

CHAPTER I

STATE PLAN ADMINISTRATION

Title II of ESEA provides funds for (1) the acquisition of school library resources, textbooks, and other instructional materials for the use of children and teachers in elementary and secondary schools, public and private; and (2) the administration of the program by State authority. It is a State plan program.

A. Purpose of the State Plan

The foundation of the Title II program is the State plan, the contract or agreement between the State and the U.S. Office of Education, for the operation of the programs which the State has designed to strengthen instruction through the acquisition of school library resources, textbooks, and other instructional materials. The appropriate State administrative and legal officers attest to the plan on behalf of the State. The U.S. Commissioner of Education approves the plan. Through the legal authority cited and policies and procedures outlined in the State plan, the State agency organizes and administers the program. Since the State plan is the blueprint for the program, it must be amended whenever there is any material change in program or administration.

B. Patterns of Administering the Title II Program

The State plan designates the State agency responsible for administering the Title; it is assumed this will be the State department of education. This title also requires that one agency be designated as the sole agency for administering the plan. This State agency assumes full responsibility for administering and supervising the Title II program, either directly or through arrangement with other State or local educational agencies. Because of the variation in State laws concerning the provision of services to private schools, various patterns of administration may be adopted. The following are some suggested patterns for providing materials to children and teachers in both public and private schools:

1. The State educational agency administers the program directly to public school districts, but arranges for those districts to administer the program for children and teachers in private schools located within their districts.

2. The State educational agency administers the program directly to public school districts, but arranges for State regional educational centers to administer the program for children and teachers in private schools.