply with applicable federal law. The institution may also include other cost-related information.
- (2) Clearly communicate to students how to access AER and OER course materials.
- (3) Provide summary data as requested by the Board of Regents regarding courses that exclusively utilize AER and OER course materials.
- (4) Publish the course schedule and required textbooks on their website prior to opening course registration, but not later than thirty days prior to the beginning of each academic term. Additionally requires that this information be provided to LOUIS: The Louisiana Library Network, individual campus libraries, and other entities or programs specified by the Board of Regents.

Effective upon signature of the governor (June 6, 2019).

(Adds R.S. 17:3129.9)