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§ 38-2101. AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT.

The Mayor of the District of Columbia is authorized to enter into and execute on behalf of the District of Columbia an agreement with any state or states legally joining therein in the form substantially as follows:

THE INTERSTATE AGREEMENT ON QUALIFICATION OF EDUCATIONAL PERSONNEL

Article I -- Purpose, Findings, and Policy

1. The States party to this Agreement, desiring by common action to improve their respective school systems by utilizing the teacher or other professional educational person wherever educated, declare that it is the policy of each of them, on the basis of cooperation with one another, to take advantage of the preparation and experience of such persons wherever gained, thereby serving the best interests of society, of education, and of the teaching profession. It is the purpose of this Agreement to provide for the development and execution of such programs of cooperation as will facilitate the movement of teachers and other professional educational personnel among the States party to it, and to authorize specific interstate educational personnel contracts to achieve that end.

2. The party States find that included in the large movement of population among all sections of the Nation are many qualified educational personnel who move for family and other personal reasons but who are hindered in using their professional skill and experience in their new locations. Variations from State to State in requirements for qualifying educational personnel discourage such personnel from taking the steps necessary to qualify in other States. As a consequence, a significant number of professionally prepared and experienced educators is lost to our school systems. Facilitating the employment of qualified educational personnel, without reference to their States of origin, can increase the available educational resources. Participation in this Agreement can increase the availability of educational manpower.

Article II -- Definitions

As used in this Agreement and contracts made pursuant to it, unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

1. "Educational personnel" means persons who must meet requirements pursuant to State law as a condition of employment in educational programs.
2. "Designated State official" means the education official of a State selected by that State to negotiate and enter into, on behalf of his State, contracts pursuant to this Agreement.
3. "Accept", or any variant thereof, means to recognize and give effect to one or more determinations of another State relating to the qualifications of educational personnel in lieu of making or requiring a like determination that would otherwise be required by or pursuant to the laws of a receiving State.
4. "State" means a State, territory, or possession of the United States; the District of Columbia; or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.
5. "Originating State" means a State (and the subdivision thereof, if any) whose determination that certain educational personnel are qualified to be employed for specific duties in schools is acceptable in accordance with the terms of a contract made pursuant to Article III.
6. "Receiving State" means a State (and the subdivisions thereof) which accept educational personnel in accordance with the terms of a contract made pursuant to Article III.

Article III -- Interstate Educational Personnel Contracts

1. The designated State official of a party State may make one or more contracts on behalf of his State with one or more other party States providing for the acceptance of educational personnel. Any such contract for the period of its duration shall be applicable to and binding on the States whose designated

State officials enter into it, and the subdivisions of those States, with the same force and effect as if incorporated in this Agreement. A designated State official may enter into a contract pursuant to this Article only with States in which he finds that there are programs of education, certification standards or other acceptable qualifications that assure preparation or qualification of educational personnel on basis sufficiently comparable, even though not identical to that prevailing in his own State.

2. Any such contract shall provide for:

(a) Its duration.

(b) The criteria to be applied by an originating State in qualifying educational personnel for acceptance by a receiving State.

(c) Such waivers, substitutions, and conditional acceptances as shall aid the practical effectuation of the contract without sacrifice of basic educational standards.

(d) Any other necessary matters.

3. No contract made pursuant to this Agreement shall be for a term longer than five years but any such contract may be renewed for like or lesser periods.

4. Any contract dealing with acceptance of educational personnel on the basis of their having completed an educational program shall specify the earliest date or dates on which originating State approval of the program or programs involved can have occurred. No contract made pursuant to this Agreement shall require acceptance by a receiving State of any person qualified because of successful completion of a program prior to January 1, 1954.

5. The certification or other acceptance of a person who has been accepted pursuant to the terms of a contract shall not be revoked or otherwise impaired because the contract has expired or been terminated. However, any certificate or other qualifying document may be revoked or suspended on any ground which would be sufficient for revocation or suspension of a certificate or other qualifying document initially granted or approved in the receiving State.

6. A contract committee composed of the designated State officials of the contracting States or their representatives shall keep the contract under continuous review, study means of improving its administration, and report no less frequently than once a year to the heads of the appropriate education agencies of the contracting States.

Article IV -- Approved and Accepted Programs

1. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to repeal or otherwise modify any law or regulation of a party State relating to the approval of programs of educational preparation having effect solely on the qualification of educational personnel within that State.

2. To the extent that contracts made pursuant to this Agreement deal with the educational requirements for the proper qualification of educational personnel, acceptance of a program of educational preparation shall be in accordance with such procedures and requirements as may be provided in the applicable contract.

Article V -- Interstate Cooperation

The party States agree that:

1. They will, so far as practicable, prefer the making of multilateral contracts pursuant to Article III of this Agreement.

2. They will facilitate and strengthen cooperation in interstate certification and other elements of educational personnel qualification and for this purpose shall cooperate with agencies, organizations, and associations interested in certification and other elements of educational personnel qualification.

Article VI -- Agreement Evaluation

The designated State officials of any party States may meet from time to time as a group to evaluate progress under the Agreement, and to formulate recommendations for changes.

Article VII -- Other Arrangements

Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to prevent or inhibit other arrangements or practices of any party State or States to facilitate the interchange of educational personnel.

Article VIII -- Effect and Withdrawal

1. This Agreement shall become effective when enacted into law by two States. Thereafter it shall become effective as to any State upon its enactment of this Agreement.

2. Any party State may withdraw from this Agreement by enacting a statute repealing the same, but no such withdrawal shall take effect until one year after the Governor of the withdrawing State has given notice in writing of the withdrawal to the Governors of all other party States.

3. No withdrawal shall relieve the withdrawing State of any obligation imposed upon it by a contract to which it is a party. The duration of contracts and the methods and conditions of withdrawal therefrom shall

be those specified in their terms.

Article IX -- Construction and Severability

This Agreement shall be liberally construed so as to effectuate the purposes thereof. The provisions of this Agreement shall be severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence, or provision of this Agreement is declared to be contrary to the constitution of any State or of the United States, or the application thereof to any Government, agency, person, or circumstance is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this Agreement and the applicability thereof to any Government, agency, person, or circumstance shall not be affected thereby. If this Agreement shall be held contrary to the constitution of any State participating therein, the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect as to the State affected as to all severable matters.

(Dec. 7, 1974, 88 Stat. 1612, Pub. L. 93-515, title I, § 101.)

HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES

Prior Codifications

1981 Ed., § 31-1301.

1973 Ed., § 13-1801.

Change in Government

This section originated at a time when local government powers were delegated to the District of Columbia Council and to a Commissioner of the District of Columbia. The District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, 87 Stat. 818, § 711 (D.C. Code, § 1-207.11), abolished the District of Columbia Council and the Office of Commissioner of the District of Columbia. These branches of government were replaced by the Council of the District of Columbia and the Office of Mayor of the District of Columbia, respectively. Accordingly, and also pursuant to § 714(a) of such Act (D.C. Code, § 1-207.14(a)), appropriate changes in terminology were made in this section.

Complementary Legislation

Ala.--Code 1975, §§ 16-23A-1 to 16-23A-3.

Alaska--AS 14.20.620 to 14.20.650.

Cal.--West's Ann.Cal.Educ.Code, §§ 12500, 12501.

Del.--14 Del.C. § 8213.

D.C.--D.C. Official Code, 2001 Ed. §§ 38-2101 to 38-2104.

Fla.--West's F.S.A. §§ 1012.99 to 1012.992.

Hawaii--H R S §§ 315-1 to 315-3.

Idaho--I.C. §§ 33-4104 to 33-4106.

Iowa--I.C.A. §§ 272A.1 to 272A.3.

Kan.--K.S.A. 72-60a01 to 72-60a03.

Ky.--KRS 161.124, 161.126.

Maine--20-A M.R.S.A. §§ 13901 to 13909.

Md.--Code, Education, §§ 6-601 to 6-604.

Mass.--M.G.L.A. c. 69 App., §§ 3-1 to 3-3.

Mich.--M.C.L.A. §§ 388.1371 to 388.1373.

Minn.--M.S.A. §§ 122A.90 to 122A.92.

Mt.--M.C.A. 20-4-121 to 20-4-123.

N.H.--RSA 200-E:1 to 200-E:3.

N.J.--N.J.S.A. 18A:26-11 to 18A:26-20.

N.Y.--McKinney's Education Law, § 3030.

N.C.--G.S. §§ 115C-349 to 115C-358.

Ohio--R.C. §§ 3319.42 to 3319.44.

Okl.--70 Okl.St. Ann. §§ 508.1 to 508.3.

Pa.--24 P.S. §§ 2401.1 to 2401.3.

R.I.--Gen.Laws. 1956, § 16-11-5.

S.C.--Code 1976, §§ 59-27-10 to 59-27-30.

S.D.--SDCL 13-42-18 to 13-42-20.

Utah--U.C.A. 1953, 53A-6-201 to 53A-6-211.

Vt.--16 V.S.A. §§ 2041 to 2049.

Va.--Code 1950, §§ 22.1-316 to 22.1-318.

Wash.--West's RCWA 28A.690.010 to 28A.690.030.

W.Va.--Code, 18-10E-1, 18-10E-2.

Wis.--W.S.A. 115.46 to 115.48.

§ 38-2102. DESIGNATED STATE OFFICIAL.

The "designated state official" for the District of Columbia shall be the Superintendent of Schools of the District of Columbia. The Superintendent shall enter into contracts pursuant to Article III of the Agreement only with the approval of the specific text thereof by the Board of Education of the District of Columbia.

(Dec. 7, 1974, 88 Stat. 1615, Pub. L. 93-515, title I, § 102.)

HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES

Prior Codifications

1981 Ed., § 31-1302.

1973 Ed., § 31-1802.

§ 38-2103. FILING AND PUBLICATION OF CONTRACTS.

True copies of all contracts made on behalf of the District of Columbia pursuant to the Agreement shall be kept on file in the office of the Board of Education of the District of Columbia and in the office of the Mayor of the District of Columbia. The Superintendent of Schools shall publish all such contracts in convenient form.

(Dec. 7, 1974, 88 Stat. 1615, Pub. L. 93-515, title I, § 103.)

HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES

Prior Codifications

1981 Ed., § 31-1303.

1973 Ed., § 31-1803.

Change in Government

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§ 38-2104. DEFINITION.

As used in the Interstate Agreement on Qualification of Educational Personnel, the term "Governor" when used with reference to the District of Columbia shall mean the Mayor of the District of Columbia.

(Dec. 7, 1974, 88 Stat. 1615, Pub. L. 93-515, title I, § 104.)

HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES

Prior Codifications

1981 Ed., § 31-1304.

1973 Ed., § 31-1804.

Change in Government

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