



## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

**HB5494**

Introduced 2/9/2024, by Rep. Kimberly Du Buclet

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 167/15 new

Amends the Public Higher Education Act. Provides that a public institution of higher education shall display the estimated costs of all required course materials and directly related course fees for no less than 75% of the total number of for-credit courses offered by the public institution of higher education. Sets forth provisions regarding the information to be displayed. Provides that the Board of Higher Education, in consultation with relevant stakeholders and any other interested party identified by the Board of Higher Education, shall adopt, by rule, a list of incidental items that are not required to be reported. Provides that by December 31, 2025, the Board of Higher Education shall submit a report to the General Assembly that details how each public institution of higher education is ensuring compliance with these provisions. Provides that a public institution of higher education shall timely provide to the Board of Higher Education any information that the Board of Higher Education determines is necessary to submit the required report. Provides for rulemaking. Effective immediately.

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STATE MANDATES  
ACT MAY REQUIRE  
REIMBURSEMENT

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Public Higher Education Act is amended by  
5 adding Section 15 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 167/15 new)

7 Sec. 15. Course cost disclosure.

8 (a) In this Section:

9 "Relevant stakeholders" means representatives from public  
10 institutions of higher education, faculty from public  
11 institutions of higher education, students enrolled at public  
12 institutions of higher education, and campus bookstores  
13 affiliated with public institutions of higher education.

14 (b) A public institution of higher education shall  
15 display, as provided in this Section, the estimated costs of  
16 all required course materials and directly related course fees  
17 for no less than 75% of the total number of for-credit courses  
18 offered by the public institution of higher education. The  
19 display of information required by this subsection (b) shall:

20 (1) be displayed before course registration begins;

21 (2) include the title and, if available, the  
22 International Standard Book Number for each book required  
23 for a course; and

1           (3) appear in the published course schedule that is  
2           provided on the Internet or is otherwise provided to  
3           students at the time course registration begins for  
4           students, including on any affiliated campus bookstore  
5           course materials list that may be provided for a course.

6           (c) The display of information required by subsection (b)  
7           of this Section shall apply only to courses for the next  
8           non-summer academic term, regardless of whether a public  
9           institution of higher education permits students to  
10           simultaneously register for successive terms.

11           (d) The Board of Higher Education, in consultation with  
12           relevant stakeholders and any other interested party  
13           identified by the Board of Higher Education, shall adopt, by  
14           rule, a list of incidental items that are not required to be  
15           reported under subsection (b) of this Section.

16           (e) In determining which courses a public institution of  
17           higher education is not required to provide information for  
18           under this Section, a public institution of higher education  
19           shall prioritize not providing information for a course in  
20           which:

21           (1) the instructor of the course either has changed  
22           since the last time the course was taught or will be hired  
23           after the deadline for displaying information under  
24           paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Section; or

25           (2) the instructor of the course has determined that  
26           previously used course materials are no longer effective

1 in delivering the necessary educational outcomes for the  
2 course.

3 (f) In order to ensure compliance with federal law  
4 requirements regarding timely and accurate course material  
5 information and affordability, including the federal Higher  
6 Education Opportunity Act, a public institution of higher  
7 education shall establish dates by which faculty or  
8 departments must notify the campus bookstore affiliated with  
9 the public institution of higher education of required and  
10 recommended course materials, so that the bookstore may verify  
11 availability, determine prices, source lower cost options if  
12 practicable, explore alternatives with faculty if academically  
13 appropriate, and maximize the availability of format options  
14 for the course materials that are made available to students.

15 (g) The information that is required to be displayed under  
16 this Section shall be:

17 (1) secured in a manner determined by the public  
18 institution of higher education;

19 (2) aggregated by the campus bookstore affiliated with  
20 the public institution higher education; and

21 (3) displayed for public viewing in the published  
22 course schedule and in any other method deemed acceptable  
23 by the public institution of higher education, in  
24 consultation with the faculty, students, and campus  
25 bookstores affiliated with the public institution of  
26 higher education.

1       (h) The faculty and administration of a public institution  
2 of higher education are responsible for supplying the  
3 information required under this Section to the campus  
4 bookstore affiliated with the public institution of higher  
5 education according to a process and deadline established by  
6 the public institution of higher education for each academic  
7 term.

8       (i) By December 31, 2025, the Board of Higher Education  
9 shall submit a report to the General Assembly that details how  
10 each public institution of higher education is ensuring  
11 compliance with this Section. The Board of Higher Education,  
12 in consultation with relevant stakeholders, shall, by rule,  
13 establish metrics to measure compliance with this Section by  
14 public institutions of higher education. A public institution  
15 of higher education shall timely provide to the Board of  
16 Higher Education any information that the Board of Higher  
17 Education determines is necessary to submit the report  
18 required under this Section.

19       (j) The Board of Higher Education may adopt any rules  
20 necessary to carry out its responsibilities under this  
21 Section.

22       Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
23 becoming law.