

Services, with the assistance of the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Committee on Ways and Means, shall study and compile information on:

(1) retail prices of textbooks for higher education students in the State, including average and median prices for undergraduate, graduate, and community college student textbooks;

(2) factors that impact retail prices of textbooks, including:

(i) how professors choose textbooks for their classes;

(ii) the amount retail booksellers increase retail prices above publishers' list prices;

(iii) publishers' methods of setting list prices;

(iv) barriers to competition; and

(v) publishers' methods of marketing textbooks to professors;

(3) the advantages and disadvantages of posting textbook information online as proposed by Senate Bill 166 from the 2007 Legislative Session; and

(4) the advantages and disadvantages of requiring tuition to cover the cost of textbooks as proposed by Senate Bill 785 from the 2007 Legislative Session.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2007. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30, 2009, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved by the Governor, May 8, 2007.

CHAPTER 296

(Senate Bill 525)

AN ACT concerning

Higher Education – Dual Enrollment Grant Program