

# SENATE, No. 1467

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## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senators SCHLUTER and EWING

1   **AN ACT** concerning educational audiovisual aids centers, amending  
2   various sections of the New Jersey Statutes and supplementing  
3   chapter 51 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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5   **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
6   of New Jersey:

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8       1. (New section) The Legislature finds and declares that:  
9           a. Over the past several decades during which school districts have  
10          had the authority to establish county educational audiovisual aids  
11          centers, great advances have been made in educational technology;  
12           b. Many of the centers now in operation are operating under severe  
13          financial constraints which prevent them from keeping pace with the  
14          technological needs of school districts;  
15           c. There are currently 20 centers operating separately with the  
16          result that expenses for office rental, administration and other  
17          operations are borne individually by each of the centers; and  
18           d. There is a need for statutory authority to permit the  
19          establishment of regional centers which would allow for the sharing of  
20          expenses and the merging of resources in order to consolidate,  
21          streamline and update the services of the county centers.

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23       2. N.J.S. 18A:51-1 is amended to read as follows:

24       18A:51-1. The boards of education of two or more school districts  
25          in any county may by resolution adopted by a majority vote of all of  
26          the members of each such board, determine to establish a ["county  
27          educational audiovisual aids center"] county instructional media and  
28          educational technology services center, hereinafter referred to as  
29          "county center".

30       (cf: N.J.S. 18A:51-1)

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32       3. N.J.S. 18A:51-2 is amended to read as follows:

33       18A:51-2. The supervision, management and control of [such] a  
34          county center shall be vested in a county [educational audiovisual

**EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.**

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 aids] instructional media and educational technology services  
2 commission, hereinafter referred to as "county commission," which  
3 shall consist of [seven] eight members who shall serve without  
4 compensation. [Three members of the commission, who shall be  
5 known as members of the first class, shall be chosen from the  
6 membership of the boards of education of the participating school  
7 districts, three members of the commission, who shall be known as  
8 members of the second class, shall be chosen from the membership of  
9 the professional staffs of said boards of education whose offices,  
10 positions or employments are such as to require them to hold  
11 appropriate certificates in full force and effect in this state,] Six  
12 members of the commission shall be chosen from the membership of  
13 the boards of education of the participating school districts or from  
14 among appropriately certificated persons employed by the participating  
15 school districts and one member of the commission, who shall be  
16 known as the librarian member, shall be the county librarian if there  
17 be a county library in the county, who shall hold office ex officio, and  
18 if there be no county library in the county, then such member shall be  
19 chosen from among the librarians of the libraries in the county  
20 supported in whole or in part by public funds. The county  
21 superintendent shall serve as a member ex officio, but shall vote only  
22 to break a tie vote of the commission.

23 (cf: N.J.S. 18A:51-2)

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25 4. N.J.S. 18A:51-3 is amended to read as follows:

26 18A:51-3. The first members of the county commission shall be  
27 appointed forthwith by the county superintendent of the county upon  
28 notification that it has been determined to establish [such] a county  
29 center and they shall serve until June 30 next ensuing.

30 (cf: N.J.S. 18A:51-3)

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32 5. N.J.S. 18A:51-4 is amended to read as follows:

33 18A:51-4. [ On or before said June 30 and annually thereafter, the  
34 county superintendent shall call a meeting of all of the members of the  
35 boards of education of the participating school districts for the  
36 election of permanent members of the commission. At such first  
37 meeting one member of the first class and one member of the second  
38 class, shall be elected for terms of one year, two years and three  
39 years, each, beginning on July 1 next succeeding, and if there be no  
40 county library in the county, the librarian member shall be elected for  
41 a term of one year. At each subsequent meeting one member of each  
42 class shall be elected to serve for a term of three years] At the  
43 meeting of the county school board association immediately preceding  
44 July 1, two members of the county commission shall be elected to  
45 serve a term of one year, two members shall be elected to serve a term  
46 of two years, two members shall be elected to serve a term of three

1   years and a librarian member to serve for one year shall be elected,  
2   also, if there be no county library in the county. Thereafter, at the  
3   meeting of the county school board association immediately preceding  
4   July 1 in each year, two members shall be elected to serve a term of  
5   three years, and if there is no county library in the county, the librarian  
6   member shall be elected to serve for a term of three years. In all cases  
7   the vote of the majority of the members of the boards of education of  
8   the participating school districts present and voting shall be necessary  
9   for election. Vacancies in the commission shall be filled by the  
10   remaining members of the commission according to the qualifications  
11   hereinbefore provided [for original appointments] and they shall serve  
12   for the unexpired terms only.

13   (cf: N.J.S. 18A:51-4)

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15   6. N.J.S. 18A:51-5 is amended to read as follows:

16   18A:51-5. Each county [educational audiovisual aids] commission  
17   shall organize by the election of a [chairman] chairperson and a vice  
18   [chairman] chairperson from its own membership and shall adopt rules  
19   for the establishment and maintenance of said center. The county  
20   superintendent shall serve as secretary of the commission, and the  
21   county treasurer of the county shall serve as custodian of all moneys  
22   and funds of the commission from whatever source derived, without  
23   compensation. The county treasurer as such custodian shall keep said  
24   moneys and funds in a separate and distinct account and shall disburse  
25   the same on orders signed by the [chairman] chairperson and  
26   secretary of the commission. Before entering upon his duties as such  
27   custodian he shall be required to give additional bond or to renew his  
28   bond as county treasurer, in such manner as to cover and secure the  
29   faithful performance of his duties as such custodian and any additional  
30   premium shall be paid by the commission.

31   (cf: N.J.S. 18A:51-5)

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33   7. N.J.S. 18A:51-6 is amended to read as follows:

34   18A:51-6. The county commission shall provide, maintain and  
35   furnish educational audiovisual aids to the public schools of the  
36   participating school districts and may furnish, maintain and repair  
37   equipment, software, and provide services to keep pace with advances  
38   in educational technology and technology education. The commission  
39   shall provide such facilities, and may incur such expenses as it may  
40   deem necessary for said purpose, but shall not make expenditures or  
41   commitments in any year in excess of the funds available for that year.

42   The commission may contract with nonprofit, private schools  
43   [within the county] and such other entities as non-participating public  
44   school districts, community colleges, educational organizations,  
45   governmental bodies and nonprofit organizations to provide, maintain  
46   and furnish educational audiovisual aids [to such private schools].

1   equipment, software and related services. Before contracting with  
2   any [nonprofit, private school] such entity, the commission shall  
3   submit the terms of the contract to [the] its member boards for  
4   review, which terms shall include a description of the educational  
5   audiovisual aid, equipment, software or services to be furnished, the  
6   amount of payment and the time for payment.

7   (cf: P.L.1969, c. 274, s. 1)

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9       8. N.J.S. 18A:51-7 is amended to read as follows:

10      18A:51-7. The county commission shall assess against the  
11     participating school districts a sum which, together with any  
12     anticipated State or federal aid [and] or grants, private donations or  
13     other revenue, shall be required for the establishment and maintenance  
14     of the county [educational audiovisual aids] center during the first year  
15     and for the maintenance and operation of the same[,] during each year  
16     thereafter, which total annual assessment shall be apportioned among  
17     the participating school districts in the proportion which the resident  
18     enrollment of the pupils of each such district shall bear to the total  
19     resident enrollment of the pupils of all of the participating school  
20     districts, as determined by the commissioner. The commission may  
21     establish minimum or maximum assessments or both.

22       Pupils sent from a participating school district to schools of a non-  
23     participating district, pursuant to a sending-receiving relationship, shall  
24     not be counted toward pupil resident enrollment for assessment  
25     purposes. Pupils sent from a non-participating school district to a  
26     participating school district, pursuant to a sending-receiving  
27     relationship, shall be counted toward pupil resident enrollment for  
28     assessment purposes. The participating district may include that  
29     portion of its assessment attributable to the pupils sent into the district  
30     pursuant to a sending-receiving relationship in its tuition charge to the  
31     sending district unless the non-participating district agrees to become  
32     a participating district subject to assessment.

33       Pupils residing in a participating district who attend a charter school  
34     shall be counted toward pupil resident enrollment for assessment  
35     purposes. The commission may make assessments for certain services  
36     or charge directly for other services as appropriate.

37   (cf: P.L.1990,c.52,s.70)

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39       9. N.J.S. 18A:51-8 is amended to read as follows:

40      18A:51-8. On or before September 30 of each year the county  
41     commission shall prepare a tentative budget of the sums required by  
42     said commission in carrying on its activities for the ensuing year so  
43     itemized as to make it readily understandable, together with a  
44     statement of the amount to be assessed against each participating  
45     school district for such year based on the preceding year's enrollment,  
46     and shall deliver the same to the board of education of each of the

1 participating school districts before the date of the October meeting  
2 of such board. The board of education of each participating school  
3 district shall consider such tentative budget at its October meeting and  
4 shall return the same forthwith to the commission with its  
5 endorsement or suggestions for change, if any, and after all such  
6 boards of education shall have so returned the same, the commission  
7 shall adopt its budget for the ensuing year and notify the board of  
8 education of each participating school district, on or before the  
9 November meeting thereof if practicable and otherwise as soon  
10 thereafter as possible, of the total amount of the budget and the  
11 amount to be assessed against such school district for said year and  
12 each such board of education shall include the amount so assessed  
13 against it in the item "current expenses of schools" in the budget  
14 adopted or submitted for adoption by it for the ensuing year and the  
15 same shall be paid to the custodian of moneys of the commission as  
16 required and requisitioned by him. If during the first year of the  
17 establishment of any such commission it shall be impossible to carry  
18 out the budgetary provisions hereinbefore provided, the commission  
19 shall certify to the boards of education of the participating school  
20 districts the amounts of said assessments as soon as practicable after  
21 the establishment of the commission and said boards of education  
22 shall pay said assessments from available current expense funds.

23 (cf: N.J.S.18A:51-8)

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25 10. N.J.S. 18A:51-9 is amended to read as follows:

26 18A:51-9. Each county [educational audiovisual aids] com-  
27 mission shall forward to the commissioner, on or before  
28 September 1 of each year, a statement of its organization and its  
29 proposed program of operation for the next ensuing school year,  
30 together with an estimate of the amount of State and federal aid,  
31 calculated as hereinafter provided, to which it will be entitled for that  
32 school year and it shall certify, on or before the next June 30, the  
33 amount raised by assessments, grants and private donations for the  
34 purposes of [such audiovisual] the center for the said school year and  
35 if the amount so raised by assessments [or], grants and private  
36 donations [or both] for any one school year, for the establishment and  
37 maintenance or for the maintenance of [such aids] the center shall be  
38 not less than the sum of \$500.00, and if the commissioner shall  
39 approve such organization and program he shall thereupon certify to  
40 the Director of Budget and Accounting in the Department of the  
41 Treasury that there shall be paid to the custodian of moneys of the  
42 commission an amount equal to the amount so raised by assessments,  
43 grants and private donations out of any funds appropriated by law for  
44 said purposes, which amount shall be paid on the warrant of said  
45 director drawn on the State Treasurer in favor of the custodian of  
46 moneys of the commission except that the amount so to be paid by the

1 State to any such commission shall not exceed the sum of \$5,000.00  
2 in any [1] one year nor shall it exceed the sum expended by the  
3 commission for [educational audiovisual aids purchased] purchases by  
4 it in any year after the first 5 annual payments have been made. If the  
5 sum appropriated by the State for State aid to county [educational  
6 audiovisual] centers in any [1] one year shall be less than the total  
7 amounts so certified by the commissioner, each commission shall be  
8 entitled to be paid its proportionate share of the total amount so  
9 appropriated.

10 (cf: P.L.1969, c. 224, s. 1)

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12 11. N.J.S. 18A:51-10 is amended to read as follows:

13 18A:51-10. Any unexpended balance of the moneys or funds in the  
14 hands of the custodian of moneys of any [such] county commission  
15 at the end of any school year shall be available for expenditure by the  
16 commission in the succeeding year or years but it shall not be included  
17 in any report of the amount raised as the basis for the calculation of  
18 state aid for any succeeding year.

19 (cf: N.J.S.18A:51-10)

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21 12. N.J.S. 18A:51-11 is amended to read as follows:

22 18A:51-11. Not more than one county [educational audiovisual  
23 aids] center shall be established in any one county and if any board of  
24 education of any school district within the county shall, subsequent to  
25 the establishment of a county [educational audiovisual aids center]  
26 commission within the county or the establishment of a regional  
27 commission pursuant to section 14 of P.L. ,c. (C. ) (now  
28 pending before the Legislature as this bill), determine, by resolution  
29 adopted by a recorded roll call majority vote of its full membership to  
30 apply for membership therein and shall give notice thereof to the  
31 secretary of the commission, such board of education shall be  
32 admitted to membership therein beginning on the first day of the  
33 month next following and thereafter shall be subject to the provisions  
34 of this chapter in the same manner as though it had been one of the  
35 original participating school districts therein.

36 (cf: N.J.S. 18A:51-11)

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38 13. N.J.S. 18A:51-12 is amended to read as follows:

39 18A:51-12. Any board of education of any participating school  
40 district may withdraw as a participating district pursuant to resolution  
41 duly adopted by a majority of the authorized membership of said board  
42 and notice of intention to withdraw given to the secretary of the  
43 commission on or before August 1 in any year and in event that all  
44 participating boards of education, or all of said participating boards  
45 of education except one, shall determine to withdraw from any such  
46 county [educational audiovisual center] commission, the same shall

1 be dissolved [and] . Except as otherwise provided in this section, the  
2 property of [such center] the commission shall be disposed of at a  
3 public or private sale and one half of the amount realized therefrom,  
4 together with one half of any unexpended balances remaining in the  
5 treasury of [such center] the commission, shall be paid to the state  
6 treasurer to be devoted to the maintenance and support of the public  
7 schools and the remainder thereof shall be apportioned among the  
8 board of education participating in [said center] the commission at the  
9 time of its dissolution on the basis of the total average daily enrollment  
10 of the pupils of said district ascertained as hereinbefore provided.  
11 The withdrawal of a school district shall become effective on July 1 of  
12 the year following receipt of the notification of intention to withdraw,  
13 provided that the notification was received on or before August 1.

14       When the withdrawal of several participating school districts from  
15 a county commission causes the continued operation of the center to  
16 be unreasonable for financial reasons, the county commission may  
17 elect to dissolve the center upon a three-fourths vote of the authorized  
18 membership of the commission, provided that:

19       a. two-thirds of the boards of education of the remaining  
20 participating school districts adopt a resolution requesting the  
21 dissolution by a two-thirds majority roll call vote of the authorized  
22 members of each of those boards of education; and

23       b. the county superintendent or superintendents of the county or  
24 counties affected concur that the dissolution best serves the  
25 educational needs of the county's students.

26 (cf: N.J.S.18A:51-12)

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28       14. (New section) Two or more county centers may, by  
29 resolutions adopted by their operating county commissions, merge to  
30 form a "regional instructional media and educational technology  
31 services center", hereinafter referred to as "regional center." A  
32 resolution shall be adopted by a majority vote of the authorized  
33 membership of each of the county commissions. In the event of a  
34 merger, the property of the county commission, including any  
35 unexpended balances remaining in the treasury of the commission,  
36 shall become the property of the regional commission.

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38       15. (New section) The supervision, management and control of a  
39 regional center shall be vested in a "regional instructional media and  
40 educational technology services commission," hereinafter referred to  
41 as "regional commission," which shall consist of an odd number of not  
42 fewer than seven members, as determined by the commission, who  
43 shall serve without compensation. There shall be three classes of  
44 members as follows:

45       a. county members shall be elected so that there shall be an equal  
46 number of county members for each county whose county commission

1 elects to join a regional center, but limited to the following:

2       (1) when there are two or three participating counties, there shall  
3 not be fewer than two county members per county; and

4       (2) when there are four or more participating counties, there shall  
5 not be fewer than one county member per county.

6       County members shall be either members of a participating board  
7 of education or appropriately certificated personnel employed by a  
8 participating school district in a participating county.

9       b. one librarian member shall be selected, who shall be either the  
10 county librarian of one of the participating counties or a librarian at a  
11 library supported in whole or in part by public funds from one of the  
12 participating counties.

13       c. members-at-large shall be elected in such numbers as deemed  
14 necessary by the commission, provided that the number of members-  
15 at-large shall be fewer than one-half of the total regional commission  
16 membership.

17       The county superintendents of the counties served by the regional  
18 center shall select from their number a county superintendent who  
19 shall serve as a member ex officio and as secretary of the commission,  
20 but who shall vote only to break a tie vote of the commission.

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22       16. (New section) a. At the meeting of each county school board  
23 association of the participating counties, immediately preceding July  
24 1 in the initial year of operation, the county members of the regional  
25 commission shall be elected. One-half of the county members shall  
26 serve a term of one year and one half shall serve a term of two years;  
27 if there are five county members, then three shall serve for a term of  
28 two years and two shall serve for a term of one year. Each county  
29 commission shall select from its membership a candidate or candidates  
30 for county member of the regional commission and shall present the  
31 candidate or candidates for election to the county school board  
32 association. The vote of a majority of the members of the boards of  
33 education of the participating school districts present and voting shall  
34 be necessary for election.

35       Successors to county members whose terms expire shall be elected  
36 as described above before July 1 for a term of two years. Vacancies  
37 in an unexpired county member seat shall be filled by the county  
38 superintendent of schools for the county in which the vacancy occurs  
39 and shall be for the unexpired term only.

40       b. The librarian member shall serve a term of office of three years,  
41 and by July 1 of every third year shall be appointed by mutual  
42 agreement of the county superintendents of schools for the counties  
43 served by the regional center. Vacancies in an unexpired library  
44 member seat shall be filled by the mutual agreement of the county  
45 superintendents of schools for the counties served by the regional  
46 center, and the member shall serve for the unexpired term.

1       c. Members-at-large shall serve for a term of one year. If, for the  
2 initial year of operation, the number of county members and the  
3 librarian member are fewer than seven, the county superintendents of  
4 schools for the counties served by the regional center shall, by mutual  
5 agreement, appoint by July 1, a sufficient number of members-at-large  
6 to cause the number of members to be seven. At its option, the  
7 regional commission may elect additional members-at-large by a  
8 majority vote of the full commission. Vacancies in an at-large seat  
9 shall be filled if the failure to fill the seat results in a commission of  
10 fewer than seven members; otherwise, the commission may elect to fill  
11 the seat but is not required to do so. A member filling a vacancy shall  
12 be elected by the majority vote of the authorized membership of the  
13 commission.

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15       17. (New section) Each regional commission shall organize by the  
16 election of a chairperson and a vice chairperson from its own  
17 membership and shall adopt rules for the establishment and  
18 maintenance of the regional center. The county treasurer in the  
19 county in which the regional center is located shall serve without  
20 compensation as the custodian of all moneys and funds of the regional  
21 commission. However, in the event the person is unwilling or unable  
22 to serve, the county treasurer from another county within the  
23 commission's jurisdiction may agree to serve, subject to the approval  
24 of the county superintendents of the counties in the commission's  
25 jurisdiction.

26       The county treasurer as the custodian shall keep the moneys and  
27 funds in a separate and distinct account and shall disburse the same on  
28 orders signed by the chairperson and secretary of the commission.  
29 Before entering upon the duties as custodian, the county treasurer  
30 shall be required to give additional bond or to renew the bond as  
31 county treasurer in such a manner as to cover and secure the faithful  
32 performance of the duties as custodian, and any additional premium  
33 shall be paid by the commission. A regional commission may employ  
34 a school business administrator on a shared or non-shared basis.

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36       18. (New section) a. A county or regional commission may, by a  
37 resolution adopted by a majority vote of its authorized membership,  
38 elect to merge with an existing shared services organization, such as  
39 an educational services commission, a special services school district,  
40 a jointure commission, or a similar intermediate organization, provided  
41 that the shared services organization so agrees by a majority vote of  
42 the authorized membership of its governing unit and also agrees to  
43 provide services to the same jurisdiction to which the commission  
44 provides services. The supervision, management and control of a  
45 center which has been merged with a shared services organization shall  
46 be mutually negotiated between the commission and the shared

1 services organization. Upon the organization of the shared services  
2 organization, the county superintendent or superintendents of the  
3 participating county or counties shall declare the county or regional  
4 commission to be dissolved and shall notify all participating school  
5 districts of the shared services organization's assumption of the  
6 commission's obligations.

7 b. In the event of a merger, the property of the county or regional  
8 commission, together with the unexpended balances remaining in its  
9 treasury, shall become the property of the shared services  
10 organization. The shared services organization shall assume the  
11 responsibilities that previously were assumed by the county or regional  
12 commission, as negotiated between the shared services organization  
13 and the county or regional commission.

14 c. When a regional commission is to be dissolved, and the  
15 dissolution will result in instructional media and educational  
16 technology services no longer being provided to the current  
17 participating districts through a regional center, the plan for the  
18 dissolution of the regional commission shall define the manner in  
19 which the assets are to be disposed of and distributed equitably among  
20 the boards of education of the participating school districts at the time  
21 of dissolution. The disposal and distribution shall be consistent with  
22 the center's annual assessment process or with such other manner by  
23 which it obtains funding from the district or districts for which it  
24 provides services.

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26 19. (New section) When there is no existing county or regional  
27 center providing services to a county, a board of education in a county  
28 that wishes its school district to participate in a center may elect to  
29 join an existing county or regional center in another county. However,  
30 where there is an existing county or regional center providing services  
31 to a county, a board of education that elects to participate in a center  
32 shall participate in the center providing services to that county.

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34 20. This act shall take effect immediately.

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37 STATEMENT

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39 This bill provides the authority for modernizing and consolidating  
40 educational audiovisual aids centers. Recognizing that educational  
41 technology has greatly advanced from the 16mm film which was the  
42 principal media in the 1950's, the bill renames the centers as  
43 instructional media and educational technology services centers. The  
44 bill would permit the consolidation of these centers by providing the  
45 authority for two or more county centers to merge to form a regional  
46 center, and the authority for either a county center or a regional

1 center to merge with an existing shared services organization.

2       The bill continues the vesting of the supervision, management and  
3 control of a county center in a county commission, whose eight  
4 members would serve without compensation. However, in light of the  
5 difficulty that commissions have in filing vacancies, the bill would  
6 remove the quotas that establish first and second-class members.  
7 Rather, the six members would either be chosen from the membership  
8 of the boards of education of the participating school districts or  
9 would be appropriately certificated persons employed by those  
10 districts. As under existing law, the seventh member is the librarian  
11 member, and the county superintendent would now be a member ex  
12 officio, but with the authority to vote only in case of a tie vote. At  
13 the meeting of the county school board association immediately  
14 preceding July 1 in each year, two members would be elected to the  
15 commission to serve a term of three years. The term of an elected  
16 library member would be increased from one to three years.

17      The supervision, management and control of a regional center  
18 would be vested in a regional commission, whose membership would  
19 consist of an odd number of not fewer than seven members as  
20 determined by the commission. The members would consist of three  
21 classes; county members, who may be either school board members or  
22 appropriately certificated persons employed by a participating district  
23 in a participating county and for whom the number per county would  
24 depend on the total number of participating counties; one librarian  
25 member; and members-at-large. The county members of the regional  
26 commission would be elected at the meeting of each county school  
27 board association of the participating counties prior to July 1. A  
28 county superintendent would be designated to serve as a member ex  
29 officio, but with the authority to vote only in case of a tie vote, and the  
30 county superintendent would also serve as secretary.

31      A county or regional commission could merge with a shared  
32 services organization that agrees to provide services to the same  
33 jurisdiction to which the commission provides services. In that case,  
34 the organization of the shared services organization would replace the  
35 organization of the county or regional commission. Upon  
36 organization, the county superintendent or superintendents of the  
37 participating county or counties would declare the county or regional  
38 commission dissolved and must notify all participating districts of the  
39 shared services organization's assumption of the commission's  
40 obligations.

41      The bill also expands the powers and duties of a commission and  
42 includes references to software, repairing equipment, and educational  
43 technology to reflect the increased range of services which may be  
44 provided. In addition, the entities with which a commission may  
45 contract has been expanded to provide flexibility in tailoring services  
46 to create contractual relationships that are maximally beneficial to the

1 contracting parties.

2 The funding mechanism would likewise be flexible. Core lending  
3 services would be structured as assessments against the participating  
4 school districts on the basis of resident pupil enrollment as under  
5 existing law, and other services could be structured as a direct charge  
6 for contractually defined services. When the commission uses the  
7 assessment method, the bill provides the commission with the  
8 authority to establish minimum or maximum assessments.  
9 Assessments would take into account sending- receiving relationships  
10 and charter schools to ensure that assessments are based on students  
11 actually benefitting from services provided by the commission.

12 If there is no existing commission providing services to a county,  
13 a board of education wishing to participate in a commission could  
14 elect to join an existing county or regional commission in another  
15 county. The bill also has provisions regulating the dissolution of a  
16 county commission.

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21 Revises operations of county educational audiovisual centers and  
22 authorizes establishment of regional centers.