16 NCAC 06D .0211 is proposed for adoption as follows:

**16 NCAC 06D .0211 TEXTBOOK EVALUATION CRITERIA AND INVITATION TO SUBMIT**

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction shall develop the criteria used to evaluate textbooks presented for adoption for their conformity to the North Carolina Standard Course of Study.

(1) The criteria shall be included in the Invitation to Submit Textbooks for Evaluation and Adoption in North Carolina. The Invitation, also developed by the Department, shall provide the required procedures for submission, evaluation, and adoption of textbooks and a schedule for the process.

(2) General Counsel to the State Board of Education shall review and approve the Invitation prior to its being submitted to the State Board of Education for review and adoption.

(3) The State Board-approved and adopted Invitation to Submit Textbooks for Evaluation and Adoption in North Carolina that includes the criteria shall be sent to the publishers on the NC Publishers Registry requesting the submission of textbooks for evaluation and adoption. Only publishers on the NC Publishers Registry will be sent the invitation and can submit textbooks for evaluation and adoption.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 115C-12; 115C-89;

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