

**74-32,143. Adult education programs; supervision and administration; state plan preserved; powers, duties and functions of governing boards preserved.** (a) On July 1, 1999, the responsibility for administration of adult basic education programs and adult supplementary education programs and for supervision of the administration of such programs by boards of education of school districts and boards of trustees of community colleges shall be and hereby is transferred from the state board of education to the state board of regents. Adult education programs shall continue to be conducted, maintained and administered by boards of education of school districts and boards of trustees of community colleges. The state board of regents shall exercise such administrative and supervisory authority over the conduct, maintenance and administration of adult education programs as may be prescribed by law.

(b) On July 1, 1999, all of the powers, duties, functions, records and property of the state board of education relating to administration and supervision of adult education programs shall be and are hereby transferred to and conferred and imposed upon the state board of regents.

(c) On and after July 1, 1999, the state board of regents shall be the successor in every way to the powers, duties and functions of the state board of education relating to administration and supervision of adult education programs in which the same were vested prior to the effective date of this act. Every act performed by the state board of regents shall be deemed to have the same force and effect as if performed by the state board of education in which such functions were vested prior to July 1, 1999.

(d) On and after July 1, 1999, whenever the state board of education, or words of like effect, is referred to or designated by a statute, contract or other document relating to administration and supervision of adult education programs, such reference or designation shall be deemed to apply to the state board of regents.

(e) The state plan for adult basic education, prepared and adopted by the state board of education pursuant to the provisions of the adult education act, which is in existence on July 1, 1999, shall continue to be effective and shall be deemed to be the duly adopted state plan of the state board of regents until revised, amended, revoked or nullified pursuant to law.

(f) All rules and regulations, and all orders and directives of the state board of education relating to administration and supervision of adult education programs which are in existence on July 1, 1999, shall continue to be effective and shall be deemed to be the duly adopted rules and regulations or orders and directives of the state board of regents until revised, amended, revoked or nullified pursuant to law.

(g) The unexpended balance of any appropriation for and any state and federal funds available to the state board of education for purposes relating to administration and supervision of adult education programs shall be transferred to the state board of regents on July 1, 1999.

(h) Except as otherwise specifically provided in this act, the transfer of responsibility for the administration of adult education programs and for supervision of the administration of adult education programs by boards of education and boards of trustees from the state board of education to administration and supervision by the state board of regents shall not be construed in any manner so as to change or affect the conduct, maintenance and administration of adult education programs.

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