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123.11 Common school districts; meetings, elections.

[For text of subds 1 to 3, see M.S.1978]

Subd. 4. The clerk shall prepare, at the expense of the district, necessary ballots for the election of officers placing thereon the names of the proposed candidates for such office with a blank space after such names, such ballots shall be marked as official ballots, and the ballots so prepared by the clerk of the district shall be used to the exclusion of all other ballots at such annual meeting or election in the election of officers of the district.

[For text of subds 5 to 7, see M.S.1978]

[1979 c 29 s 1]

123.32 Independent school districts, elections.

[For text of subds 1 to 4, see M.S.1978]

Subd. 5. The clerk shall prepare, at the expense of the district, necessary ballots for the election of officers, placing thereon the names of the proposed candidates with the same number of blank spaces for the insertion of names of other candidates as there are members to be elected. The name of each candidate for office shall be rotated with the names of the other candidates for the same office so that the name of each candidate appears substantially an equal number of times at the top, at the bottom, and at each intermediate place in the group of candidates for that office. The ballots shall be marked and initialed by at least two judges as official ballots and shall be used exclusively at the election. Any proposition to be voted upon shall be stated on a separate ballot. Voting shall be by secret ballot.

[For text of subds 6 to 8, see M.S.1978]

Subd. 8a. A losing candidate for any school district office may request a recount of the votes cast for that office if the difference between the vote cast for that candidate and for a winning candidate for that office is:

- (a) Five votes or less when the total vote cast for that office is 100 votes or less;
- (b) Ten votes or less when the total vote cast for that office is more than 100 but not more than 500 votes;
- (c) Twenty votes or less when the total vote cast for that office is more than 500 but not more than 2,000 votes;
- (d) One percent of the votes or less when the total vote cast for that office is more than 2,000 but less than 10,000 votes; or
- (e) 100 votes or less when the total vote cast for that office is 10,000 votes or more.

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The request shall be made in writing to the school board during the time for notice of contest of the election for which the recount is sought. Upon receipt of a request made pursuant to this section the school board shall recount the votes for that office at the expense of the school district.

A losing candidate for nomination or election to a school district may request a recount in the manner provided in this section at the candidate's own expense when the vote difference is greater than the difference required by clauses (a) to (e). The votes shall be recounted as provided in this section if the requesting candidate files with the school board a bond, cash or surety in an amount set by the board for the payment of the recount expenses.

Time for notice of contest of an election which is recounted pursuant to this subdivision shall begin to run upon certification of the results of the recount by the school board.

[For text of subds 9 to 24, see M.S.1978]

Subd. 25. (a) Any voter may contest the election of any person for or against whom he had the right to vote, who is declared elected to a school district office, or other questions submitted to public vote, by proceeding as follows:

He shall file with the clerk of the district court of the county in which the administrative office of the school district is located, within ten days after the canvass is completed, a written notice of contest specifying the points upon which the contest will be made, and cause a copy thereof to be served within said period as follows:

(1) If the contest be upon the election of any person, then upon the person whose election he is contesting and the official authorized to issue the certificate of election;

(2) If the contest be upon the question of consolidation or reorganization, then upon the county auditor authorized by law to issue the order;

(3) If the contest be upon any other question, by serving a copy upon the clerk of the district.

When the contestee desires to offer testimony on points not specified in contestant's notice, he shall file and serve on the contestant notice thereof specifying such additional points. Such notices shall be treated as the pleadings in the case and may be amended in the discretion of the court in such manner and within such times as the court may by order direct. Thereafter the matter shall be tried and determined by the court at a time set by the court within 30 days after such canvass. So far as consistent with this section, the Rules of Civil Procedure shall apply.

(b) When an appeal is taken to the supreme court from the determination of the district court in any contest instituted under this code, the party appealing shall file in the district court a bond in such sum, not less than \$500, and with such sureties, as shall be approved by the judge, conditioned for the payment of all costs incurred by the respondent in case appellant fails on his appeal. The notice of appeal shall be served and filed no later than ten days after the entry of the determination of the district court in the contest. The return of such appeal shall be made, certified, and filed in the supreme court within 15 days after service of notice of appeal. The appeal may be brought on for hearing in the court at any time when it is in session, upon ten days' notice from either party, which may be served during term time or in vacation; and it may be heard and determined summarily by the court.

[For text of subds 26 and 27, see M.S.1978]

[1979 c 29 s 2; 1979 c 90 s 4-5]

123.34 Officers of independent school districts.

[For text of subds 1 to 7, see M.S.1978]

Subd. 8. The clerk shall keep a record of all meetings of the district and the board in books provided by the district for that purpose. He shall, within three days after an

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election notify all persons elected of their election. On or before August 15 of each year he shall file with the board a report of the revenues, expenditures and balances in each fund for the preceding fiscal year. The report together with vouchers and supporting documents shall subsequently be examined by a public accountant or the state auditor, either of whom shall be paid by the school district, as provided in section 121.908, subdivision 3. The board shall by resolution approve the report or require a further or amended report. On or before August 15 of each year, he shall make and transmit to the commissioner certified reports, showing:

- (1) The condition and value of school property;
- (2) The revenues and expenditures in detail, and such other financial information required by law, rule, or as may be called for by the commissioner;
- (3) The length of school term and the enrollment and attendance by grades; and
- (4) Such other items of information as may be called for by the commissioner.

He shall enter in his record book copies of all his reports and of the teachers' term reports, as they appear in the registers, and of the proceedings of any meeting as furnished him by the clerk pro tem, and keep an itemized account of all the expenses of the district. He shall furnish to the auditor of the proper county, on or before October 10 of each year, an attested copy of his record, showing the amount of money voted by the district or the board for school purposes; draw and sign all orders upon the treasurer for the payment of money for bills allowed by the board for salaries of officers and for teachers' wages and all claims, to be countersigned by the chairman. Such orders shall state the consideration, payee, and the fund and the clerk shall take a receipt therefor. Teachers' wages shall have preference in the order in which they become due, and no money applicable for teachers' wages shall be used for any other purpose, nor shall teachers' wages be paid from any fund except that raised or apportioned for that purpose.

[For text of subs 9 and 10, see M.S.1978]

[1979 c 334 art 6 s 8]

123.35 General powers of independent school districts.

[For text of subs 1 to 14, see M.S.1978]

Subd. 15. When payment of a claim cannot be deferred until the next board meeting without loss to the district of a discount privilege, the claim may be paid prior to board approval, providing that the board:

- (a) Has delegated authority to the clerk or a designated business administrator to make a payment prior to board approval and
- (b) Requires that payment made prior to board approval be acted upon at the next board meeting.

Payment prior to board approval shall not affect the right of the district or a taxpayer to challenge the validity of a claim.

[1979 c 334 art 6 s 9]

123.36 Schoolhouses and sites, access by persons for non-curricular purposes, independent school districts.

[For text of subs 1 to 11, see M.S.1978]

Subd. 12. If the board provides access to persons or groups which make pupils aware of occupational or educational options, the board shall provide access on the same basis to official recruiting representatives of the military forces of the state or the United States for the purpose of informing students on educational and career opportunities available in the military.

[1979 c 295 s 1]

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123.38 Co-curricular and extracurricular activities of independent school districts; insurance.

[For text of subds 1 to 2b, see M.S.1978]

Subd. 3. The board may enter into a contract providing for the payment of cash benefits or the rendering or payment of hospital and medical benefits, or both to school children injured while participating in activities of the school, such contract to make the payment of such benefits or the rendering thereof the direct and sole obligation of the association or company entering into such contract with the district.

If the board deems it advisable, it may authorize employees to collect fees from the pupils enrolled in said school who are to be or are covered by such contract, and to make payment of the premium or other charge for such contract or protection. The payment of such premium or other charge may be made from funds received from the federal government or from the state or any governmental subdivision thereof, or from funds derived by a tax levy or the issuance of bonds.

The payment of any fees, premium or other charge by such child shall not thereby make the district liable for any injuries incurred from such school activities.

The state board of education may purchase medical insurance coverage for the benefit of students of the school for the deaf or the braille and sight-saving school in the same manner and with the same effect as a school district board may do for its students under this subdivision.

[For text of subd 4, see M.S.1978]

[1979 c 335 s 14]

123.58 Educational cooperative service units.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1978]

Subd. 2. **Establishment of educational cooperative service units.** (a) In furtherance of this policy, ten educational cooperative service units are designated. Each unit, should it become operational, shall be termed an educational cooperative service unit, hereafter designated as an ECSU. Geographical boundaries for each ECSU shall coincide with those identified in governor's executive orders 8, dated September 1, 1971, and 59, dated May 29, 1973, issued pursuant to the regional development act of 1969, Minnesota Statutes, Sections 462.381 to 462.397, with the following exceptions:

- (i) Development regions one and two shall be combined to form a single ECSU;
- (ii) Development regions six east and six west shall be combined to form a single ECSU;
- (iii) Development regions seven east and seven west shall be combined to form a single ECSU.

The ECSU shall cooperate with the regional development commission for the region with which its boundaries coincide but shall not be responsible to nor governed by that regional development commission.

(b) The geographic location of the central administrative office of a school district shall determine the membership of the total school district in a particular ECSU. Existing school district boundaries shall not be altered as a result of this section.

(c) Two or more identified ECSU units may, upon approval by a majority of school boards of participating school districts in each affected ECSU, be combined and administered as a single ECSU unit but state assistance shall be allocated on the basis of two or more ECSU units.

(d) The initial organization of each ECSU may occur only upon petition to the state board of education by a majority of all school districts in an ECSU. The state board of education shall, upon receipt of this petition, invite representation from all public school districts and shall encourage the participation of nonpublic school administra-

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tive units to the extent allowed by law in an ECSU at a regional meeting. The state board of education shall then assist in the necessary organizational activities for establishment of an ECSU pursuant to the requirements of this section.

[For text of subd 3, see M.S.1978]

Subd. 4. Membership and participation. Full membership in an ECSU shall be limited to public school districts of the state but non-voting associate memberships shall be available to non-public school administrative units within the ECSU. Participation in programs and services provided by the ECSU shall be discretionary and no school district shall be compelled to participate in these services under authority of this section, except that all school districts whose central administrative offices are within that ECSU whose boundaries coincide with those of development region 11 shall participate in the planning and planning research functions of that ECSU. No planning or planning research decision of that ECSU shall be binding on these region 11 districts. Non-public school students and personnel are encouraged to participate in programs and services to the extent allowed by law.

Subd. 5. Governing board. (a) The care, management, and control of an ECSU shall be vested in a board of directors composed of not less than six nor more than 15 members. Members of the ECSU board of directors shall be current members of school boards of participating public school districts. Election to the ECSU board of directors shall be by vote of all current school board members of participating public school districts with each school board member having one vote.

(b) At the initial election, not less than six nor more than 15 members shall be elected at large from the ECSU, one-third of the members for a one year term from July 1 next following the election, one-third of the members for a two year term, and one-third of the members for a three year term, to serve until a successor is elected and qualifies; provided that if the number of members is not evenly divisible by three, the membership will be as evenly distributed as possible among one, two, and three year terms with the remaining members serving the three year term. Elections shall occur after the third Tuesday in May but not later than June 15, or within 90 days following the filing of the initial petition with the state board of education. Thereafter, members shall be elected to serve a term of three years beginning on July 1 next following the election.

(c) Notwithstanding any contrary provisions in (a) and (b), the school boards of districts within that ECSU whose boundaries coincide with those of development region 11 may form a representative assembly composed of one current school board member from each district. The care, management, and control of that ECSU shall be vested in the representative assembly if one is formed. The representative assembly shall elect an executive committee of not less than six nor more than 15 members to terms as provided in clause (b) to have those powers and to carry out those duties delegated to it by the representative assembly. In the election of its executive committee, the representative assembly shall establish such electoral districts as necessary to ensure proportional representation based on school enrollments within the ECSU. The provisions of clauses (d), (e), (f) and (g) of this subdivision shall apply to the executive committee of this ECSU.

(d) A vacancy on the board which results in an unexpired term shall be filled by appointment by the board of directors until such vacancy can be filled at the next annual election.

(e) The first meeting of the ECSU board shall be at a time mutually agreed upon by board members. At this meeting, the ECSU board shall choose its officers and conduct any other necessary organizational business. The ECSU board may, in its discretion, appoint up to three superintendents of school districts within the ECSU as ex officio, non-voting members of the board and shall encourage the advisory participation of administrators of nonpublic school administrative units within the ECSU to the extent allowed by law.

(f) The officers of the ECSU board shall be a chairman, vice chairman, clerk and treasurer, no two of whom when possible shall be from the same school district.

(g) A member of the ECSU board shall have the same liability applicable to a member of an independent school board.

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Subd. 6. **Duties and powers of ECSU board of directors.** The board of directors shall have authority to maintain and operate an ECSU. Subject to the availability of necessary resources, the powers and duties of this board shall include the following:

(a) The board of directors shall submit within 90 days after the filing of the initial petition with the state board of education and by June 1 of each year thereafter to the state board of education and to each participating school district an annual plan which describes the objectives and procedures to be implemented in assisting in resolution of the educational needs of the ECSU. In formulating the plan the board is encouraged to consider: (1) the number of dropouts of school age in the ECSU area and the reasons for the dropouts; (2) existing programs within participating districts for dropouts and potential dropouts; (3) existing programs of the ECSU for dropouts and potential dropouts and (4) program needs of dropouts and potential dropouts in the area served by the ECSU.

(b) The ECSU board of directors may provide adequate office, service center, and administrative facilities by lease, purchase, gift, or otherwise, subject to the review of the state board of education as to the adequacy of the facilities proposed.

(c) The ECSU board of directors may employ a central administrative staff and other personnel as necessary to provide and support the agreed upon programs and services. The board may discharge staff and personnel pursuant to provisions of law applicable to independent school districts. ECSU staff and personnel may participate in retirement programs and any other programs available to public school staff and personnel.

(d) The ECSU board of directors may appoint special advisory committees composed of superintendents, central office personnel, building principals, teachers, parents and lay persons.

(e) The ECSU board of directors may employ service area personnel pursuant to licensure standards developed by the state board of education and the board of teaching.

(f) The ECSU board of directors may enter into contracts with school boards of local districts including school districts outside the ECSU area.

(g) The ECSU board of directors may enter into contracts with other public and private agencies and institutions which may include, but are not limited to, contracts with Minnesota institutions of higher education to provide administrative staff and other personnel as necessary to furnish and support the agreed upon programs and services.

(h) The ECSU board of directors shall exercise all powers and carry out all duties delegated to it by participating local school districts under provisions of the ECSU by-laws. The ECSU board of directors shall be governed, when not otherwise provided, by the provisions of law applicable to independent school districts of the state.

(i) The ECSU board of directors shall submit an annual evaluation report of the effectiveness of programs and services to the school districts and nonpublic school administrative units within the ECSU and the state board of education by September 1 of each year following the school year in which the program and services were provided.

(j) The ECSU board is encouraged to establish cooperative, working relationships with post-secondary educational institutions in the state.

Subd. 7. **Appointment of an advisory council.** There shall be an advisory council selected to give advice and counsel to the ECSU board of directors. This council shall be composed of superintendents, central office personnel, principals, teachers, parents, and lay persons. Nonpublic school administrative units are encouraged to participate on the council to the extent allowed by law. A plan detailing procedures for selection of membership in this council shall be submitted by the ECSU board of directors to the state board of education.

Subd. 8. **Educational programs and services.** Pursuant to subdivision 6, and rules and regulations of the state board of education, the board of directors of each operational ECSU shall submit annually a plan to the public school districts within the ECSU, the nonpublic school administrative units, and the state board of education. The plan shall identify the programs and services which are suggested for implementation by the ECSU during the following school year and shall contain components of long range planning determined by the ECSU in cooperation with the state board of education and

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other appropriate agencies. The state board of education may review and recommend modification of the proposed plan and conduct ongoing program reviews. These programs and services may include, but are not limited to, the following areas:

- (a) Administrative services and purchasing
- (b) Curriculum development
- (c) Data processing
- (d) Educational television
- (e) Evaluation and research
- (f) In-service training
- (g) Media centers
- (h) Publication and dissemination of materials
- (i) Pupil personnel services
- (j) Regional planning, joint use of facilities, and flexible and year-round school scheduling
- (k) Secondary, post-secondary, community, adult, and adult vocational education
- (l) Individualized instruction and services, including services for students with special talents and special needs
- (m) Teacher personnel services
- (n) Vocational rehabilitation
- (o) Health, diagnostic, and child development services and centers
- (p) Leadership or direction in early childhood and family education
- (q) Community services
- (r) Shared time programs.

Subd. 8a. **Technical assistance.** Insofar as possible, educational cooperative service units shall make technical assistance for long-range planning available to school districts upon request and shall establish a common data base for local and regional decision making.

[For text of subs 9 and 10, see M.S.1978]

[1979 c 195 s 1-6; 1979 c 334 art 6 s 10,11]

123.681 Sale at auction.

Notwithstanding sections 123.37, subdivision 1, 471.345 or any other law, the board of a school district or of a cooperative center for vocational education may, in lieu of advertising for bids, sell at public auction to the highest responsible bidder a building constructed or to be constructed by a secondary or post-secondary school student or class as a school assignment. A board shall publish notice of a sale at least two weeks before the sale in the official newspaper of the district, or in the case of a cooperative center, in the official newspapers of each of the member districts, and may, at its discretion, publish additional notice in the official paper or elsewhere. A building may be withdrawn from sale prior to the completion of the sale unless the auction has been announced to be without reserve. If the sale is made at public auction, a duly licensed auctioneer shall be retained to conduct the sale. The auctioneer shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale or from any funds available to the board which are not otherwise restricted or encumbered.

[1979 c 110 s 1]

123.69 School employees, tuberculosis.

Subdivision 1. **Tests prior to employment.** The employees of all school districts, as defined in section 120.02, and the employees of all private or parochial schools, day care centers and nursery schools shall, prior to employment and periodically thereafter as prescribed by the commissioner of health by rule, show freedom from tuberculosis

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in accordance with rules promulgated by the commissioner of health. The school district, private or parochial school, day care center or nursery school shall assume the payment of the cost of the services necessary for the diagnosis and report but the obligation shall be limited to the actual examination and diagnosis and shall not include travel or incidental expenses. The physical examinations, chest x-rays or tuberculin tests shall not be required of any employee who files with the school board or with the person or persons legally responsible for the private or parochial school, day care center or nursery school an affidavit setting forth that he depends exclusively upon prayer or spiritual means for healing, that he is to the best of his knowledge and belief in good health, and that he claims exemption from health examination on those grounds. An employee who is in compliance with the requirements of this section for a school district, private or parochial school, day care center or nursery school in this state shall be deemed to be in compliance with this section for any other school district, private or parochial school, day care center or nursery school.

[For text of subd 2, see M.S.1978]

[1979 c 292 s 1]

NOTE: Laws 1979, Chapter 292, Section 2 reads as follows:

"Sec. 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 123.69, expires July 1, 1983."

123.702 School board responsibilities.

Subdivision 1. Every school board shall provide for a voluntary health and developmental screening program for children once before entering kindergarten. This screening program shall be established either by one board, by two or more boards acting in cooperation, by educational cooperative service units, by early childhood and family education programs, or by other existing programs. No school board may make this screening examination a mandatory prerequisite to enroll a student. The screening programs shall include at least the following components to the extent the school board determines they are financially feasible: developmental assessments, hearing and vision screening, dental assessments, the review of health history and immunization status, laboratory tests and nutritional and physical assessments. All screening components shall be consistent with the standards of the state commissioner of health for early and periodic screening programs. No child shall be required to submit to any component of this screening program to be eligible for any other component. No screening program shall provide laboratory tests, a health history or a physical examination to any child who has been provided with those laboratory tests or a health history or physical examination within the previous 12 months. The school district shall request the results of any laboratory test, health history or physical examination within the 12 months preceding a scheduled screening clinic.

[For text of subs 2 to 6, see M.S.1978]

Subd. 7. In selecting personnel to implement the screening program, the school district shall give priority first to qualified volunteers and second to other persons possessing the minimum qualifications required by the rules adopted by the state board of education and the commissioner of health.

[1979 c 334 art 6 s 12,13]

123.703 State board of education and state commissioner of health; responsibilities.

Subdivision 1. School boards shall administer the screening programs pursuant to rules adopted by the state board of education. Prior to the adoption of the rules, the state board shall solicit information or opinions pursuant to section 15.0412, subdivision 6. Copies of the proposed rules shall be sent to the state commissioner of health and each school board in the state on or before the date of publication. The state board of education shall consider the standards employed by the state commissioner of health for early and periodic screening programs in drafting the proposed rules. The rules adopted by the state board of education and the commissioner of health to govern the screening

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program shall unconditionally permit registered nurses to perform those components of the screening program that can be performed by a nurse.

[For text of subd 2, see M.S.1978]

Subd. 3. The state board of education, in cooperation with the state commissioner of health, shall report to the legislature by February 1, 1980, on the results of the screening programs in accomplishing the purposes specified in section 123.701. The report shall include information on the rates of children's participation in screening programs, on districts' costs for implementing the various components of the screening program, and on any exemptions granted from screening requirements because of financial infeasibility.

[1979 c 334 art 6 s 14,15]

123.705 State aid.

The department of education shall pay each school district for the cost of screening services provided pursuant to sections 123.701 to 123.705. The payment shall not exceed \$25 per child screened in fiscal year 1980 and \$27 per child screened in fiscal year 1981. Any district may request and receive an advance payment equal to 50 percent of its estimated payment for screening eligible children.

[1979 c 334 art 6 s 16]

123.741 Educational policy; curriculum advisory committees.

Subdivision 1. The school board of each school district in the state shall develop and adopt a written educational policy which establishes educational goals for the district, a process for achieving these goals, and procedures for evaluating and reporting progress toward the goals. The school board shall review this policy each year and adopt revisions which it deems desirable. School boards are encouraged to develop this school district policy and any revisions after consultation with the staff of each school building. In formulating the policy, the school board of a district is encouraged to consider: (a) the number of dropouts of school age in the district and the reasons for the dropouts; (b) existing programs within the district for dropouts and potential dropouts and (c) program needs of dropouts and potential dropouts.

[For text of subds 2 to 5, see M.S.1978]

[1979 c 334 art 6 s 17]

123.79 Funds and aids.

Subdivision 1. Such state aids as may become available or appropriated shall be governed by section 124.225, be paid to the school district entitled thereto for the equal benefit of all school children, and be disbursed in such manner as determined by the board.

[For text of subd 2, see M.S.1978]

[1979 c 334 art 2 s 4]

123.80 Safety education for transported students.

Subdivision 1. The state board of education shall provide by rule or regulation a program of safety education for students who are transported to school. Each district receiving aid under the provisions of section 124.225 shall implement the program. In drafting said regulations, the board shall give particular attention to procedures for loading, unloading, vehicle lane crossing and emergency evacuation procedures as they affect school buses.

[For text of subds 2 and 3, see M.S.1978]

[1979 c 334 art 2 s 5]

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123.932 Definitions.

[For text of subd 1a, see M.S.1978]

Subd. 1b. "Textbook" means any book or book substitute which a pupil uses as a text or text substitute in a particular class or program in the school he regularly attends and a copy of which is expected to be available for the individual use of each pupil in this class or program, which book or book substitute or text or text substitute shall be limited to books, workbooks, or manuals, whether bound or in looseleaf form, intended for use as a principal source of study material for a given class or a group of students. The term includes only such secular, neutral and nonideological textbooks as are available and are of benefit to Minnesota public school pupils.

[For text of subs 1c to 1i, see M.S.1978]

[1979 c 34 s 1]

123.937 Appropriation.

There is appropriated annually to the department of education from the general fund of the state treasury the sum of \$3,250,000 for the purposes of sections 123.931 to 123.937. If this amount is not sufficient to make the payments required pursuant to sections 123.931 to 123.937, the amount necessary to make these payments is appropriated from the general fund to the department of education.

[1979 c 334 art 6 s 18]

123.939 Committee on nonpublic schools.

Subdivision 1. The governor shall appoint a five member committee on nonpublic schools within 30 days of April 14, 1976. The five members shall be representative of the various areas of the state and shall be knowledgeable about nonpublic schools. The compensation, removal of members, filling of vacancies and expiration date shall be as provided in section 15.059.

Subd. 2. The task force study shall include, but not be limited to the following areas:

- (a) nonpublic school enrollments and enrollment trends;
- (b) special education needs of students enrolled in nonpublic schools;
- (c) special education facilities available to students enrolled in nonpublic schools;
- (d) nonpublic school curriculum needs;
- (e) nonpublic school staffing, staffing ratios, and teacher certification;
- (f) the use of shared time by nonpublic school students;
- (g) the sharing of facilities by nonpublic and public schools;
- (h) the use of the educational cooperative service units by nonpublic schools;
- (i) transportation problems faced by nonpublic schools;
- (j) the services provided the nonpublic schools by the department of education or any other educational agency; and
- (k) any other problems of nonpublic schools which affect their abilities to provide sound educational programs for children.

Subd. 3. The task force shall report the results of its study and any recommendations it may have developed to the appropriate education committees of the legislature prior to January 15, 1977, and shall be available for consultation during the 1977 legislative session.

Subd. 4. As used in this section, "nonpublic school" means a school as defined in section 123.932, subdivision 3.

[1976 c 271 s 8; 1977 c 447 art 7 s 31; 1979 c 195 s 7]