

Iowa, and in other States, there are 11 States here in which they are illustrated. These are service centers of the same general type as title III centers.

It is our view that specially in sparsely settled areas and probably generally, that title III centers supported by Federal funds, and having purposes which fall within the scope of the services of a service center, a regional service center, within the States, ought to be coordinated so that there wouldn't be parallel systems of centers.

Mr. DELLENBACK. How would you work this coordination? How would you get away from a Federal regional service center?

Mr. FULLER. You wouldn't get away from it at all. You would have a Federal-State-local agreement in which the requirements of title III of the Federal law would be carried out from that center, and also any other services. The much larger proportion of funds from State and local sources would be coordinated.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Are you talking about service centers, then, strictly within a State?

Mr. FULLER. Within a State.

Mr. DELLENBACK. What about regional centers as such? Do you have any other comments to make on a regional center which would, in fact, embrace more than a State?

Mr. FULLER. No. Regional here is used in the sense of more than one school district within a State, except possibly for a very large city.

Mr. DELLENBACK. We have intermediate districts in my particular State which are intrastate in operation. I am interested in any comments you have to make on regional service centers in the broader sense, interstate centers rather than intrastate.

Mr. FULLER. These are emerging in the States. The old county superintendencies, except in a few States where they have become centers of this type, have gone out of existence. The regional centers are intermediate units, 16 in Iowa, 17 in Florida, 20 in Texas developing, 19 in Wisconsin; these are developing very rapidly under State and local auspices.

Mr. DELLENBACK. If I may go to this question, and if it is beyond this particular point in your testimony, I would be interested in any comments you might have to make on behalf of your group about regional centers as such.

Do you see these as an advancing aid in education? I am now defining regional as being inter- rather than intrastate.

Mr. FULLER. Interstate?

Mr. DELLENBACK. Interstate.

Mr. FULLER. For service to local school agencies, the intermediate center is regional within States, not interstate.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Would you object to any regional operation which became interstate? Would you feel this a bad move?

Mr. FULLER. A regional operation like under title IV, the development centers, the research centers, I think there is no objection to those. I think there is room for a larger regional unit for research.

But when it comes to the purpose of providing services to local school districts, I believe that should be intrastate regional.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.