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## DIGEST

Walsworth (SB 165)

Proposed law provides for the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges to make every effort to ensure that electronic versions are available for all prescribed textbooks and other instructional materials and to develop a program for the encouragement and sale of such electronic course materials, in an effort to reduce the costs to students and provide a convenient means for students to purchase such course materials in a single transaction instead of purchasing content separately.

Proposed law requires the board, beginning in the Fall 2011 semester and thereafter, to do the following:

- (1) Direct institutions under its management to clearly communicate the board's desire to increase the availability and accessibility of electronic textbooks and other instructional materials in community and technical colleges when inviting publishers to participate in the textbook selection process and encourage all publishers to provide electronic versions of the products they offer in addition to the printed version.
- (2) Adopt such rules and regulations as are necessary for the sale and distribution of electronic textbook content, or fractions of electronic textbook content, instructional material and assessments.

Proposed law authorizes the board to charge a student opting to purchase electronic textbooks and other instructional materials an amount not greater than the actual cost.

Proposed law provides that the board may not charge the student for any administrative, handling or other costs associated with providing electronic textbooks and other instructional materials.

Proposed law provides, notwithstanding any law to the contrary, monies derived from such charges shall remain with LCTCS and not be deposited in the state general fund.

Proposed law further 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. 17:3351.16)

## Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Makes technical corrections.

### Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill.

1. Changes from a fee to a charge of actual cost for electronics textbooks and instructional materials.