



1 State Textbook Committee shall meet at the call of the chairperson  
2 at the State Capitol and select textbooks for subjects taught in the  
3 public schools of the state up to and including the twelfth grade,  
4 which selections shall be for not more than six (6) years for every  
5 textbook.

6 B. Before September 1, 2010, the Committee shall suspend any  
7 currently pending selection process of textbooks and shall extend by  
8 at least two (2) years the six-year adoption period of those  
9 textbooks currently on the state adopted list, for the purpose of  
10 delaying for two (2) years the six-year adoption cycle of subjects.  
11 The chairperson and secretary of the State Textbook Committee shall,  
12 with the consent of the holders of state textbook contracts, extend  
13 for up to two (2) years the contracts for those textbooks on the  
14 state adopted textbook list that are for the subjects for which the  
15 six-year adoption period has been extended for two (2) years  
16 pursuant to this subsection.

17 C. "Textbooks", as used in Sections 16-101 through 16-124 of  
18 this title, means instructional materials that are designed for use  
19 by pupils as a learning resource. Instructional materials may be  
20 printed or nonprinted and may include textbooks, technology-based  
21 and other educational materials. Technology-based materials do not  
22 include the equipment required to make use of those materials.

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1 D. The Committee shall select textbooks or series of textbooks  
2 for each subject, which are in its judgment satisfactory. The State  
3 Textbook Committee may determine that unusual or extraordinary  
4 circumstances exist in a particular subject area during the period  
5 for which textbooks have been selected for that subject area.  
6 Unusual or extraordinary circumstances shall include but not be  
7 limited to significant new techniques of teaching in a particular  
8 subject area or significant new findings or discoveries in a  
9 particular subject area. Upon a determination by three-fourths  
10 (3/4) of the members of the State Textbook Committee that unusual or  
11 extraordinary circumstances exist in a particular subject area, the  
12 Committee may select one or more textbooks in that subject area for  
13 the remainder of the adoption period.

14 E. Five or more district boards of education may petition the  
15 State Board of Education to add a book or series of textbooks to the  
16 approved list selected by the State Textbook Committee.

17 The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules to implement  
18 the method and time frame for handling the petitions in the most  
19 expeditious manner.

20 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
21 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
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1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

3 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON COMMON EDUCATION, dated 02-17-2011  
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