

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION AMENDMENTS 1701

A minimum of \$3 million is needed for next year. Local effort must be \$1½ million.

As demands on the Operating Budget of the Philadelphia School District increase, the capability for providing matching funds diminishes.

Recommendations

1. Establish allotments on the basis of population and need.
2. Reduce the local contribution factor from 50% to 10%.
3. Include children in special education as eligible recipients and waive the requirement that they must be in grades 9 to 12.
4. The \$3,000,000 needed for next year should be divided as follows:
 - \$2,000,000—Trade and Industry Equipment
 - 750,000—Distributive and Commercial Education
 - 250,000—Home Economics
5. An additional \$1,000,000 is needed for staff development and for the development of new program manuals.

SMITH-HUGHES AND GEORGE-BARDEN ACTS

The formula should be increased to \$75 per child. Reimbursement should be allotted for children who are presently in Comprehensive High Schools. Students in the Commercial Course should also be included. Approximate cost—\$1,012,500.

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ACT

Title I B—Neighborhood Youth Corps

At present 1600 youths are enrolled in the full-year Work Training Program and 2,500 in the summer program. This program has cut the drop-out rate but does not provide adequately for the great number of potential drop-outs. It is proposed that the program be expanded to enroll 3,000 in-school youth during the school year and summer. Approximate cost—\$3,000,000.

Title II A—Community action programs

1. *Operation Outreach*.—provides remedial reading, tutorial homework help, counseling, and cultural enrichment. It should be doubled in size instead of being phased out. An estimated 20,000 children need this service during after-school and evening hours. Approximate cost—\$1,750,000.

2. *Full Year Head Start Program*.—Currently provides prekindergarten education for 5,500 children between the ages of 3 and 5. There is a need in Philadelphia for a program for at least twice this number—11,000 children. Approximate cost—\$12,500,000.

3. *Summer Head Start Program*.—To maintain the present level of this six-week kindergarten program for 1,500 children would cost \$400,000.

4. *Head Start Follow-up*.—New and innovative approaches to the individualization of instruction must be developed to provide the vehicle for moving disadvantaged children more rapidly into the regular instructional program. Head Start Follow-up will help to maintain the gains achieved in the pre-school program. Cost—\$10,000,000.

Title II B—(Title III ESEA) Adult basic literacy

700 adults each year during the past two years have acquired fundamental reading and writing skills. This program should be expanded to serve 1100 adults. Cost—\$960,000.

MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING ACT

To maintain the present level and to expand the program to meet increasing needs for training and retraining workers would cost \$2,000,000.

NATIONAL DEFENSE EDUCATION ACT

Title III

Grants under this Title are made on a matching basis. Although additional funds are needed to buy equipment, books and materials in eligible areas, the burden imposed by the 50% contribution makes it difficult for the School District to benefit because of its tight budget. Congress should reduce the contribution to 10% and thus increase the ability of the School District to benefit. To con-