

"PAYMENTS

"SEC. 525. Payments under this part may be made in installments, and in advance or by way of reimbursement, with necessary adjustments on account of overpayments or underpayments, as the Commissioner may determine."

PART F—AMENDMENTS TO TITLE VI OF THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT OF 1965, AND RELATED AMENDMENTS

REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTER

SEC. 151. Title VI of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 is amended by—

- (1) inserting immediately below the heading of such title

"PART A—ASSISTANCE TO STATES FOR EDUCATION OF HANDICAPPED CHILDREN";

- (2) inserting immediately below section 607

"PART D—GENERAL PROVISIONS";

- (3) redesignating sections 608, 609, and 610 as sections 610, 611, and 612, respectively,

- (4) striking out the words "this title" wherever they occur in sections 601 through 607, and inserting in lieu thereof "this part"; and

- (5) inserting immediately after section 607 the following:

"PART B—REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTERS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF THE EDUCATION OF HANDICAPPED CHILDREN

"REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTERS

"SEC. 608. (a) For the purpose of aiding in the establishment and operation of regional centers which will develop and apply the best methods of appraising the special educational needs of handicapped children referred to them and will provide other services to assist in meeting such needs, there are authorized to be appropriated \$7,500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1968, and such sums as may be necessary for each of the four succeeding fiscal years.

"(b) Appropriations under this section shall be available to the Commissioner for grants to or contracts with institutions of higher education, State educational agencies, or combinations of such agencies or institutions, within particular regions of the United States, to pay all or part of the cost of establishment (including construction) or operation of regional resource centers for the improvement of education of the handicapped in such regions. Centers established or operated under this section shall (1) provide testing and educational evaluation to determine the special educational needs of handicapped children referred to such centers, (2) develop educational programs to meet those needs, and (3) assist schools and other appropriate agencies, organizations, and institutions in providing such educational programs through services such as consultation (including, in appropriate cases, consultation with parents or teachers of handicapped children at such regional centers), periodic examination and reevaluation of special educational programs, and other technical services.

"(c) In determining whether to approve an application for a project under this section, the Commissioner shall consider the need for such a center in the region to be served by the applicant and the capability of the applicant to develop and apply, with the assistance of funds under this section, new methods, techniques, devices, or facilities relating to educational evaluation or education of handicapped children.

"(d) Payment pursuant to grants or contracts under this section may be made (after necessary adjustments on account of previously made underpayments or overpayments) in advance or by reimbursement, and in such installments and on such conditions as the Commissioner may determine."