

. LOUISIANA CHAPTER 34. REGIONAL SERVICE CENTERS §3781.

Regional service centers; establishment A maximum of eight regional service centers, hereinafter sometimes referred to as "centers", shall be established, generally supervised, and coordinated by the Department of Education. The regions to be served and the location of each center shall be established by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, provided however that any center location shall be within an approximate thirty-mile radius of a public four-year college or university having a college of education and shall be established in a manner to provide equal and cost effective services to school systems based on student population and geographic location.

However, the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall locate a regional service center at the site of each professional development center in existence prior to July 21, 1988, unless those persons governing the operation of each such professional development center indicate to the board that such location is either undesirable or unnecessary. Acts 1988, No. 896, §1, eff. July 21, 1988. **§3782. Governance; board of directors**

A. Each regional service center shall be governed by a local board of directors which shall be comprised of the superintendent, or his designee, of each participating school system. Additionally, the dean of each college of education at a public four-year college or university located in the region shall serve as an ex officio, but nonvoting, member of the board of directors. The members of the boards of directors shall serve fund the cost of delivering services from the department to the school systems through the centers. without compensation, except for any reimbursement for expenses which their employing school system chooses to provide. B. The board of directors shall:

(1) Establish policies, rules, and regulations for the direct management of the center subject to the approval of the state superintendent of education that are not in conflict with the rules and regulations of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

(2) Annually prepare a budget and submit it to the state superintendent of education for his approval and for inclusion in the budget of the Department of Education to be submitted to the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education in that portion of its budget requiring state appropriation. (3) Expend, account for, and annually report to the state board on all monies received for the support of the center from whatever source.

(4)(a) Employ, upon approval of the state superintendent of education, a director and all necessary core staff for the daily operation of the center. (b) The state superintendent shall be the appointing authority for all regional centers. Project staff and any other staff temporarily assigned to or operating out of the center shall be assigned or hired by the state superintendent of education. However, any teacher or teaching assistant employed in a professional development center or employed to implement the Special Program to Upgrade Reading prior to July 21, 1988 shall be offered employment in the regional service center which is nearest to the professional development center at which he was employed provided that doing so comparts with the requirements of the state Department of Civil Service. (5) Report annually in writing to all school systems within the region served on all activities, programs, and services offered, coordinated, or provided through the center, which report shall include a financial accounting. (6) Provide for the use of the center for the delivery of services from the Department of Education to the school systems within the region as well as approve all plans for activities and programs on the regional level. Acts 1988, No. 896, §1, eff. July 21, 1988. **§3783. Department of Education, responsibilities; State Board of Elementary and Secondary**

Education, responsibilities A. The Department of Education shall maintain an office in Baton Rouge within the office of research and development as provided in R.S. 36:649(F), for the coordination and general supervision of the state and regional functions of the regional service centers. B. The state board shall do all things necessary to establish, support, and facilitate the operation of the regional service centers, particularly assuring that sufficient funds are requested for appropriation through the budget of the Department of Education to support the operation of the centers and to adequately 1. APPLICATION. The application shall be in a form and containing such information as required by the commissioner including, but not limited to, the following information: Acts 1988, No. 896, §1, eff. July 21, 1988; Acts 1989, No. 190, §1, eff. June 26, 1989. **§3784. Services** Regional service center programs and services shall be determined by the state superintendent of education with the approval of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and may include support services, technical assistance services, and any other instructional or professional development program or service provided by the Department of Education to city and parish school systems which can be more effectively or efficiently coordinated through a regional center. In making this determination, the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall consider the identified regional and local needs as determined by the boards of directors of the regional service centers, legislative mandates, and local, state, and federal funding source priorities. Additionally, the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall adopt necessary rules and procedures by which a regional center can expedite the consideration of and response to requests from city and parish school boards for activities and programs. Acts 1988, No. 896, §1, eff. July 21, 1988.