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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 15-721 AND 15-722, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO COURSES OF STUDY AND TEXTBOOKS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 15-721, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 15-721. Common schools; course of study; textbooks; approval;
5 definition

6 A. The governing board shall approve for common schools the course
7 of study, the basic textbook for each course and all units recommended for
8 credit under each general subject title ~~prior to implementation of~~ BEFORE
9 IMPLEMENTING the course.

10 B. If any course does not include a basic textbook, the governing
11 board shall approve all supplemental books used in the course ~~prior to~~
12 ~~approval of~~ BEFORE APPROVING the course.

13 C. If any course includes a basic textbook and uses supplemental
14 books, the governing board ~~may~~ SHALL approve all supplemental books and
15 teaching aids, including instructional computer software, that are used in
16 the course ~~prior to approval of~~ BEFORE APPROVING the course.

17 D. If the course includes a basic textbook and uses supplemental
18 books that have not been approved by the governing board at the time of
19 approval of the course, a teacher may NOT use the supplemental books ~~at~~
20 ~~any time during the school year. Use of the supplemental books shall be~~
21 ~~brought to the attention of~~ UNTIL the governing board ~~during the school~~
22 ~~year in which they are added for ratification~~ APPROVES THE SUPPLEMENTAL
23 BOOKS.

24 E. Notwithstanding any other law, subsections B and C OF THIS
25 SECTION do not apply to supplemental books used in courses or programs
26 instituted pursuant to article 4 of this chapter.

27 F. The governing board shall:

28 1. Enforce the course of study and select all textbooks used in the
29 common schools and purchase the textbooks from the publishers. THE
30 GOVERNING BOARD MAY BUDGET AND SPEND district school ~~funds may be budgeted~~
31 ~~and expended by the governing board~~ MONIES for teaching aids, including
32 instructional computer software. For courses that do not require that
33 each student have a textbook other than for classroom instruction, the
34 school district need only purchase one textbook for each student in the
35 largest group that would be receiving classroom instruction at any one
36 time.

37 2. Require that all meetings of committees authorized for the
38 purposes of textbook review and ~~selection~~ APPROVAL be open to the public
39 as prescribed in title 38, chapter 3, article 3.1.

40 3. Make available at the school district office for review by the
41 public, for a period of sixty days ~~prior to~~ BEFORE formal ~~selection~~
42 APPROVAL of THE textbooks, a copy of each textbook that is being
43 considered for ~~selection~~ APPROVAL.

1 G. For the purposes of this section, "textbook" means printed
2 instructional materials or digital content, or both, and related printed
3 or nonprinted instructional materials, that are written and published
4 primarily for use in school instruction and that are required by a state
5 educational agency or a local ~~educational~~ EDUCATION agency for use by
6 pupils in the classroom, including materials that require the availability
7 of electronic equipment in order to be used as a learning resource.

8 Sec. 2. Section 15-722, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
9 read:

10 15-722. High schools: course of study: textbooks: approval:
11 definition

12 A. The governing board shall approve for high schools the course of
13 study and all units that are recommended for credit under each general
14 subject title before implementing the course.

15 B. The governing board shall approve for high schools the basic
16 textbook for each course and may purchase the textbooks from the
17 publishers if approved by the governing board. Before ~~the approval of~~
18 APPROVING any basic textbook for high schools, the governing board shall
19 do all of the following:

20 1. Provide information on the school district's website, if the
21 school district maintains a website, on the basic textbooks that are
22 proposed for approval.

23 2. Require that all meetings of committees authorized for the
24 purposes of textbook review and ~~selection~~ APPROVAL be open to the public
25 pursuant to title 38, chapter 3, article 3.1.

26 3. Provide an opportunity for public comment for at least sixty
27 days. Public comment may include written comments, oral comments and
28 comments submitted through ~~e-mail~~ EMAIL.

29 4. Make available at the school district office for review by the
30 public, for a period of at least sixty days ~~prior to~~ BEFORE the ~~format~~
31 ~~selection~~ APPROVAL of the textbooks, a copy of each textbook that is being
32 considered for ~~selection~~ APPROVAL.

33 C. If any course does not include a basic textbook, the governing
34 board shall approve all supplemental books that are used in the course
35 before usage.

36 D. If any course includes a basic textbook and uses supplemental
37 books or instructional computer software, the governing board ~~may~~ SHALL
38 approve all supplemental books and instructional computer software that
39 are used in the course before usage.

40 E. If the course includes a basic textbook and uses supplemental
41 books that have not been approved by the governing board at the time of
42 approval of the course, a teacher may NOT use the supplemental books ~~at~~
43 ~~any time during the school year. Use of the supplemental books shall be~~
44 ~~brought to the attention of~~ UNTIL the governing board ~~during the school~~

1 ~~year in which they are added for ratification~~ APPROVES THE SUPPLEMENTAL
2 BOOKS.

3 F. The governing board shall prescribe up to five textbooks for
4 each course, and the teacher, with the consent of the governing board, may
5 use any one of the prescribed textbooks for the purposes of the teacher's
6 course.

7 G. For the purposes of this section, "textbook" means printed
8 instructional materials or digital content, or both, and related printed
9 or nonprinted instructional materials, that are written and published
10 primarily for use in school instruction and that are required by a state
11 educational agency or a local ~~educational~~ EDUCATION agency for use by
12 pupils in the classroom, including materials that require the availability
13 of electronic equipment in order to be used as a learning resource.