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House Bill 4070 (as passed by the House)
Sponsor: Representative Doug Spade
House Committee: Higher Education
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CONTENT

The bill would create the "College and University Electronic Textbook Act" to provide that, upon request, a publisher of a textbook adopted for use at a college or university would have to furnish the college or university with an electronic version of the textbook, if it were for a literary subject. If a textbook were for a nonliterary subject, the publisher would be required to convert the textbook directly to a format compatible with Braille translation software, if the technology were available. A publisher could not charge a price for this electronic version that exceeded the price it charged for the print or electronic media version of the book.

The term "textbook" would include a text published in electronic media that was used for instructional purposes. "College or university" would mean a degree- or certificate-granting public or private college or university, junior college, or community college located in this State.

Legislative Analyst: Claire Layman

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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