

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 4317

By: Stearman

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; directing the State Board of Education to adopt standards and guidelines for school libraries; prohibiting use of certain standards; listing minimum standards and guidelines; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

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

A. The State Board of Education shall adopt the Oklahoma Information Literacy Standards, the Oklahoma Library Media Standards and guidelines for school libraries in the state.

B. The State Board of Education shall not use school library or literacy subject matter standards or materials developed by a national organization to adopt library subject matter standards for instruction of students in the public schools of this state.

C. The standards and guidelines adopted pursuant to this section shall include but are not limited to:

1 1. The student shall understand the process by which
2 information is accessed;

3 2. The student shall develop critical thinking skills in order
4 to determine whether information is fact or fiction, objective or
5 biased;

6 3. The student shall demonstrate independence by locating
7 information and literature of personal interest;

8 4. The student shall develop discernment in order to
9 distinguish between objective fact and subjective opinion;

10 5. The student shall research and respect differing opinions
11 and experiences; and

12 6. The student shall understand copyright laws and respect
13 ownership of information.

14 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

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