

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 758

By: Horner of the Senate

and

Ross, Cox, Beutler and
Gilbert of the House

An Act relating to schools; requiring the State Board of Education to adopt certain social studies curriculum; requiring the State Textbook Committee to use certain criteria in selecting United States history and Oklahoma history textbooks for the state adopted list; requiring certain textbooks to comply with certain criteria; requiring the Committee to ensure selection of certain material; stating legislative intent in use of professional development funds; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 11-103.6b of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The State Board of Education shall adopt a social studies core curriculum with courses of instruction for all students enrolled in the public schools that reflect the racial, ethnic, religious, and cultural diversity of the United States of America. The United States history and Oklahoma history components required in the social studies curriculum for all students shall include, but not be limited to, African Americans, Native Americans, and Hispanic Americans.

B. The State Textbook Committee, when adopting textbooks, shall incorporate the provisions of subsection A of this section into the criteria used to evaluate United States history and Oklahoma history textbooks. Any United States history or Oklahoma history textbook on the state adopted textbook list shall conform to the purposes of this act. The State Textbook Committee shall ensure that all social studies textbooks and supplementary materials selected to be purchased with state funds for use in Oklahoma classrooms reflect the racial, ethnic, religious, and cultural diversity of the United States.

C. It is the intent of the Legislature that a portion of the state funds appropriated for professional development in local school districts be used for workshops, seminars, guest lecturers, and other methods which further the purposes of this act.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1999.

Passed the Senate the 20th day of May, 1999.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 20th day of May, 1999.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives