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ESSA Language about LEA Designation - What it Really Says about ESAs

The recent ESSA reauthorization has clarity about the question of whether ESA's are considered to be LEA's. This excerpt comes from the ESSA statute. See the federal definition below.

(30) LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY.-

(A) IN GENERAL.-The term "local educational agency" means a public board of education or other public authority legally constituted within a State for either administrative control or direction of, or to perform a service function for, public elementary schools or secondary schools in a city, county, township, school district, or other political subdivision of a State, or of or for a combination of school districts or counties that is recognized in a State as an administrative agency for its public elementary schools or secondary schools.

(B) ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL AND DIRECTION.-The term includes any other public institution or agency having administrative control and direction of a public elementary school or secondary school.

(C) 12 BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION SCHOOLS.-The term includes an elementary school or secondary school funded by the Bureau of Indian Education but only to the extent that including the school makes the school eligible for programs for which specific eligibility is not provided to the school in another provision of law and the school does not have a student population that is smaller than the student population of the local educational agency receiving assistance under this Act with the smallest student population, except that the school shall not be subject to the jurisdiction of any State educational agency other than the Bureau of Indian Education.

(D) EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCIES.-The term includes educational service agencies and consortia of those

agencies.(E) STATE EDUCATIONAL AGENCY.-The term includes the State educational agency in a State in which the State educational agency is the sole educational agency for all public schools.

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eDoctrina has a unique approach to regional partnerships with Educational Service Agencies where the ESA's receive a free subscription to many of the tools for use with their constituent districts. This allows the ESA's to work collaboratively on the development and distribution of curriculum, question banks and assessments in their region at NO COST. Participating districts are able to use the system for these purposes at NO COST as well.