AUTHORIZING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION TO RECEIVE FEDERAL EDUCATION FUNDS

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Designating the Superintendent of Public Instruction as the State educational authority authorized to apply to, and receive from, the Federal Government or any agency thereof, grants in aid of the public schools and for educational activities therein; and providing for the disbursement of such funds.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Whenever legislation by the Federal Government shall require designation for the purposes hereinafter mentioned of a State educational authority to apply to, and receive from, the Federal Government or any agency thereof, any Federal grants, appropriations, or allocations, the Superintendent of Public Instruction is hereby so designated and authorized to apply for any such grants, appropriations, or allocations, on behalf of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for any or all of the following:

(1) Any classification or division of public education and related programs, including early childhood, elementary, secondary, general, vocational, technical, adult, or extension education, and libraries, which is or will be administered by, or under the jurisdiction or authority of, the Superintendent of Public Instruction;

(2) The construction, procurement, acquisition, and lease or rental of, public school buildings, facilities, or equipment;

(3) The improvement of teacher preparation;

(4) The establishment and maintenance of scholarships and scholarship-loan programs;

(5) The administration of the office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction in connection with such grants, appropriations, or allocations, which may now or hereafter be available or apportioned to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or any local public school jurisdiction or other State public education agency therein;

(6) Or for any other purpose for which Federal funds shall be made available for the aid of education.

Section 2. To these ends and purposes, the Superintendent of Public Instruction is authorized, directed and empowered--

(1) To originate the documentary data prerequisite to the disbursement of all funds made available at any time by the Federal Government to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for said purposes, in accordance with existing and usual procedures covering disbursements from the State Treasury;

(2) To adopt, carry out and administer, a plan or plans, rules or regulations, for any such purposes, not contrary to, or inconsistent with, the laws of this Commonwealth. Such plan or plans, rules or regulations, so adopted, shall be made Statewide in application insofar as reasonably feasible, possible, or permissible, and shall be so devised as to meet the approval of the Federal Government or any of its agencies.

Section 3. Such grants, appropriations or allocations from the Federal Government as may be received by the Superintendent of Public Instruction or the State educational authority for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania under the provisions of this act shall be paid in to the State Treasury. Disbursement of such funds from the State Treasury shall be by warrant of the Auditor General.

Section 4. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.