

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 1290

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An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section 16-102, which relates to textbook selection; allowing school districts to petition to place certain textbooks on the list; requiring approval within a certain period; providing that approved textbooks are adopted on a statewide basis; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 1991, Section 16-102, is amended to read as follows:

Section 16-102. A. The State Textbook Committee shall meet at the call of the chairman as often as necessary, with two (2) weeks' public notice, to discharge its responsibilities. Not later than the first day of December of each year the State Textbook Committee shall meet at the call of the chairman at the State Capitol and select textbooks for subjects taught in the public schools of the state up to and including the twelfth grade, which selections shall be for not more than five (5) years for every textbook. "Textbooks", as used in Sections 16-101 through 16-124 of this title, may also include instructional computer software complimentary to achieving learner outcomes prescribed by the State Board of Education including, but not limited to, applications using computer assisted instruction, interactive videodisc, other computer courseware, and magnetic media. Said Committee shall select ten textbooks or series of books for each subject, but if there are not ten books satisfactory to the Committee, then it may select only such books as are in its judgment satisfactory for such subject. The State Textbook Committee may determine that unusual or extraordinary

circumstances exist in a particular subject area during the period for which textbooks have been selected for that subject area. Unusual or extraordinary circumstances shall include but not be limited to significant new techniques of teaching in a particular subject area or significant new findings or discoveries in a particular subject area. Upon a determination by three-fourths (3/4) of the members of the State Textbook Committee that unusual or extraordinary circumstances exist in a particular subject area, the Committee may select one or more textbooks in that subject area for the remainder of the adoption period notwithstanding the maximum limitation on the number of textbooks selected for a subject area.

B. Five (5) or more school district boards of education may petition the State Board of Education to add a book, or series of books, to the approved list of textbooks selected by the State Textbook Committee in a given subject area. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction shall have sixty (60) days to show cause to the State Board of Education why the book or books in question should or should not be placed on the list. The Board shall have six (6) months to act on the petition. If the petition is not acted upon within the six-month period, the petition shall be approved. The book or series of books so approved shall be considered adopted on a statewide basis.

C. The increase in the number of textbooks or series of textbooks from seven to ten shall be implemented at a time when the State Textbook Committee deems appropriate.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective September 1, 1993.

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