

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 2380

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to higher education; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 3240, which relates to the low-cost textbook rental system; making establishment of textbook rental system mandatory; modifying system to include purchasing textbooks for resale to students; expanding purpose of system; clarifying language; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 3240, is amended to read as follows:

Section 3240. A. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education ~~are hereby authorized to~~ shall establish and implement beginning with the 2007-2008 school year a system for the rental, sale and distribution of higher education textbooks to students attending any institution of higher education within The Oklahoma State System for Higher Education. The purpose of this system for rental, sale and distribution of textbooks is to:

1. Make textbooks available on a low-cost rental basis to students who may not be able to afford the price of a new or used textbook;

2. Make textbooks available for purchase online;

3. Have institutions purchase textbooks for resale to students in order to take advantage of pricing discounts through volume buying;

4. Encourage faculty within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education to use class textbooks for a longer period of time;

~~3.~~ 5. Encourage department heads to review textbooks used in that department to help determine if a textbook can be utilized for a longer period of time or whether such textbook is outdated; and

~~4.~~ 6. Encourage students to make use of all textbooks required for the courses of study of such student and not limit the education of the student because of lack of funds to purchase new or used textbooks.

B. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education ~~are hereby encouraged to~~ shall authorize the board of regents of the various higher education institutions within The Oklahoma State System for Higher Education to utilize the system to purchase textbooks as determined by the faculty or department heads, to be resold to student or to be marked as rental textbooks ~~to be provided at a low rental payment~~ for students attending that institution of higher education. Among other conditions of rental established by the State Regents and the Board of Regents of the institution of higher education, ~~such~~ textbooks shall be rented on condition of return ~~of such textbook~~ at the conclusion of the course of study ~~of such student~~ and ~~that~~ any damage to the textbook will be paid for by the student. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education ~~are authorized to~~ shall promulgate ~~and adopt~~ rules for the establishment and implementation of this system ~~for low-cost textbook rental for institutions of higher education.~~

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2006.

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