

House Bill 1368

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapters 3 and 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating
2 to postsecondary education and vocational, technical, and adult education, respectively, so
3 as to provide for a maximum sales price for any textbook sold to a student by a bookstore
4 owned by, operated by, or affiliated with a unit of the university system or a branch of the
5 Georgia Department of Technical and Adult Education; to provide for definitions; to repeal
6 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to postsecondary
10 education, is amended in Part 2 of Article 2, relating to the university system, by inserting
11 a new Code section to be designated Code Section 20-3-87 to read as follows:

12 "20-3-87.

13 (a) As used in this Code section:

14 (1) 'Bookstore' includes any agency for the sale of textbooks.

15 (2) 'Wholesale price' means the price paid for the textbook by the bookstore.

16 (b) The maximum price for any new textbook sold to a student by a bookstore owned by,
17 operated by, or affiliated with a unit of the university system shall be no greater than 15
18 percent more than the wholesale price of such textbook."

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to vocational,
21 technical, and adult education, is amended in Article 2, relating to technical and adult
22 education, by inserting a new Code section to be designated Code Section 20-4-37 to read
23 as follows:

24 "20-4-37.

25 (a) As used in this Code section:

- 1 (1) 'Bookstore' includes any agency for the sale of textbooks.
- 2 (2) 'Wholesale price' means the price paid for the textbook by the bookstore.
- 3 (b) The maximum price for any new textbook sold to a student by a bookstore owned by,
4 operated by, or affiliated with a branch of the Georgia Department of Technical and Adult
5 Education shall be no greater than 15 percent more than the wholesale price of such
6 textbook."

7 **SECTION 3.**

8 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.