

72-967. Methods of compliance with requirements of act; powers and duties of boards of education. (a) Each board, in order to comply with the requirements of this act shall have the authority to:

- (1) Provide appropriate special education and related services for exceptional children within its schools.
- (2) Provide for appropriate special education and related services in the home, in a hospital or in other facilities.
- (3) Contract with another school district for special education and related services. Any such contract may provide for the payment of tuition and other costs by the school district in which the child is enrolled.
- (4) Enter into cooperative agreements with one or more other school districts for special education and related services.

(5) Contract with any private nonprofit corporation or any public or private institution, within or outside the state, which has proper special education or related services for exceptional children. Whenever an exceptional child is educated by a private nonprofit corporation or a public or private institution as provided under this paragraph, such child shall be considered a pupil of the school district contracting for such education to the same extent as other pupils of such school district for the purpose of determining entitlements and participation in all state, federal and other financial assistance or payments to such school district.

(6) Furnish transportation for exceptional children, whether such children are residents or nonresidents of such school district, for the provision of special education or related services. In lieu of paying for transportation, the board of the school district in which an exceptional child resides may pay all or part of the cost of room and board for such exceptional child at the place where the special education or related services are provided.

(b) Special education and related services which are provided for exceptional children shall meet standards and criteria set by the state board and shall be subject to approval by the state board.

(c) Any contract entered into by a board under the provisions of this section shall be subject to change or termination by the legislature.

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