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To: Universities and  
Colleges

SENATE BILL NO. 2864

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE EACH PUBLISHER OF UNIVERSITY OR  
2 COLLEGE TEXTBOOKS TO DISCLOSE TO THE FACULTY OF THE UNIVERSITY OR  
3 COLLEGE THE PRICE TO BE ASKED BY THE PUBLISHER AND THE HISTORY OF  
4 REVISIONS FOR THE TEXTBOOKS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

6 **SECTION 1.** Each publisher of university or college textbooks  
7 shall make available to a prospective purchaser of their products  
8 who is a member of the faculty of public or private institution of  
9 higher learning or community college (a) the price at which the  
10 publisher would make the products available to the store on the  
11 campus of such institution that would offer such products to  
12 students, and (2) the history of revisions for such products, if  
13 any. For purposes of this section, "products" means all versions  
14 of a textbook or set of textbooks, except custom textbooks or  
15 special editions of textbooks, available in the subject area for  
16 which a prospective purchaser is teaching a course, including  
17 supplemental items, both when sold together or separately from a  
18 textbook.

19 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
20 and after July 1, 2007.