

# HOUSE BILL 854

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Institutions of Higher Education – College Textbooks – Publication of**  
3 **International Standard Book Numbers and Retail Prices**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring certain institutions of higher education to publish  
5 certain International Standard Book Numbers and certain retail price  
6 information of certain textbooks and supplemental materials; requiring certain  
7 publications to be made on certain websites on or before certain dates; defining  
8 certain terms; and generally relating to the publication of International  
9 Standard Book Numbers and retail price information of college textbooks.

10 BY adding to  
11 Article – Education  
12 Section 15–112  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2008 Replacement Volume)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
16 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article – Education**

18 **15–112.**

19 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE  
20 MEANINGS INDICATED.

21 (2) “BUNDLE” MEANS ONE OR MORE COLLEGE TEXTBOOKS OR  
22 OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS THAT MAY BE PACKAGED TOGETHER TO BE  
23 SOLD AS COURSE MATERIALS FOR ONE PRICE.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(3) “INTEGRATED TEXTBOOK” MEANS A COLLEGE TEXTBOOK**  
2 **THAT IS COMBINED WITH:**

3                   **(I) MATERIALS DEVELOPED BY A THIRD PARTY AND THAT,**  
4 **BY THIRD-PARTY CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT, MAY NOT BE OFFERED BY**  
5 **PUBLISHERS SEPARATELY FROM THE COLLEGE TEXTBOOK WITH WHICH THE**  
6 **MATERIALS ARE COMBINED; OR**

7                   **(II) OTHER MATERIALS THAT ARE SO INTERRELATED WITH**  
8 **THE CONTENT OF THE COLLEGE TEXTBOOK THAT THE SEPARATION OF THE**  
9 **COLLEGE TEXTBOOK FROM THE OTHER MATERIALS WOULD RENDER THE**  
10 **COLLEGE TEXTBOOK UNUSABLE FOR ITS INTENDED PURPOSE.**

11           **(4) “SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL” MEANS EDUCATIONAL**  
12 **MATERIAL DEVELOPED TO ACCOMPANY A COLLEGE TEXTBOOK THAT:**

13                   **(I) MAY INCLUDE PRINTED MATERIALS, COMPUTER DISKS,**  
14 **WEBSITE ACCESS, AND ELECTRONICALLY DISTRIBUTED MATERIALS; AND**

15                   **(II) IS NOT BEING USED AS A COMPONENT OF AN**  
16 **INTEGRATED TEXTBOOK.**

17           **(B) EACH INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE SHALL**  
18 **PUBLISH THE INTERNATIONAL STANDARD BOOK NUMBER AND RETAIL PRICE**  
19 **INFORMATION OF BUNDLED AND UNBUNDLED REQUIRED AND RECOMMENDED**  
20 **COLLEGE TEXTBOOKS AND SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS FOR EACH COURSE**  
21 **LISTED IN THE INSTITUTION’S COURSE SCHEDULE USED FOR PREREGISTRATION**  
22 **AND REGISTRATION PURPOSES.**

23           **(C) THE PUBLICATION REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS**  
24 **SECTION SHALL BE PUBLISHED ON THE INSTITUTION’S INTERNET COURSE**  
25 **SCHEDULE ON THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE BUT NO LATER THAN THE DATE**  
26 **ON WHICH COURSE OFFERINGS AND SCHEDULES ARE PUBLISHED BEFORE THE**  
27 **COMMENCEMENT OF A SEMESTER.**

28           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
29 July 1, 2009.