

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT

Chapter 10, Subchapter 15. Textbooks

a. What is the purpose of the proposed rule change?

The State Department of Education (OSDE) rules addressing alternate textbook selection are being amended to reflect legislative updates to the school textbook statutes made by House Bill 3466 (2020). Historically, the OSDE's role in textbook selection applied only to the approval of alternate textbooks by school district petition after the State Textbook Committee had already selected the list of approved textbooks. Following legislative changes to 70 O.S. § 16-102, which added OSDE responsibilities to the initial textbook adoption process, the rule must be updated accordingly. The new content adds provisions addressing review teams of subject matter experts that the OSDE is responsible for assembling to assist the State Textbook Committee in its selections.

b. What classes of persons will be affected by the proposed rule change and what classes of persons will bear the costs of the proposed rule change?

The rule change will affect the State Department of Education and the State Textbook Committee.

c. What classes of persons will benefit from the proposed rule change?

The rule change will benefit Oklahoma students and teachers by ensuring that review teams of subject matter experts will be involved in the evaluation of textbooks approved for Oklahoma schools by the State Textbook Committee.

d. What is the probable economic impact of the proposed rule upon affected classes of persons or political subdivisions?

The agency does not anticipate any cost to political subdivisions as a result of the amendment.

e. What is the probable cost to the agency to implement and enforce the proposed rule change?

Under 70 O.S. § 16-102(E), review team members will be eligible for reimbursement of traveling expenses pursuant to the State Travel Reimbursement Act, subject to the availability of funds. Additional record keeping, if any, will be performed by existing staff.

f. What is the economic impact on any political subdivision to implement the proposed rule change?

The agency does not anticipate any economic impact on any political subdivision to implement the proposed rule change at this time.

- g. **Will implementing the rule change have an adverse effect on small business as provided by the Oklahoma Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act?**

The agency does not anticipate any adverse economic impact on small business as a result of the proposed rule change at this time.

- h. **Are there any other methods which are less costly, nonregulatory, or less intrusive to achieve the purpose of the proposed rule change?**

No.

- i. **Will the rule change impact the public health, safety, and environment, and is the change designed to reduce significant risks to the public health, safety, and environment? If so, explain nature of risk and to what extent the proposed rule change will reduce the risk.**

The agency does not anticipate any impact on public health, safety, or environment as a result of implementation of the proposed rule at this time.

- j. **What detrimental effect will there be on the public health, safety, and environment if the rule change is not implemented?**

The agency does not anticipate any detrimental effect on public health, safety, or environment as a result of failure to implement the proposed rule at this time.

- k. **Date Prepared:** January 7, 2021