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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011,
8 Section 16-102, which relates to the selection of
9 textbooks; modifying definition of textbooks;
10 providing an effective date; and declaring an
11 emergency.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 16-102, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 16-102. A. The State Textbook Committee shall meet at
16 the call of the chairperson as often as necessary, with two (2)
17 weeks' public notice, to discharge its responsibilities. If
18 necessary, not later than the first day of December of each year the
19 State Textbook Committee shall meet at the call of the chairperson
20 at the State Capitol and select textbooks for subjects taught in the
21 public schools of the state up to and including the twelfth grade,
22 which selections shall be for not more than six (6) years for every
23 textbook.

1 B. The Committee may suspend any currently pending selection
2 process of textbooks and may extend by at least two (2) years the
3 six-year adoption period of those textbooks currently on the state
4 adopted list, for the purpose of delaying for two (2) years the six-
5 year adoption cycle of subjects.

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

12 D. The Committee shall select textbooks or series of textbooks
13 for each subject, which are in its judgment satisfactory. The State
14 Textbook Committee may determine that unusual or extraordinary
15 circumstances exist in a particular subject area during the period
16 for which textbooks have been selected for that subject area.
17 Unusual or extraordinary circumstances shall include but not be
18 limited to significant new techniques of teaching in a particular
19 subject area or significant new findings or discoveries in a
20 particular subject area. Upon a determination by three-fourths
21 (3/4) of the members of the State Textbook Committee that unusual or
22 extraordinary circumstances exist in a particular subject area, the
23 Committee may select one or more textbooks in that subject area for
24 the remainder of the adoption period.

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

4 The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules to implement
5 the method and time frame for handling the petitions in the most
6 expeditious manner.

7 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2016.

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

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