

HOUSE BILL No. 1435

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 21-12-14.

Synopsis: Higher education textbook grant. Provides a state grant for the purchase of textbooks by a student who is enrolled in a college or university with a campus located in Indiana. Limits the grant to the lesser of the sales tax paid in a textbook transaction or \$35. Requires that the purchase must be made from a qualified vendor. Requires the student to file a grant claim with the department of state revenue. Makes a state general fund appropriation in the amount necessary to provide the grants.

Effective: July 1, 2013.

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January 22, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning higher education and to make an appropriation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 21-12-14 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2013]:

4 **Chapter 14. Higher Education Course Textbook Grant**

5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "institution" means a college or**
6 **university with a campus located in Indiana.**

7 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "qualified vendor" means a**
8 **person that has received:**

- 9 (1) **an authorized course textbook list from an institution; or**
- 10 (2) **a communication from the course professor at an**
- 11 **institution indicating the textbooks necessary or**
- 12 **recommended by the course professor.**

13 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "student" means an individual**
14 **who:**

- 15 (1) **is enrolled in:**
- 16 (A) **an institution; and**
- 17 (B) **a course offered by the institution that requires a**



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textbook; and

(2) purchases the textbook required for the course.

Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "textbook" means systematically organized material designed to provide a specific level of instruction in a subject matter category in a course offered by an institution, including:

(1) books;

(2) hardware that will be consumed, accessed, or used by a single student during a semester or school year;

(3) computer software; and

(4) digital content.

Sec. 5. (a) A student who purchases a textbook from a qualified vendor is entitled to a grant for the purchase of the textbook.

(b) The amount of the grant for each textbook transaction is the lesser of:

(1) the gross retail or use tax that the student paid in the textbook transaction; or

(2) thirty-five dollars (\$35).

Sec. 6. A student may apply for a grant under this chapter by providing a claim for the grant to the department of state revenue in the form and manner required by the department.

Sec. 7. Money is appropriated from the state general fund in the amount necessary to provide the grants awarded under this chapter.

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