

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**ACT 128 (HB 644)**

**2023 Regular Session**

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New law requires the Bd. of Regents, in collaboration with the public postsecondary education management boards, to develop and implement pilot programs to provide open and no-cost digital textbooks, study tools, online homework, and open educational resources.

New law requires the Bd. of Regents to do the following:

- (1) Issue a request for applications from all public postsecondary education management boards for proposals for pilot programs.
- (2) Prioritize proposed pilot programs that provide the most benefit to socially and economically disadvantaged and historically underrepresented student populations.
- (3) Award participating boards funds to replace existing commercial textbooks with open educational resources.
- (4) Enter into contracts with management boards administering pilot programs.
- (5) Submit a report to the governor and legislature not later than Sept. 1, 2026.

New law requires interested public postsecondary education management boards to submit proposals that:

- (1) Demonstrate the anticipated number of students who would benefit from a pilot program, the courses for which funds would be used, the textbooks currently being used in the courses and what open educational resources would be used in the courses through a pilot program, and the estimated average amount of savings per student.
- (2) Propose customizing course instruction to current open educational resources or developing new course instruction using open educational resources.
- (3) Identify the faculty who would do such customization of instruction or development of new course instruction.

Implementation of new law required to begin with the 2024 fall semester and end on Sept. 2, 2026.

Effective August 1, 2023.

(Adds R.S. 17:3129.8)