

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

DATE: September 18, 2024

REGULATION NUMBER AND TITLE: 8.003, Textbook and Instructional Materials
Affordability and Transparency

SUMMARY:

**FULL TEXT OF THE REGULATION IS INCLUDED WITH THIS NOTICE.
AUTHORITY TO PROPOSE REGULATION(S):**

THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS' OFFICIAL INITIATING THE PROPOSED

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8.003 Textbook and Instructional Materials Affordability and Transparency

(1) Each university board of trustees shall adopt a regulation that outlines a process for textbook and instructional materials approval and adoption and 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) The faculty or instructor must review all required course materials for each course they teach each semester. If the university is using an adjunct or temporary instructor for a course and has selected the materials for the course, the individual responsible for selecting the materials for that course must complete the attestation.
- (b) 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,

available.

- (g) A procedure(s) to make required and recommended textbooks and instructional materials for each course offering available to students who otherwise cannot afford the cost of the textbook, including consideration of the extent to which an open-access textbook or instructional material may be used.
- (h) A procedure(s) by which students can obtain required textbooks and instructional materials prior to receipt of their financial aid distribution, when necessary.
- (i) A deadline for posting a hyperlink to lists of required and recommended textbooks and instructional materials for at least 95 percent of all courses and course sections offered for the upcoming term in the course registration system and on the university website. The designated university official shall determine compliance with this requirement no later than forty-five (45) days prior to the first day of classes for each term. Any request for an exception to the compliance deadline shall be submitted in writing to the designated university official and shall provide a reasonable justification for an exception. A course

(5) The Chancellor will report to the Board of Governors a summary of the State
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materials affordability by November 1 of each year.

Authority: Section 7(d), Art. IX, Fla. Const.; Section 1004.085, Florida Statutes; History:
New 03-26-09, Amended: 11-03-16, 10-30-19, 9-16-20, 08-26-22, XX-XX-XX.