

**FLORIDA BOARD OF GOVERNORS
NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATION**

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SUMMARY:

Board of Governors Regulation 8.003 Textbook and Instructional Materials Affordability is being amended to address Senate Bill 6, which amended subsections (4) and (8) of section 1004.085, Florida Statutes.

The amendments include the following.

1. Omitting the requirement for state university boards of trustees to examine the cost of textbooks and instructional materials by course and course section for all general education courses offered at the institution each semester to identify variance in the cost of textbooks and instructional materials among different sections of the same course.
2. Omitting the requirement for state university boards of trustees to review the percentage of textbooks and instructional materials that remain in use for more than one term.
3. Omitting the requirement for institutions to report the selection process for

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8.003 Textbook and Instructional Materials Affordability

- (1) Each university board of trustees shall adopt a regulation that establishes textbook and instructional materials affordability policies to minimize the cost of required or recommended textbooks and instructional materials for students while maintaining the quality of education and academic freedom. The regulation shall provide for the following:
 - (a) Selection of textbooks and instructional materials through cost-benefit analyses that enable students to obtain the highest-quality product at the lowest available price, by considering:
 1. Purchasing digital textbooks in bulk;
 2. Expanding the use of open-access textbooks and instructional materials;
 3. Providing rental options for textbooks and instructional materials;
 4. Increasing the availability and use of affordable digital textbooks and learning objects;
 5. Developing mechanisms to assist in buying, renting, selling, and sharing textbooks and instructional materials;
 6. The length of time that textbooks and instructional materials remain in use;
 7. An evaluation of cost savings for textbooks and instructional materials which a student may realize if individual students are able to exercise opt-in provisions for the purchase of the materials.
 - (b) The use of innovative pricing techniques and payment options for textbooks and instructional materials in consultation with providers including bookstores. The pricing provided to bookstores to confirm availability, source lower cost options, explore alternatives with faculty, and maximize the availability of used textbooks and instructional materials.
 - (d) A procedure to document the intent of the course instructor or the academic department offering the course to use all items ordered, including each individual item sold as part of a bundled package, before the selection is finalized.
 - (e) A determination by the course instructor or academic department offering the course, before a textbook or instructional material is selected, of the extent to which a new edition differs

