
(a) Recognizing the virtue of the regional offices of education in that locally elected public servants are working closely with local school boards and superintendents and in partnership with the State Board of Education, and in an effort to deliver these educational services more efficiently and effectively, there is hereby established the Streamlining Illinois' Regional Offices of Education Commission. The Commission shall explore and examine all duties of the State Board of Education and all regional offices of education and intermediate service centers, as well as the boundaries of the educational service regions as defined in this Article, in order to determine which duties and responsibilities should be provided regionally to more appropriately and efficiently deliver services and whether the boundaries of the education service regions can be expanded to streamline the regional offices of education. The Commission shall ensure that its recommendations include specifics as to the necessary funding to carry out identified responsibilities.

(b) The Commission shall consist of all of the following voting members:

(1) One person appointed by the Governor, who shall serve as chairperson of the Commission.

(2) One member appointed by the President of the Senate.

(3) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate.

(4) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(5) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

(6) One member appointed by an association representing regional superintendents of schools.

(7) One member appointed by an association representing school boards.

(8) One member appointed by an association representing school administrators.

(9) One member appointed by an association representing school business officials.

(10) One member appointed by each of 2 statewide associations representing teachers.

(11) One member from an intermediate service center appointed by the State Superintendent of Education.

(12) One district superintendent from an urban school district appointed by the State Superintendent of Education.
(13) One district superintendent from a rural school district appointed by the State Superintendent of Education.

(14) One representative from the State Board of Education appointed by the State Superintendent of Education.

Members appointed by the legislative leaders shall be appointed for the duration of the Commission; in the event of a vacancy, the appointment to fill the vacancy shall be made by the legislative leader of the same house and party as the leader who made the original appointment.

(c) The Commission may begin to conduct business upon the appointment of a majority of the voting members.

(d) The State Board of Education shall be the agency responsible for providing staff and administrative support to the Commission.

(e) Members of the Commission shall receive no compensation for their participation, but may be reimbursed by the State Board of Education for expenses in connection with their participation, including travel, if funds are available.

(f) The Commission shall submit a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before August 1, 2012. The Commission may submit other reports as it deems appropriate.

(g) The Commission is abolished on August 2, 2012, and this Section is repealed on August 2, 2012.

(105 ILCS 5/18-5) (from Ch. 122, par. 18-5)

Sec. 18-5. Compensation of regional superintendents and assistants. The State Board of Education shall request an appropriation payable from the Personal Property Tax Replacement Fund for fiscal year 2012 only, and the common school fund for fiscal year 2013 and beyond as and for compensation for regional superintendents of schools and the assistant regional superintendents of schools authorized by Section 3-15.10 of this Act, and as provided in "An Act concerning fees and salaries and to classify the several counties of this State with reference thereto", approved March 29, 1872 as amended, and shall present vouchers to the Comptroller monthly for the payment to the several regional superintendents and such assistant regional superintendents of their compensation as fixed by law. Such payments shall be made either (1) monthly, at the close of the month, or (2) semimonthly on or around the 15th of the month and at the close of the month, at the option of the regional superintendent or assistant regional superintendent.

(Source: P.A. 83-686.)