

**Legislative Session:** 82(R)

**House Bill 33**

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**Senate Sponsor:** Zaffirini

House Bill 33 amends the Education Code to require an institution of higher education, for each semester or academic term, to compile a course schedule indicating each course offered by the institution for the semester or term and, with respect to each course, to include with the schedule a list of the required and recommended textbooks that specifies, to the extent practicable, each textbook's retail price, author, publisher, most recent copyright date, and International Standard Book Number, if any. The bill sets out requirements relating to the dissemination of the course schedule and textbook list to an institution's students and to the bookstores generally serving those students, including the establishment of deadlines for faculty submission of course schedule and textbook information and for the dissemination of such information to allow for timely placement of student textbook orders.

House Bill 33 requires a textbook publisher that provides information regarding a textbook or supplemental material to a faculty member or other person in charge of selecting course materials at an institution of higher education to provide written information relating to textbook prices, copyright dates for the current and three preceding textbook editions, any substantial revisions made since the most recent preceding edition, and any alternative formats available. The bill requires a publisher that offers a textbook bundle for sale also to offer each individual item in the bundle as a separate and separately priced, unbundled item for sale.

House Bill 33 makes its provisions applicable beginning with the 2012 fall semester.

HB 33 History: <http://www.legis.state.tx.us/BillLookup/History.aspx?LegSess=82R&Bill=HB33>



advisory committee for review of a specific case. The composition of the committee and its recommendations must be reported in the dean's recommendation to the PSVP.

#### b. Review by the College or School

(1) It is the responsibility of the dean to recommend either positively or negatively on all promotion and tenure recommendations forwarded by department chairpersons. The dean shall forward to the PSVP all dossiers and recommendations together with a statement indicating the reasons for each recommendation. In all cases, information regarding the dean's recommendation will be provided to the department chairperson and the candidate. A candidate for tenure and/or promotion may then request in writing that the dossier be withdrawn from further consideration, in which case the dossier will not be forwarded, without prejudice.

(2) In the process of reviewing the recommendation, the dean will seek formal advice of an executive committee or other appropriate college-wide committee. In making a recommendation to the PSVP, the dean will specify the nature of the report and the vote of the committee.

#### c. Review by the Provost & Senior Vice President

It is the responsibility of the PSVP to receive dossiers and recommendations regarding promotion and tenure, to review them with respect to the department, college or school, and university standards, and to approve or disapprove all recommendations received.

A review and vote by the dean of the Graduate School will be included at this stage in the decision making process, except for candidates from the School of Law. At the PSVP's discretion, review and a vote by the Vice President for Research, and review, but not votes, by faculty members of the provostial staff may also be included. The PSVP will meet with each collegiate dean and discuss that dean's recommendations. The PSVP will subsequently transmit dossiers and recommendations to the president.

#### d. Review by the President

It is the responsibility of the president to receive all recommendations regarding promotion and tenure from the PSVP, to review them and to approve or disapprove the recommendations. After the review, the president will meet with the PSVP and discuss the recommendations. The approved recommendations will thereafter be transmitted to the Board of Regents for final consideration.

### 7. Documentation

#### a. Materials to be provided by the Candidate to the Academic Unit

(1) Appropriate supporting materials that cannot be provided from academic unit files;

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Comment [32]: Changed in accord with Note [30].

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Amendment**

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Comment [33]: Recommended by Prof. Shannon (Law School) in order to be consistent with 32.01 Section 2.g.(3) on tenure (on page 4, paragraph 3), where a similar exclusion is stipulated.

