

(1) ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT, THE STATE BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH STANDARDS AND GUIDES FOR PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTING SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS.

(2) THESE STANDARDS AND GUIDES SHALL BE USED AS THE BASIS FOR REVIEWING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT FOR APPROVAL.

(3) THE STATE BOARD SHALL MAINTAIN A SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PLANNING SERVICE TO:

(I) ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW OF PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR ANY PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT AND THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM THAT IT IS DESIGNED TO HOUSE; AND

(II) ADVISE COUNTY BOARDS AS TO THE SUITABILITY OF THESE CONSTRUCTION PLANS ON THE BASIS OF EDUCATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS, CONSTRUCTION, AND REASONABLE ECONOMY OF COSTS.

(4) THE STATE BOARD SHALL COLLECT, PUBLISH, AND DISTRIBUTE TO THE COUNTY BOARDS INFORMATION ON SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROCEDURES, METHODS, AND MATERIALS.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection presently appears as Art. 77, §9.

The only changes are in style.

(M) CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS; BLIND INDIVIDUALS.

(1) WITH THE ADVICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT, THE STATE BOARD SHALL ADOPT BYLAWS, RULES, AND REGULATIONS FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS ARTICLE.

(2) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS OTHERWISE QUALIFIED MAY NOT BE DENIED THE RIGHT TO RECEIVE CREDENTIALS FROM THE STATE BOARD, TO RECEIVE TRAINING TO BECOME A TEACHER, OR TO PRACTICE TEACHING IN ANY SCHOOL BECAUSE THAT INDIVIDUAL IS TOTALLY OR PARTIALLY BLIND.

(3) A COUNTY BOARD MAY NOT REFUSE TO CONTRACT WITH OR ENGAGE A TEACHER BECAUSE OF BLINDNESS IF THE BLIND TEACHER IS CAPABLE OF PERFORMING THE DUTIES OF THE POSITION FOR WHICH HE HAS APPLIED.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection presently appears as Art. 77, §16.

The only changes are in style.

(N) RATIO OF PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES TO STUDENTS.

(1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEE" MEANS AN EMPLOYEE: