

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 50th Legislature (2005)

SENATE BILL 571

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An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 16-104, which relates to the State Textbook Committee; specifying certain guidelines for selection of certain textbooks; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, 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.

When selecting textbooks in the subject of reading, the Committee shall only select for adoption reading textbooks which meet scientifically based reading research guidelines. 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 basis. 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. This act shall become effective November 1, 2005.

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