

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1121

By: Standridge

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An Act relating to textbooks; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 16-104, which relates to delivery of bids to the State Textbook Committee; directing the Committee to give preference to books produced in this state; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 16-104, is amended to read as follows:

Section 16-104. A. 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.

B. The books shall be selected after careful consideration of all the books presented, and the books selected for adoption shall

1 be those which, in the opinion of the Committee, are best suited for  
2 the public schools in this state. The Committee shall give  
3 consideration to any legislative resolution concerning textbook  
4 content and the testimony received at public hearings when making  
5 the selections. The Committee shall give preference to books that  
6 have been produced in this state if the price, fitness, availability  
7 and quality are otherwise equal.

8 C. The Committee shall proceed without delay to select, for use  
9 of the public schools of this state, textbooks as specified in this  
10 article and shall notify publishers to whom contracts are awarded.  
11 If the State Textbook Committee determines that significant  
12 inaccuracies exist in the contents of a textbook which has been bid  
13 or that information contained in the textbook is not current, the  
14 Committee may adopt the book on a provisional basis. Final adoption  
15 of the textbook and use of textbook money shall be contingent upon  
16 the publisher providing a modified or revised textbook which is  
17 acceptable by the State Textbook Committee.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2020.

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