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TEXTBOOK ADOPTION REGULATIONS FOR THE FREE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF SOUTH CAROLINA APPROVED BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, DECEMBER 18, 1964

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To Establish The Method For Adopting Textbooks For The Free Public Schools Of South Carolina; To Create The Textbooks Advisory Committee; To Provide For The Appointment of Special Committees To Evaluate And Rate Textbooks; And To Promulgate Such Rules And Regulations As Are Necessary To Carry Out The Provisions Thereof.

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Section 21-505, the State Board of Education shall have the responsibility and duty to adopt the textbooks used for instruction in the free public schools of South Carolina subject to the provisions of the sections that follow.

SECTION 2. The State Board of Education shall appoint, with recommendation of the State Superintendent of Education, a Textbook and Curriculum Advisory Committee. The Committee shall consist of 14 members; 8 members who are actively engaged in school work either administratively or supervisory, at least one from each congressional district; 1 lay citizen preferably a former member of the State Board of Education; 5 members from the staffs of the state educational agencies having responsibilities in the curriculum and textbook fields including the Director of the Division of Instruction, the Director of the State School Book Commission and preferably a representative of ETV. There shall be at least two nominees for committee membership from each congressional district. Four of the appointed members shall be appointed for a term of two years, five shall be appointed for a term of four years. Thereafter, the term of all appointed members shall be four years. The recommendations by the State Superintendent of Education shall include the suggestion of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary. The Committee has the power to organize itself.

The duties of the Advisory Committee shall be to study continually the curriculum and textbook and make recommendations to the State Board of Education in subject fields in which textbook adoptions are needed to meet new programs of study; to replace textbooks on which contracts are expiring; to make recommendations in regard to exercising options in existing contracts; to make recommendation in regard to renegotiating expiring contracts; to recommend to the State Board of Education the number of books it considers desirable in each area of the curriculum being considered for textbook adoption. The committee shall give careful attention to new and improved methods of presenting instructional materials. The committee is authorized and directed to secure the assistance and advice of any consultants deemed proper. Special consideration should be given to consultants from the State Department of Education, colleges and universities of South Carolina.

The Textbook and Curriculum Advisory Committee shall meet annually at the call of the Chairman. Additional meetings, when necessary, may be held at the call of the Chairman, a majority of its members, or on request from the State Board of Education. Provided, however, that the State Board of Education reserves the right to limit the number of official meetings this committee may hold in one school year.

The Textbook and Curriculum Advisory Committee shall report to the State Board of Education not later than May of each year in regard to the necessity of textbook adoptions to be made during the following school year. The Committee may make curriculum reports when in its judgment such reports are deemed advisable.

SECTION 3. The State Board of Education shall examine the recommendations of the Textbook and Curriculum Advisory Committee and in its discretion determine the fields in which textbook adoptions will be made, if any. The State Board of Education shall, through its Administrative Officer, make information relative to the adoptions available to publishers and school administrators by mail, not later than June 30 preceding the adoption date in November. It shall also make due arrangements for an official announcement not later than