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A Bill

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By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 6, CHAPTER 21, SUBCHAPTER 4, OF THE ARKANSAS CODE OF 1987 TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP ON THE TEXTBOOK SELECTION COMMITTEE, TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF BOOKS AVAILABLE FOR EACH STUDY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 6-21-409 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"6-21-409. (a) Not later than March 15 of each year, the State Board of Education, upon recommendations of the Director of General Education, shall appoint a selecting committee of fifteen (15) persons for each adoption to be made; and the committee shall select books, series of books, or instructional materials for those subjects for which textbooks and other materials are to be selected during the succeeding calendar year.

(b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (3) below, members of the selecting committees:

(A) Shall have had not less than five (5) years' teaching or supervising experience in the public schools of Arkansas;

(B) Must have had at the time of appointment at least four (4) years of college training from a recognized institution of higher learning;

(C) Must be teachers or supervisors in the subject for which the textbooks or other materials are being selected;

(D) Must be actively employed in the public schools of Arkansas during the full term of service on the committee; and

(E) Shall have had at least three (3) years' teaching experience in the subject field for which the committee will make selections.

(2) The membership of each committee shall be broadly or generally representative of the grades included in the adoption to be made by it.

(3) (A) Six members of the committee shall be parents and shall have

such other qualifications as shall be established by rule or regulation promulgated by the State Board of Education.

(B) All fifteen (15) regional education cooperatives shall be represented in membership on the committee.

(c) (1) For grades 7-12, inclusive, it shall be the duty of each selecting committee to recommend to the State Board of Education not less than nine (9) books for each unit of study on each subject for which it is appointed, provided at least nine (9) suitable books have been bid.

(2) For grades 1-6, inclusive, it shall be the duty of each selecting committee to recommend to the State Board of Education textbooks and other instructional materials for not less than nine (9) nor more than twelve (12) total basic instructional programs, provided at least nine (9) suitable programs have been bid, and textbooks and other instructional materials for not more than twelve (12) total supplementary instructional programs.

(d) The Director of General Education shall call the committees into session in Little Rock within thirty (30) days after their appointment, at which time they shall organize and proceed to perform their duties under this subchapter and the rules and regulations formulated by the State Board of Education.

(e) The final recommendations of the selecting committees shall be presented to the State Board of Education not later than December 15 of the same year.

(f) Members of the selecting committees shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in attending committee meetings."

SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 3. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.