

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 26, 2015

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 456

Introduced by Assembly Member Patterson

February 23, 2015

An act to add Section 66411 to the Education Code, relating to public postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 456, as amended, Patterson. Public postsecondary education: University of California: California State University: electronic textbooks.

Existing law establishes the system of public ~~higher~~ *postsecondary* education in the state, which includes the University of California, administered by the Regents of the University of California, and the California State University, administered by the Trustees of the California State University. *Existing law urges publishers of textbooks specifically designed for postsecondary instruction to take specified actions aimed at reducing the amounts that students pay for textbooks, including providing to faculty and departments considering textbook orders a list of all the different products the publisher sells.*

This bill would ~~declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would~~ require the California State University, and request the University of California, to offer discounted electronic textbook rentals *to their students for all textbooks each textbook assigned in courses, a course, if the content of the electronic and printed versions of a the* textbook are the same.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 *SECTION 1. Section 66411 is added to the Education Code,*
2 *to read:*

3 *66411. The California State University shall, and the University*
4 *of California is requested to, offer discounted electronic textbook*
5 *rentals to their students for each textbook assigned in a course, if*
6 *the content of the electronic and printed versions of the textbook*
7 *are the same.*

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