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AN ACT

1 Providing for availability of electronic textbooks at  
2 institutions of higher education.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Electronic  
7 Versions of Textbooks Act.

8 Section 2. Definitions.

9 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
10 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
11 context clearly indicates otherwise:

12 "Institution of higher education." A public or private  
13 institution within this Commonwealth authorized by the  
14 Department of Education to grant an associate degree or higher  
15 degree. The term includes branch or satellite campuses of the  
16 institution.

1 Section 3. Electronic versions of textbooks.

2 No later than January 1, 2013, any entity that publishes  
3 textbooks offered for sale at an institution of higher education  
4 shall, to the extent practicable, make the textbooks available,  
5 in whole or in part, for sale in electronic format. The  
6 electronic version of any textbook shall contain the same  
7 content as the printed version and may be copy-protected.

8 Section 4. Copyright.

9 This act does not authorize any use of instructional  
10 materials that would constitute an infringement of copyright  
11 under 17 U.S.C. § 101 et seq. (relating to definitions).

12 Section 5. Effective date.

13 This act shall take effect immediately.