Agenda

First Reading Item: III. B.

Bid List of Textbooks and Instructional Materials Under Official Review - Section E
(ELA and CTE: Law, Public Safety, Corrections, Security, Government & Public Administration, and
Hospitality & Tourism)

The Background:

The State Textbook and Instructional Materials Quality Commission (Commission) has prepared a bid list of textbooks and instructional resources for Section E (ELA and CTE: Law, public safety, corrections, security, government & public administration, and hospitality & tourism).

T.C.A. § 49-1-302(a)(9) states that it is the duty of the board, and the board has the power to, "prescribe the use of textbooks and other instructional materials, based on recommendations of the state textbook and instructional materials quality commission, for the various subjects taught or used in conjunction with the public schools." T.C.A. § 49-6-2202(a) requires the Commission to prepare "a list of standard editions of textbooks and instructional materials that cover a complete program of study for approval by the state board of education for the use in the public schools of the state." The law also provides that the Commission, "through its chair, may appoint an advisory panel of expert teachers and other experts in each subject area or grade level to advise the commission on textbook and instructional material selections."

The Commission has appointed an advisory panel consisting of 155 educators to provide formal evaluation and feedback to the Commission for Section E textbook materials submitted for review. At the October meeting of the Commission, the Commission will determine which textbooks and instructional materials to recommend to the State Board for approval based upon the recommendations of the advisory panel.

The Recommendation:

The Department of Education recommends acceptance of this item on first reading. The SBE staff concurs with this recommendation.