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Sec. 10-66j-1.

Repealed, July 28, 1987.

Sec. 10-66j-2. Definitions

(a) "Board" means State Board of Education.

(b) "Pupil Population" means the average daily membership, as determined in accordance with section 10-261 of the General Statutes, of the local or regional boards of education, within the geographic area, for the full school year prior to an application for approval as a regional educational service center in accordance with the regulations herein.

(Effective July 28, 1987)

Sec. 10-66j-3. Geographic areas

The Board shall establish broadly defined geographic areas of the state, in which may be established regional educational service centers. These geographic areas shall be designated as follows:

- (a) **Northwest Region**
- (b) **Southwest Region**
- (c) **North Central Region**
- (d) **South Central Region**
- (e) **Northeast Region**
- (f) **Southeast Region**

(Effective July 28, 1987)

Sec. 10-66j-4. Initial approval

Regional educational service centers may be established in said geographic areas upon approval by the Board of plans of organization and operation.

(a) **Application, Conditions and Duration.**

(1) Applications for initial approval as a regional educational service center shall consist of a plan of organization and operation, as delineated in subsection (c) of this section, submitted to the Board in such manner and form as required by the Board;

(2) Any applicant meeting the conditions for approval, as stated in subsections (a) through (c) of this section, shall be approved by the Board for its first triennial period. The applicant shall be notified of said Board's decision, in writing, within forty-five (45) calendar days of receipt of said application;

(3) All applications for approval as a regional educational service center, shall be submitted no earlier than the September 1st and no later than the November 1st of any given year.

(b) **Population and Towns.** A regional educational service center may be established in a designated geographic area if the following conditions are met:

(1) Any group of four (4) or more local or regional boards of education may make application to the Board for initial approval as a regional educational service center;

(2) In no case shall there be more than two (2) regional educational service centers in any one regional state planning area;

(3) If in any given regional state planning area, the pupil population is 50,000 or less, only one regional educational service center shall be established;

(4) In no case shall a local or regional board of education be a member of more than one regional educational service center;

(5) In no case shall the total pupil population of all the member local or regional boards of education of any regional educational service center be more than 200,000 or less than 20,000;

(6) In no case shall the member local or regional boards of education in a regional educational service center represent more than forty (40) towns.

(c) **Plan of Organization and Operation.** Four (4) or more local or regional boards of education seeking initial approval as a regional educational service center shall submit a plan of organization and operation to the Board for initial approval, which shall contain, but not be limited to the following:

- (1) Policy and criteria for membership and governance;
- (2) Documentation of local agreement and membership;
- (3) Enumeration of potential students;
- (4) Enumeration of actual students;
- (5) Staff and facilities by program;
- (6) Needs assessment of the member school districts;
- (7) Long and short range goals and objectives;
- (8) Policies and programs to achieve goals and objectives;
- (9) Implementation plans and projected budget;
- (10) A plan for the evaluation of policies and programs; and
- (11) Such other information as each regional educational service center may deem informative in describing its programs.

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Sec. 10-66j-5.

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Sec. 10-66j-6. Continued approval

(a) The board of each approved regional educational service center shall submit, by October 1 of each year, to its member local or regional boards of education and the Board, an annual report in such form and manner as the board shall require.

(b) The Board shall evaluate triennially the programs and services of a regional educational service center for the purpose of such regional educational service center's continued approval.

(c) The board may establish such fiscal reporting requirements, including statements of expenditure and indirect cost determination, as it shall deem necessary to the continued approval of the regional educational service centers.

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Sec. 10-66j-7. Review

(a) If the Board does not approve an applicant, for either initial or continued approval, it shall notify such applicant, in writing, via certified mail with a return receipt, of its decision. Such notice shall state the rationale, in accordance with the authorizing statute and these regulations for not approving the applicant.

(b) An applicant which is denied either initial or continued approval may petition the board for a review of the decision within thirty days of receiving notice of the decision. The board shall conduct a review and issue a decision within sixty days of the request. The review shall be informal and its scope and procedures shall be determined by the board.

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