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DIGEST

Proposed law (R.S. 17:3361.16) provides for the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges board to create a program, beginning in the Fall 2011 semester and thereafter, to curb the cost of course material by encouraging the use of electronic textbooks and course material. Provides for LCTCS institutions to communicate the board's desire to encourage the accessibility and availability of electronic course material to publishers.

Proposed law requires the board to adopt rules for the sale of electronic course material or fractions of electronic course materials.

Proposed law authorizes the board to charge a single fee at registration for students opting to purchase electronic textbooks and other instructional materials. Provides, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for monies derived from such fees to remain with LCTCS and not be deposited in the state general fund. Provides that such monies are to be used to lower the cost of electronic textbooks and instructional materials to students.

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

(Adds R.S. 17:3361.16)