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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The federal Higher Education Opportunity Act and
3 the Illinois Transparency in College Textbook Publishing
4 Practices Act are laws that provide for transparency and ready
5 availability of textbook and course material pricing and sales
6 information and the unbundling of course materials; and

7 WHEREAS, Publishers have increased the availability of
8 affordable options by producing unbundled, black and white,
9 unbound, and electronic versions of textbooks and course
10 materials; and

11 WHEREAS, Campus bookstores, both online and in-store, have
12 increased the availability of lower cost alternatives for
13 students by offering students choices between bundled products
14 and components, print or digital formats, and choices in
15 purchase versus rental; and

16 WHEREAS, Campus bookstores prominently display format and
17 pricing options via shelf tags and other point of purchase
18 materials to students in store and online; and

19 WHEREAS, While these alternative options, which offer more
20 variety in pricing and can be more affordable to students and
21 meet their specific needs or learning styles, are available for

1 students, more education and outreach is needed to ensure
2 students are fully aware of these options; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
5 we encourage the Illinois Board of Higher Education, the
6 Illinois Board of Higher Education Student Advisory Committee,
7 and other student leaders, college officials, faculty, college
8 bookstores, and publishers to discuss ways that college
9 students may be better informed of these different textbook
10 options and how access to them can be increased, without
11 adversely impacting any existing textbook rental or already
12 established access or affordability programs available to
13 Illinois students; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
15 delivered to the Governor and to each member of the Illinois
16 General Assembly.