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HOUSE BILL 1436

Short Title: Textbook Commission Changes/Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Boyd-McIntyre.

Referred to: Education, if favorable, Appropriations.

April 29, 1999

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO EXPAND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE NORTH CAROLINA TEXTBOOK COMMISSION AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 115C-87 reads as rewritten:

"§ 115C-87. Appointment of Textbook Commission.

Shortly after assuming office, the Governor shall appoint a Textbook Commission of ~~14-22~~ members who shall hold office for four years, or until their successors are appointed and qualified. The members of the Commission shall be appointed by the Governor upon recommendation of the Superintendent. ~~Six-Nine~~ of these members shall be teachers or principals in ~~the elementary grades; grades K-5; five-six~~ shall be teachers or principals in ~~the high school grades; one shall be a superintendent of a local school administrative unit; grades 6-8;~~ seven shall be superintendents, teachers, or principals in ~~grades 9-12; one-five~~ shall be the parent of an elementary student, ~~grades K-6, parents of students in grades K-5 at the time of appointment; and one shall be the parent of a high school student, grades 7-12,~~ four shall be parents of students in grades 6-8 at the time of appointment; and three shall be parents of students in grades 9-12 at the time of appointment. The Governor shall fill all vacancies by appointment for the unexpired term. The Commission shall elect a chairman, subject to the approval of the

1 Superintendent. The Commission shall meet four times a year or at the call of the chair.
2 The members shall be entitled to compensation for each day spent on the work of the
3 Commission as approved by the Board and to reimbursement for travel and subsistence
4 expense incurred in the performance of their duties at the rates specified in G.S. 138-5(a).
5 ~~Such compensation~~ Compensation shall be paid from funds available to the State Board of
6 Education."

7 Section 2. G.S. 115C-88 reads as rewritten:

8 "**§ 115C-88. Commission to evaluate textbooks offered for adoption.**

9 (a) ~~The members of the Commission who are teachers, principals or the parent~~
10 principals, or parents of students shall evaluate all textbooks offered for adoption. Each
11 proposed textbook shall be read by at least one expert in the discipline for which the
12 textbook would be used. The Commission may use experts on any respective discipline
13 for which no commission member qualifies as an expert.

14 (b) Each member shall examine carefully and file a written evaluation of each
15 textbook offered for adoption. The Commission may consider external reviews of any
16 book being considered for adoption, but not as a substitute for direct examination.

17 The evaluation report shall give special consideration to the suitability of the textbook
18 to the instructional level for which it is offered, the content or subject matter, and other
19 criteria prescribed by the Board.

20 Each evaluation report shall be signed by the member making the report and filed
21 with the Board not later than a day fixed by the Board when the call for adoption is
22 made."

23 Section 3. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the State Board of
24 Education the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the 1999-2000 fiscal year to
25 expand the membership and expertise of the North Carolina Textbook Commission.

26 Section 4. This act becomes effective July 1, 1999.