

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL NO. 963

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AS INTRODUCED

AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOLS; AMENDING 70 O.S. 1991,
SECTION 16-111, WHICH RELATES TO ADOPTION OF
TEXTBOOKS; MODIFYING DUTIES OF STATE BOARD OF
EDUCATION; PROVIDING FOR REQUISITION OF TEXTBOOKS
FROM STATE TEXTBOOK DEPOSITORY; PROVIDING AN
EFFECTIVE DATE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 1991, Section 16-111, is amended to read as follows:

Section 16-111. A. The superintendent of schools of each independent school district shall appoint a local textbook committee consisting of not fewer than three nor more than nine members. Each committee shall have one lay member, with the remainder of the members being teachers employed in the public schools of the district, a majority of whom shall be classroom teachers. The superintendent of schools or a designee who shall be a principal or a curriculum specialist shall serve as chairman of such local textbook committee.

B. The county superintendent of schools or acting county superintendent of schools of each county shall upon receipt of a request in writing from the school boards of a majority of the elementary school districts in the county appoint a local textbook committee to serve the elementary school districts in the county. Such local textbook committee shall consist of not fewer than three nor more than nine members. Each committee shall have one lay member, with the remainder of the members being teachers employed in the elementary school districts of the county, a majority of whom shall be classroom teachers. The county superintendent of schools shall serve as chairman of such local textbook committee.

C. The publisher of a textbook selected by the State Textbook Committee shall deposit with the publisher's Oklahoma depository sufficient copies of each approved textbook so that each local textbook committee may examine any or all new adoptions. Upon receiving a written request therefor from a local textbook committee, the ~~State Board of Education shall instruct the proper depository to~~ shall furnish to the local textbook committee a reasonable number of examination copies of each textbook selected by the State Textbook Committee, in the subjects taught or to be taught in schools under their jurisdiction. The cost of each advanced copy shall be charged against the value of textbooks allowed any school district retaining or using the same; provided, that any such advance copy in new condition may be returned to the control of the publisher's Oklahoma depository, within five (5) months after receipt thereof, if there is no longer a need therefor, for credit of the value previously charged against said district. The publisher may, at his discretion, upon the written request of any duly appointed local textbook committee, furnish to such local textbook committee examination copies of such textbook, the teacher edition of such textbook, if one is published, and any teaching aids used with such textbook, free of charge.

D. On or before a date to be fixed by the State Board of Education, each local textbook committee shall adopt textbooks from the multiple list selected by the State Textbook Committee in such manner as shall be prescribed by the State Board of Education. Each local textbook committee shall serve without compensation and shall cease to exist when local adoptions have been completed and shall be replaced by another local textbook committee appointed in the same manner as herein provided.

E. On or before a date to be fixed by the State Board of Education, the superintendent of schools of each independent school district and the county superintendent of schools of each county shall submit to the ~~State Board of Education~~ appropriate depository a requisition for all of the textbooks adopted by the local textbook committee that will be needed for the ensuing year in the school or schools for which such adoptions were made, and immediately upon receipt of such requisitions it shall be the duty of the ~~State Board of Education to make requisitions on the proper depository or depositories for such textbooks~~ to fill such requisition. Provided, that the State Board of Education may, for good cause, permit supplemental requisitions to be submitted, and may fill such requisitions after the date specified. ~~Any local adopting unit may requisition any textbooks placed on the official multiple textbook list, if such requisition does not exceed the allocation for each school district as provided herein.~~ The depository shall notify the State Department of Education when a requisition is filled and of the amount of the requisition.

SECTION 2. This act shall be effective July 1, 1992.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

