

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 4, 2010

House Bill No. 2750

HOUSE BILL NO. 2750 - By: DENNEY, MCDANIEL (JEANNIE) AND SULLIVAN of the House and JUSTICE of the Senate.

An Act relating to schools; directing the State Board of Education to incorporate April 19, 1995, bombing information into the Oklahoma history social studies core curriculum; stating importance of studying the bombing and its aftermath; authorizing the State Department of Education to make certain program materials and resources available to schools; directing the State Textbook Committee to incorporate certain criteria in the evaluation of certain textbooks; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

4 A. The State Board of Education shall adopt a social studies core curriculum with
5 courses of instruction in Oklahoma history for all students enrolled in the public schools
6 that incorporates information about the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah
7 Federal Building in Oklahoma City and the role it played in the history of Oklahoma and
8 the nation from April 19, 1995, to the present. A study of the bombing and its aftermath
9 can help students learn the impact of violence, the senselessness of using violence to

1 solve problems or effect government change, and the importance of personal
2 responsibility.

3 B. The State Department of Education may make program materials and resources
4 concerning the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in
5 Oklahoma City provided by the Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum
6 available to the public schools of this state.

7 C. The State Textbook Committee, when adopting textbooks, shall incorporate the
8 provisions of subsection A of this section into the criteria used to evaluate United States
9 history and Oklahoma history textbooks.

10 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2010.

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

14 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON COMMON EDUCATION, dated 02-03-10
15 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.