

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**HB 644****2023 Regular Session****LaFleur**

TEXTBOOKS/MATERIALS: Creates Affordable Digital Textbook and Learning Materials Pilot Programs

Synopsis of Senate Amendments	
1.	Adds providing "course material access and affordability program" as an alternative way to implement pilot programs.
2.	Defines "course material access and affordability program".

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate**Bd. of Regents**

Proposed law requires the Bd. of Regents, in collaboration with the public postsecondary education management boards, to create and implement Affordable Digital Textbook and Learning Materials Pilot Programs.

Proposed 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 or course material access and affordability programs.
- (4) Enter into contracts with management boards administering pilot programs.

Public Postsecondary Education Management Boards

Proposed 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 or course material access and affordability program 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, creating new courses, or participating in a course material access and affordability program.
- (3) Identify the faculty who would do such customization of instruction or creation of new courses.

(Adds R.S. 17:3129.8)