

## 342 BOOKS FOR SCHOOLS AND TREATMENT OF MINORITIES

### SUMMARIES OF STATE PLANS UNDER TITLE II OF THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT OF 1965

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#### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

It is clear that the primary responsibility for book selection under Title II remains essentially where it has been in the past—at the local level. Even in most states that require that books be purchased through a state-level agency, interests in and selection of books will generate within the public school or school system and the private school.

In order to convey much information as concisely as possible liberties have been taken with the wording of the state plans and several abbreviations are used. In all cases, "public and private schools" reads in the state plans "public and private school *teachers and children*." LEA means local education agency. FY is fiscal year. ALA is American Library Association and AASL is American Association of School Librarians. ESEA is the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

We have accounted primarily for those funds which have been allocated for the acquisition of materials. Every state is allowed to spend up to 5% of its entitlement for administration. Most states either have or will appoint an Advisory Committee. Mention is made of these committees only when they will *not* be appointed or when their function will differ somewhat from the usual function of consultation and advice.

Most states have issued their own guidelines for administration of the state plan. These guidelines will, in many cases, include more specific information—especially about allocations to individual schools and school systems and recommended book selection tools. They are generally not available in Washington and must be secured directly from the individual state departments of public instruction.

#### RÉSUMÉ, ALABAMA STATE PLAN TITLE II (ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT) 1966

##### I. ADMINISTRATION

The Title II program will be administered by the Superintendent of Education. Financial procedures will be handled through the Director of Administration and Finance in the State Education Agency. Consultative personnel in the Executive Library Unit will work with local school officials in the development of the program.

##### II. ALLOCATION

A. Fiscal Year 1966: \$1,734,277.

B. *Percentages*: For the first year, at least 50% of the allotment shall be expended for library books. Not more than 10% may be used for textbooks and not more than 25% for other instructional materials. Where unusual conditions prevail and if approved by the State Education Agency, more than 50% may be allotted for textbooks and other instructional materials.

Method of allocation: Allocation of funds to the LEA's has been made on the basis of the number of children in each school system of ages 5 to 17 whose parents have incomes of less than \$2,000. Local public school districts will determine the relative need for each of the three categories of materials to be made available.

C. *Processing*: Maximum allowable expenditure should not exceed the usual local rate, and is not to exceed \$1.00 per item unless evidence is submitted for raising the limit.

##### III. DEADLINES

Funds must be encumbered by the end of the FY (June 30, 1966); liquidation (books received) must be accomplished by the end of the following FY (June 30, 1967).

##### IV. PROGRAM

A. *Standards*: State Superintendent of Education will assure the development of appropriate standards, based on existing quantitative and qualitative standards.