

ARTICLE IV—PRICES

SECTION 1. *Rental Prices.*—Books shall be rented to pupils for the entire school year for one-third of the contract retail price except that all Readers shall be rented for one-fourth of the contract price.

SECTION 2. *Sale of Books.*—Only new books that have not previously been rented may be sold to pupils. Such sales shall be at contract retail prices. Used books may be sold only in case of unreasonable abuse or damage, as provided in Article IV, Section 4.

SECTION 3. *Prices Listed on Forms.*—All record forms furnished by the Commission shall show the contract retail price and yearly rental price of books listed thereon.

SECTION 4. *Lost Books.*—Parents or guardians shall be required to pay for books lost and the pupil and parent(s) and/or guardian(s) shall be denied further benefits of the South Carolina Rental Textbook Law until this requirement is fully complied with. The following schedule shall be followed in determining amounts to be charged for lost books:

- (a) For books issued to a pupil: The remaining balance between the cost of the book and the amount of rental previously paid but, a minimum charge of 25%, irrespective of the number of years the book has been used, will be collected.
- (b) If the length of service of books can not be determined, an average price, based on actual value of books in the state, will be assessed.
- (c) Books destroyed by fire in school buildings or private homes will be replaced free, provided official of the school shall furnish a certified list of books destroyed.

SECTION 5. *Damaged Books.*—Parents and/or guardians shall be required to pay a fine for books damaged or in any way abused beyond reasonable wear and tear. The amount to be charged in such cases shall be determined by the agent in charge of books and shall in no case exceed the amount of charge applicable had the books been lost, provided that the pupil may have the option of paying the fine or purchasing the book according to the schedule in Section 4, above.

SECTION 6. *Deposits on Books.*—No Board or agent thereof shall be allowed to require a pupil to make a money deposit to secure the return of books.