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<u>Proposed law</u> defines "affordable educational resource" (AER) and "open educational resource" (OER).

<u>Proposed law</u> provides for greater availability and use of affordable textbooks and other educational resources by requiring public postsecondary education institutions, beginning with Fall 2020, to:

- (1) Use a conspicuous symbol, logo, or other distinguishing feature to highlight each course included in its course schedule that exclusively utilizes AER or OER course materials and ensure that these course materials comply with applicable federal law. The institution may also include other cost-related information.
- (2) Clearly communicate to students how to access AER and OER course materials.
- (3) Provide summary data as requested by the Board of Regents regarding courses that exclusively utilize AER and OER course materials.
- (4) Publish the course schedule and required textbooks on their website prior to opening course registration, but not later than thirty days prior to the beginning of each academic term. Additionally requires that this information be provided to LOUIS: The Louisiana Library Network, individual campus libraries, and other entities or programs specified by the Board of Regents.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 17:3129.9)

SB 117 Re-Reengrossed

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill

- 1. Changes definition of "open educational resource".
- 2. Changes date for postsecondary education action to Fall 2020.
- 3. Makes technical corrections.

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to the engrossed bill

- 1. Removes requirement for the Board of Regents, through LOUIS: The Louisiana Library Network, and the state's public postsecondary education institutions to develop and implement a plan to increase the development, acquisition, availability, and accessibility of affordable textbooks and other educational resources for postsecondary students.
- 2. Removes requirement that the plan include a list of courses prioritized for support to convert course materials to affordable educational resources (AER) and open educational resources (OER); faculty grants to develop, convert, or adopt AER or OER; a digital repository to serve as a publicly accessible database for AER and OER; and strategies to promote the production, access, and use of AER and OER.

Senate Floor Amendments to reengrossed bill

- 1. Redefines "affordable educational resource".
- 2. Clarifies that postsecondary institutions may include other distinguishing features related to the cost of course materials in the course catalog.
- 3. Requires postsecondary institutions to include required textbooks instead of a textbook list in the course catalog.
- 4. Makes technical corrections.