

House Bill 1342

By: Representatives Porter of the 143<sup>rd</sup>, McBee of the 88<sup>th</sup>, Mobley of the 69<sup>th</sup>, Jamieson of the 22<sup>nd</sup>, Ashe of the 46<sup>th</sup> and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Chapters 3 and 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating respectively to postsecondary education and vocational, technical, and adult education, so as to provide that each publisher of a textbook shall provide an electronic format of such textbook; to define terms; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to postsecondary education, is amended by inserting a new Code section to be designated Code Section 20-3-85 to read as follows:

"20-3-85.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Publisher' means the person or entity which prints and issues a textbook that is generally available for purchase by the public and the person or entity which offers for sale material available for purchase primarily by students.

(2) 'Textbook' means a book, pamphlet, or compilation of pages which is recommended or required by an instructor of a course of study offered for credit toward a degree by a unit of the university system. The term includes material published and generally available for purchase by the public and material that is printed or reproduced and available for purchase primarily by students.

(b) The publisher of a textbook shall provide an electronic format of such textbook."

**SECTION 2.**

Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to vocational, technical, and adult education, is amended by inserting a new Code section to be designated Code Section 20-4-36 to read as follows:

1 "20-4-36.

2 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

3 (1) 'Publisher' means the person or entity which prints and issues a textbook that is  
4 generally available for purchase by the public and the person or entity which offers for  
5 sale material available for purchase primarily by students.

6 (2) 'Textbook' means a book, pamphlet, or compilation of pages which is recommended  
7 or required by an instructor of a course of study offered for credit by a technical college  
8 under the control and management of the Department of Technical and Adult Education.

9 The term includes material published and generally available for purchase by the public  
10 and material that is printed or reproduced and available for purchase primarily by  
11 students.

12 (b) The publisher of a textbook shall provide an electronic format of such textbook."

13 **SECTION 3.**

14 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.