

**71-1701. Authorization to consolidate; approval by state board of regents required, when; operation, management and control of community college not affected; applicability of statutes.** (a) Any area vocational school or area vocational-technical school may consolidate with and be made a part of any community college under the provisions of this act. No merger involving an area vocational school or area vocational-technical school located in any county in which there is also located the campus of a state educational institution shall occur unless the merger is specifically approved by the state board of regents.

(b) Except as otherwise specifically provided in this act, nothing in this act shall be applied or construed in any manner so as to change or affect the operation, management and control of any community college or to change or affect any existing power, duty or function of a board of trustees with respect to such operation, management and control. The provisions of all statutes of general application to community colleges shall apply to every community college affected by this act to the extent that such statutory provisions are not in conflict with the provisions of this act.

**History:** L. 1992, ch. 248, § 1; July 1.