**§7253. Regional programs; approval**

Two or more school administrative units may enter into cooperative agreement to provide regional special education programs and support services. [PL 1981, c. 693, §§ 5, 8 (NEW).]

**1. General criteria.**  Programs and services established through this agreement shall meet the requirements set forth in section 7204, subsection 4.

[PL 1981, c. 693, §§ 5, 8 (NEW).]

**2. Special provisions.**  A program shall specify that:

A. One of the school administrative units shall serve as fiscal agent; [PL 1981, c. 693, §§ 5, 8 (NEW).]

B. No requirement exists for separate budget approval and taxation; and [PL 1981, c. 693, §§ 5, 8 (NEW).]

C. School construction may not be proposed for special education purposes. [PL 1981, c. 693, §§ 5, 8 (NEW).]

[PL 1981, c. 693, §§ 5, 8 (NEW).]

**3. Plan.**  A plan for a regional program shall be subject to approval by the commissioner prior to its implementation. The plan shall specify:

A. The objectives and functions to be performed by the regional program; [PL 1981, c. 693, §§ 5, 8 (NEW).]

B. The method of fiscal operation and cost sharing; [PL 1981, c. 693, §§ 5, 8 (NEW).]

C. The method of entering into and withdrawing from the agreement; [PL 1981, c. 693, §§ 5, 8 (NEW).]

D. The method of administering the regional program; [PL 1981, c. 693, §§ 5, 8 (NEW).]

E. The method of involving parent and community participation; and [PL 1981, c. 693, §§ 5, 8 (NEW).]

F. The school administrative unit that shall act as fiscal agent for the regional program. [PL 1981, c. 693, §§ 5, 8 (NEW).]

[PL 1981, c. 693, §§ 5, 8 (NEW).]

**4. Funding.**  The regional program shall be supported by funds included in the special education appropriations of each of the member school administrative units.

[PL 1981, c. 693, §§ 5, 8 (NEW).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1981, c. 693, §§5,8 (NEW).

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