

**THE STATE SCHOOL AID ACT OF 1979 (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 94 of 1979**

\*\*\*\*\* 388.1862a.added THIS ADDED SECTION IS EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013 \*\*\*\*\*

**388.1862a.added Review of textbook and course materials.**

Sec. 262a. (1) It is the intent of the legislature that each public university shall develop policies for reviewing required textbook and course materials with the goal of minimizing the cost of textbooks and course materials used at the university while maintaining quality of education and academic freedom. These policies should require all of the following:

- (a) That faculty members submit lists of required textbooks and course materials for university review.
- (b) That faculty members consider the least costly practices in assigning textbooks and course materials, such as adopting the least expensive edition of a textbook available when educational content is comparable to a more costly edition.
- (c) That the university review any potential financial conflict of interest that may occur if a faculty member requires the purchase of any textbooks or course materials he or she has written.
- (d) That the university review required textbooks and course materials to ensure that least costly practices are being utilized, such as adopting the least expensive edition of a textbook available when educational content is comparable to a more costly edition.

(2) By February 1 of each year, each public university shall submit a report to the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on higher education and the house and senate fiscal agencies on the policies developed under this section.

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