

**Subject** Higher Education: Open textbooks at Minnesota State

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## Overview

This bill requires Minnesota State Colleges and Universities to expand the use of open textbooks on system campuses. Open textbooks are academic texts that are published and licensed to be freely used, adapted, and distributed by higher education institutions.

## Summary

Section	Description
1	<b>Definitions.</b> Creates new definitions for “incentive,” “open textbook,” and “system office” for purposes of section 136F.58, which addresses Minnesota State bookstores and course material acquisition.
2	<b>Notice to purchase.</b> Moves the definition of “custom textbook” to the new “Definitions” subdivision created by section 1 of the bill.
3	<b>Open textbook development.</b> Requires Minnesota State to develop a program to incentivize the use of open textbooks.
4	<b>Report.</b> Requires Minnesota State to report to the legislature in January of 2021 and 2022 regarding the expanded use of open textbooks.
5	<b>Appropriation.</b> Appropriates \$250,000 per year over the next biennium to Minnesota State for the expansion of open textbook programs.



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