

## LCB File No. R026-01

### PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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#### ADOPTION AND USE OF TEXTBOOKS

**Explanation:** Matter in *italics* is new

**AUTHORITY:** NRS 385.080 and NRS 390

**SECTION 1.** NAC 390 is hereby amended as follows:

**SECTION 2. 390.010 Committees to evaluate and recommend textbooks: Appointment; membership.** The superintendent of a school district must appoint a committee to evaluate and recommend textbooks to be used in public schools before the district may forward any such recommendations to the state board of education for adoption. The committee must consist of:

1. A teacher or teachers who are licensed to teach:

(a) The subject areas of the textbooks being considered if the textbooks are for use in secondary grades; or

(b) Elementary education if the textbooks being considered are for use in elementary grades;

2. An administrator or a specialist in curriculum who is employed by the school district;

3. A parent of a pupil who is enrolled in the school district; and

4. Any other member or members the superintendent deems necessary to serve on the committee.

**390.020 Committees to evaluate and recommend textbooks: Duties.** A committee established pursuant to NAC 390.010 shall review textbooks and submit to the department of education in the form prescribed by the department an evaluation of any textbooks being recommended for adoption. The evaluation must include:

1. A comparison of the textbook with the courses of study offered in this state and the goals and objectives of the school district that the committee is representing.

2. A summary of the organization and presentation of material in the textbook.

3. A statement of the quality of production of the textbook, including the cover, binding and print.

4. An analysis of the accuracy of the information contained in the textbook.

5. A statement of the appropriateness of any materials of support or references provided with the textbook.

6. An analysis of the ability of the textbook to stimulate interest in pupils.

7. A reasonable assurance that the textbook complies with the requirements of subsection 2 of NRS 390.140.

8. A list of the times and locations that parents of pupils enrolled in the district and other members of the community were afforded an opportunity to review the textbook and to submit written comments to the committee before the final recommendations were made.

**390.030 Provision of opportunity for members of community to review textbooks and submit comments.** If a textbook adopted by the state board of education has not been evaluated by a committee appointed by the superintendent of a local school district pursuant to NAC 390.010, the superintendent of that school district shall afford the parents of pupils enrolled in the district and other members of the community an opportunity to review the textbook and submit written comments to the school district.

**390.040 Recommendations for adoption of textbooks: Time for submission; effect of incorrect or inaccurate evaluation.**

1. A recommendation for the adoption of a textbook must be submitted to the department of education in December, March or April to be considered by the state board of education. The state board may grant exceptions to this requirement if a school district can demonstrate compelling circumstances why the recommendation was not submitted in December, March or April. Recommendations submitted after June 30 will not be considered by the state board.

2. The department of education may delay the consideration of a recommendation for the adoption of a textbook if it finds that any of the information required by NAC 390.020 is incorrect or inaccurate.

**390.050 Compliance with schedule for adoption of textbooks.** A textbook will be adopted for use in public schools according to the schedule for adoption prescribed by the department of education, unless the state board of education grants an exception to this requirement.

**390.060 Use of textbooks on experimental basis.** A textbook may be used on an experimental basis by a school district for not more than 1 year before the textbook is given a final evaluation. A request to use a textbook in this manner must be submitted to the department of education in the form prescribed by the department.

**390.070 Use of revised editions of adopted textbooks.** A revision of an adopted textbook may be used by a school district if the revision does not add to, subtract from or change the areas of content in the textbook. The period during which the revised textbook may be used is the same as the period of use for the textbook in its original form. A school district shall notify the department of education of its intent to use a revised edition of an approved textbook before purchasing the revised edition.

**SECTION 3.** *A school district shall notify the department of education of its intent to use electronic media as the primary basis of instruction.*

**SECTION 4.** *A committee established pursuant to NAC 390.010 shall review electronic media and submit to the department of education in the form prescribed by the department of education an evaluation of the electronic media being selected for use as the primary basis of instruction. The evaluation must include:*

- 1. A comparison of the electronic media with the courses of study offered in this state and the goals and objectives of the school district that the committee is representing;*
- 2. A summary of the organization and presentation of electronic media;*
- 3. A statement of the quality of production of the electronic media, including the cover, binding and print;*
- 4. An analysis of the accuracy of the information contained in the electronic media;*
- 5. A statement of the appropriateness of any information contained in the electronic media;*

- 6. An analysis of the ability of the electronic media to stimulate interest in pupils;*
- 7. A reasonable assurance that the electronic media complies with the requirements of subsection 2 of NRS 390.140; and,*
- 8. A list of the times and locations that parents of pupils enrolled in the district and other members of the community were afforded an opportunity to review the electronic media and to submit written comments to the committee before the final recommendations were made.*