

may act together in promulgating or making available items of information, including information as to the availability and allocation of funds, which are closely related to one another for purposes of State or local planning and budgeting; or to develop procedures by which State and local agencies may be afforded new opportunities to participate in Federal policy decisions, including decisions on recommended legislation, affecting their capacity to operate efficiently and effectively."

AMENDMENT TO TITLE VII

SEC. 106. (a) Title VII of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 is amended to read as follows:

"TITLE VII—TREATMENT OF INCOME FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PURPOSES

"STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

"SEC. 701. It is the purpose of this title to provide incentives to welfare recipients to participate in programs under this Act which are designed to enable them to become self-supporting, and to complete such programs and become self-supporting within a reasonable period of time.

"STATE PLANS

"SEC. 702. Notwithstanding the provisions of titles I, IV, X, XIV, XVI, and XIX of the Social Security Act, a State plan approved under any such title shall include provisions consistent with the rules prescribed or under this title.

"DEFINITIONS

"SEC. 703. For the purposes of this title—

"(a) 'Public assistance' shall mean any aid or assistance payable pursuant to a State plan approved under title I, IV, X, XIV, XVI, or XIX of the Social Security Act.

"(b) 'Trainee' shall mean any person enrolled in any program under title I, II, or III-B of this Act or employed in any such program as a resident nonprofessional or in any other combined work-and-training capacity.

"(c) 'Qualifying income' shall mean (1) any amount paid as wages under title I of this Act to a trainee in a program described in paragraph (1) of section 121 of the Act (relating to Neighborhood Youth Corps programs for youth attending school); (2) any amount paid under this Act as wages, training allowance, or stipend to any other trainee during his first eighteen months as such a trainee; and (3) the net income derived, during the first eighteen months following initial receipt of assistance under title III-A of this Act, by any assisted family from the assisted farm or nonagricultural enterprise.

"(d) 'Poverty line' shall mean an amount of monthly income determined by the Director, representing an approximation of the minimum level of income which is necessary to support a family of given size so that it can live out of poverty.

"ATTRIBUTION OF INCOME

"SEC. 704. Unless otherwise provided in regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, no payment made under this Act to or on behalf of any trainee shall be regarded as income or resources of any other individual under a State plan approved under title I, IV, X, XIV, XVI, or XIX except to the extent that the payment is made available to or used for the benefit of such other individual.

"AMOUNT OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

"SEC. 705. (a) The amount of public assistance payable for any month to any person having qualifying income shall be the higher of (1) the amount determined under the State plan without regard to this section, or (2) the amount determined under subsection (b).