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Introduced by M. of A. HYNDMAN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to reducing the cost of textbooks for students of institutions of higher education

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 725 to read as follows:

§ 725. Reduction of cost of textbooks and course materials. 1. Every institution of higher education as defined in this article is authorized to adopt policies that allow the use of innovative pricing techniques and payment options for textbooks, supplemental materials, and other course materials or textbooks in accordance with 34 CFR 668.164(c)(2).

2. Policies adopted pursuant to subdivision one of this section may include, but are not limited to, bulk pricing arrangements that enable students to purchase textbooks or other instructional materials that are delivered: (a) digitally; (b) through technology that is required to be used within a course; or (c) in print format.

3. Innovative pricing techniques and payment options adopted pursuant to this section shall include an opt-out provision for students.

4. Innovative pricing techniques and payment options adopted pursuant to this section shall be adopted only if there is documented evidence that the proposed options would result in the textbooks or other instructional materials being made available to students at below competitive market rates.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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