

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1876____

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section 16-104, as amended by Section 6, Chapter 229, O.S.L. 1993 (70 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 16-104), which relates to adoption of textbooks; providing for adoption of textbooks on a conditional basis; authorizing the Committee to specify conditions; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 1991, Section 16-104, as amended by Section 6, Chapter 229, O.S.L. 1993 (70 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 16-104), is amended to read as follows:

Section 16-104. All bids shall be sealed and delivered to the secretary of the State Textbook Committee, to be delivered by the secretary to the Committee for the purpose of considering the bids. The Committee shall meet prior to August 15 of each year at the time and place mentioned in the advertisement, to open and examine the sealed bids received, and make a full and complete investigation of all books and the bids accompanying the same. The Committee may use regular classroom teachers as consultants. The books shall be selected after careful consideration of all the books presented, and the books selected for adoption shall be those which, in the opinion of the Committee, are best suited for the public schools in this state. The Committee shall give consideration to any legislative resolution concerning textbook content and the testimony received at public hearings when making the selections. The Committee shall proceed without delay to select, for use of the public schools of

this state, textbooks as specified in this article and shall notify publishers to whom contracts are awarded. If the State Textbook Committee determines that significant inaccuracies exist in the contents of a textbook which has been bid or that information contained in the textbook is not current, the Committee may adopt the book on a provisional or conditional basis. The Committee may specify the conditions which must be met for final adoption of the textbook. Final adoption of the textbook and use of textbook money shall be contingent upon the publisher providing a modified or revised textbook which is acceptable by the State Textbook Committee.

SECTION 2. 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.

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