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TEXTBOOKS

337.010 [Repealed by 1965 c 100 §248 (337 011 enacted in lieu of 337 010)]

337.011 State Textbook Commission; qualifications; terms; vacancies. (1) The State Board of Education shall appoint a State Textbook Commission consisting of seven persons of recognized scholarship and professional standing.

(2) The membership shall consist of:

(a) Three classroom teachers, two of whom are public elementary or secondary school teachers, and one of whom teaches in a community college or university;

(b) Three public school administrators or supervisors; and

(c) One public member.

(3) Commissioners shall be selected from various parts of the state, and must have been residents of the state for a period of three years immediately preceding appointment.

(4) The term of each commissioner is four years. No commissioner shall be eligible to serve more than two full terms consecutively. The state board shall fill all vacancies on the commission. [1965 c.100 §249 (enacted in lieu of 337.010); 1975 c 754 §1]

337.020 Compensation and expenses of commissioners. Each member of the State Textbook Commission is entitled to compensation and expenses as provided in ORS 292.495. [Amended by 1953 c.526 §1; 1965 c.100 §250; 1969 c.314 §22]

337.030 Annual circular to school book publishers. In each even-numbered year, the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall, under the direction of the State Board of Education, mail a copy of a circular to all the leading school textbook publishers in the United States. The circular shall contain:

(1) The name and post-office address of each member of the State Textbook Commission.

(2) The time and place of meeting of the commission to review and select textbooks.

(3) The general form of the proposal to be followed by publishers in submitting textbooks for review and selection.

(4) The general form of contract to be entered into between the State Board of Education and a publisher whose textbooks may be selected.

(5) The branches of study for which textbooks are to be selected.

(6) The statutory provisions relating to the review and selection of textbooks.

(7) Such additional information as may be considered useful. [Amended by 1965 c 100 §251, 1975 c 754 §5]

337.035 State board to establish guidelines and criteria for review and selection of textbooks. The State Board of Education by rule shall establish guidelines and criteria for the review and selection of textbooks to be used in the public elementary and secondary schools in this state. [1975 c 754 §3]

337.040 Sessions of textbook commission. (1) The State Textbook Commission shall meet in a public meeting in the state capital on the third Monday of November of each even-numbered year for the purpose of reviewing and selecting textbooks and other instructional materials, and may hold such other meetings as are necessary for proper performance of its duties.

(2) Four commissioners shall constitute a quorum.

(3) The commissioners shall elect a chairman from among their number.

(4) The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall designate a staff member of the Department of Education to act as secretary. [Amended by 1953 c.526 §2; 1955 c.406 §1, 1965 c 100 §252; 1975 c.754 §6]

337.050 Review and selection of books and instructional materials. (1) The State Textbook Commission shall review and select, for a six-year period, a multiple choice list of textbooks for each grade and subject field in the standard curriculum for which, in its judgment, textbooks are required. The commission shall refrain from selecting any textbook in a subject field, whenever it finds that no textbook can be documented as meeting, to the degree determined by the State Board of Education, the guidelines and criteria established by the State Board of Education for textbooks. The commission may also review and select other instructional material which it considers appropriate for grade and subject fields.

(2) Subsequent to any November biennial selection, the commissioners may approve the request of a publisher to substitute a more recent edition of any officially adopted text-

book or item of instructional material in lieu of the edition or item selected by the commission. The commission shall meet to consider alternate selections for any textbook selection which is rejected by the State Board of Education. [Amended by 1953 c.121 §3, 1953 c.526 §3; 1955 c.406 §2, 1965 c.100 §253; 1967 c.370 §1, 1975 c.754 §7]

337.055 State board to ratify or reject textbook selections. After the State Textbook Commission submits its list of selected textbooks, the State Board of Education shall review the selection list and may ratify or reject any textbook selected. The state board shall reject any textbook that the state board finds does not meet, to the degree determined by the State Board of Education, the guidelines and criteria for review and selection established under ORS 337.035. If a textbook is rejected, the state board shall notify the commission within five days of the meeting at which the board rejected the textbook. [1975 c.754 §4]

337.060 Submission of proposals by publishers. (1) The proposals of each publisher shall be submitted to the State Textbook Commission in writing, not later than the third Monday of November of each even-numbered year, and shall be responsive to the requirements of ORS 337.030 (3) and (4), and such other information relating to the terms and conditions under which the publisher proposes to furnish textbooks as the commission or the State Board of Education may require.

(2) In addition to the material required under subsection (1) of this section, the proposal shall include documentation and analysis on each textbook showing how it conforms to the guidelines and criteria adopted by the State Board of Education for the review and selection of textbooks. [Amended by 1965 c.100 §254; 1975 c.754 §8]

337.065 Publisher fee. (1) The State Textbook Commission shall collect from each publisher or other supplier who submits a proposal under ORS 337.060 a fee equal to six times the retail price, or \$36, whichever is the lesser, for each textbook title or item of instructional material proposed by the publisher or supplier for review and selection by the State Textbook Commission. Fees are payable prior to commission consideration of the proposal.

(2) The moneys received under subsection (1) of this section shall be paid into the State

Treasury and placed to the credit of the General Fund for general governmental purposes. [1967 c.370 §§2, 3, 1975 c.754 §9]

337.070 [Repealed by 1965 c.100 §456]

337.075 Selection or rejection of proposals. (1) The State Textbook Commission may select or reject any textbook contained in any proposal. If the terms and conditions for furnishing a textbook in all proposals relating to that textbook are considered by the commission to be unreasonable or the textbook is considered to be unsuitable pursuant to guidelines and criteria established by the State Board of Education, the commission may reject the textbook.

(2) At the same or subsequent sessions, the commission may receive new proposals for a textbook previously rejected and select the textbook in the same manner as other textbooks are required to be selected. No proposal shall be considered unless the publisher has delivered without charge one copy of each textbook contained in the proposal to each commissioner at least 60 days before the meeting. [1965 c.100 §255, 1975 c.754 §10]

337.080 Report of textbook selections. The State Textbook Commission shall immediately report the textbooks which have been selected to the State Board of Education. The report shall contain such information as may be required by the state board. The report shall be signed by the chairman of the commission and attested by the secretary. [Amended by 1965 c.100 §256; 1975 c.754 §11]

337.090 Contract with publisher; terms; bond; breach; remedies. (1) On receiving the report of the State Textbook Commission, and after taking the action required by ORS 337.055, the State Board of Education, as soon as practicable, shall enter into a written contract with each publisher the textbook of which has been selected by the commission when that selection has been ratified by the state board. The contract shall require the publisher to maintain at least one depository to be designated by the State Board of Education, where such textbooks may be purchased and to furnish such textbooks according to law and the conditions named in the proposal.

(2) The State Board of Education shall take from each publisher entering into a contract a good and sufficient bond in such sum as stipulated damages as the board may determine, payable to the State of Oregon for the

benefit of the Common School Fund, executed by the publisher as obligor together with a surety company authorized to do business in this state as surety and approved by the State Board of Education, for the full and faithful performance of the contract.

(3) If any publisher fails to carry out the provisions of the contract on his part, or, with intent to evade the provisions of the contract, sells any of the textbooks in this state at prices higher than specified in his contract, the State Board of Education may, on behalf of the state, rescind the contract and notify the publisher thereof, or bring the appropriate action or suit to enforce the provisions of the publisher's bond. [Amended by 1965 c.100 §257, 1975 c 754 §12]

337.100 Circular of approved textbooks. Prior to February 1 of every odd-numbered year, the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall, under the direction of the State Board of Education, issue a circular giving the full title of each book selected by the State Textbook Commission when the selection was ratified by the state board, with such other information as the state board may consider useful. [Amended by 1965 c 100 §258; 1975 c 754 §13]

337.110 Selection of substitute or additional textbooks. If at any time during the period for which a textbook is on the approved list, it becomes necessary for the State Textbook Commission to select any textbook instead of or in addition to those regularly selected, the chairman of the commission or the Superintendent of Public Instruction may call a special session of the commission. It may, upon convening, select such textbook in the same manner as other textbooks are required to be selected; except the Superintendent of Public Instruction need not in such case cause circulars described in ORS 337.030 to be sent to publishers. [Amended by 1965 c 100 §259, 1967 c.99 §1; 1975 c.754 §14]

337.120 School board selection, purchase and use of approved textbooks and instructional materials. (1) Except as otherwise provided by ORS 337.141, the district school board, with the assistance of teachers and administrators of the district, shall select textbooks and other instructional materials for each grade and subject field from the multiple choice approved list. The district school board may involve citizens in the process.

(2) The board shall cause at least one-half of the books or materials, according to titles, so selected to be used in its schools at the beginning of the next school year following the selection and the remainder thereof at the beginning of the second school year following the selection, except when authorized by the Superintendent of Public Instruction to postpone such use for a reasonable period of time.

[Amended by 1953 c 121 §3, 1965 c 100 §260, 1967 c 100 §1, 1975 c 754 §15]

337.130 [Repealed by 1965 c 100 §456]

337.140 [Repealed by 1965 c 100 §261 (337 141 enacted in lieu of 337.140)]

337.141 Textbook adoption by school boards. (1) With the approval of the State Board of Education, the district school board of any school district having a population of fewer than 15,000 average daily membership may adopt and use textbooks in place of or in addition to those adopted by the State Board of Education provided they meet the guidelines and criteria established by the State Board of Education.

(2) The district school board of any school district having a population of 15,000 or more average daily membership may adopt and use textbooks in place of or in addition to those adopted by the State Board of Education provided they meet the guidelines and criteria established by the State Board of Education. Nothing in this section prohibits employes of a district described in this subsection from serving on the State Textbook Commission or otherwise participating in textbook selection. [1965 c 100 §262 (enacted in lieu of 337 140), 1975 c 754 §16; 1979 c 273 §2]

337.150 School board duty to provide textbooks. Each district school board shall provide textbooks, prescribed or authorized by law, for free use by all resident public school pupils enrolled in grades one through eight and may provide any or all such textbooks for use in grades 9, 10, 11 or 12, or any combination thereof. [Amended by 1955 c.486 §2; 1957 c 272 §1, 1965 c 100 §263; 1965 c.272 §1; 1979 c 273 §1]

337.160 [Amended by 1965 c 100 §264, repealed by 1965 c.272 §2]

337.170 [Repealed by 1965 c 100 §456]

337.180 [Repealed by 1965 c 100 §456]

337.190 [Repealed by 1965 c.100 §456]

337.200 [Amended by 1955 c 486 §3; repealed by 1965 c 100 §456]

337.210 [Repealed by 1965 c 100 §456]

337.220 [Repealed by 1965 c.100 §456]

337.230 [Repealed by 1965 c 100 §456]

337.240 [Repealed by 1965 c.100 §456]

337.250 [Repealed by 1965 c.100 §456]

337.260 Textbooks on American history and government. Every board, commission, committee or officer responsible for the selection of textbooks for use in the public schools shall select textbooks on American history and government which adequately stress the services rendered by those who achieved our national independence, who established our form of constitutional government and who preserved our federal union. No textbook shall be used in the schools which speaks slightly of the founders of the republic or of those who preserved the union or which belittles or undervalues their work. Respect for all people, regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, age, sex, or handicap, and their contributions to our history and system of government shall be reflected in the textbooks adopted by the State Board of Education. [Amended by 1965 c.100 §265; 1975 c.754 §17]

337.270 [Repealed by 1965 c.100 §456]

CURRICULUM IMPROVEMENT

337.510 Purposes of law. The purposes of ORS 337.510 to 337.560 are to encourage programs of curriculum improvement by school districts and to increase the scope of curriculum services to the public schools by the Department of Education. [1957 c.642 §1; 1963 c.570 §12; 1965 c.100 §266]

337.520 Definitions for ORS 337.510 to 337.560. As used in ORS 337.510 to 337.560:

(1) "Curriculum" means the planned educational experiences provided for children under the direction of teachers by a school district or by personnel of the Department of Education.

(2) "Curriculum improvement plan" means a written proposal for the study, development or reorganization of the design for educational experiences for children by a school district or by the Department of Education. [1957 c.642 §2; 1963 c.544 §44; 1965 c.100 §267; 1967 c.67 §7]

337.530 Duties of Superintendent of Public Instruction. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall review all claims for

reimbursement submitted under the provisions of ORS 337.510 to 337.560. On approval of any claim, he shall order the same paid from moneys specifically appropriated for the program under ORS 337.510 to 337.560. [1957 c.642 §3, 1963 c 570 §13, 1965 c 100 §268]

337.540 Apportionments for curriculum improvement. (1) Upon the presentation of proper evidence to the Superintendent of Public Instruction that a curriculum improvement plan has been satisfactorily carried on as submitted to and approved by the Superintendent of Public Instruction for that fiscal year, a school district shall be entitled to an apportionment from the moneys specifically appropriated for the program under ORS 337.510 to 337.560.

(2) The amount of reimbursement for which a school district may become eligible for carrying on a curriculum improvement plan under ORS 337.510 to 337.560 shall not exceed an amount which is the product of 50 cents and the average daily membership of pupils enrolled in the district schools for the school year ending June 30 prior to submission of the plan. The amount of reimbursement shall not exceed the amount of the actual expenditures of the district incurred in carrying out the approved curriculum improvement plan which are in excess of its ordinary expenditures for such purpose.

(3) In the event that the funds available for reimbursement under ORS 337.510 to 337.560 are insufficient to meet all approved claims in any one year, the funds shall be prorated according to the ratio that the total amount of funds available bears to the total amount that would be required to pay all claims under ORS 337.510 to 337.560 for the fiscal year. [1957 c.642 §§5, 6, 7; 1963 c.544 §45; 1963 c 570 §14, 1965 c.100 §269]

337.550 State-wide curriculum improvement plan. As part of a program to increase the scope of curriculum services to the public schools, the Superintendent of Public Instruction may approve a state-wide curriculum improvement plan to be carried on under direction of the Department of Education. [1957 c.642 §10; 1963 c.570 §15]

337.560 Joint plans. (1) Two or more school districts may submit a joint curriculum improvement plan to the education service district board of the county in which they are organized, and if the board approves the plan, the board shall submit it to the Superinten-

dent of Public Instruction for approval. Claims for reimbursement under such an approved plan shall be submitted by the school districts through the office of the education service district board, and such claims shall bear its approval. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall then authorize payments to the claimant school districts in the amounts they are entitled to under the provisions of ORS 337.510 to 337.560.

(2) The education service district board may, with the consent of the school districts concerned, organize a joint curriculum improvement plan and submit it to the Superintendent of Public Instruction for approval. Reimbursements for such an approved plan shall be made as provided in subsection (1) of this section.

(3) Under the provisions of ORS 337.510 to 337.560, education service district boards may organize, administer and pay the operating expenses of joint curriculum improvement programs as authorized in this section, in which component school districts voluntarily participate. When such joint plan has been

approved by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, he may order payments to which the participating school districts are entitled under ORS 337.510 to 337.560 to be made to the office of the education service district board which has administered the program as reimbursement to that office for authorized expenditures under the plan. Such payments shall be charged against the amount to which each individual school district is entitled under ORS 337.510 to 337.560 in proportion to its share in the total expenditures under the approved plan based upon the ratio that the amount to which it would be entitled under ORS 337.510 to 337.560 bears to the total amount which all the districts involved in the joint plan would be entitled. [1957 c 642 §§8, 9 (1), (2), 1963 c 544 §46; 1963 c.570 §16; 1965 c 100 §270]

337.570 [1957 c 642 §9 (3); 1963 c 570 §17; repealed by 1965 c 100 §456]

337.990 [Repealed by 1965 c.100 §456]
