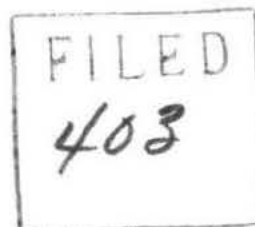


STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION: Review and certification of application  
ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY of the State Board of Education for  
EDUCATION ACT OF 1965: Grant under Title V of the Elementary  
FEDERAL-STATE AGREEMENTS: and Secondary Education Act of 1965,  
P.L. 89-10, as amended.

June 24, 1970

OPINION LETTER NO. 403  
Answer by Bartlett

Mr. Hubert Wheeler  
Commissioner of Education  
State Board of Education  
Jefferson State Office Building  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101



Dear Mr. Wheeler:

This is in answer to your request for our review and certification of the State Board of Education's Application for Grant to Strengthen a State Department of Education under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, Title V, Section 503, P.L. 89-10, for fiscal year 1971.

It is the opinion of this office that the Missouri State Board of Education is the agency in this State primarily responsible for state supervision of public elementary and secondary schools, and, is the "state educational agency" as defined in Section 801(k) of Title VIII of Public Law 89-10 as amended; and that the State Board of Education has the authority under State law to submit an application for a grant pursuant to Section 503 of Title V, Public Law 89-10. See Section 161.092, RSMo 1967 Supp.

In conjunction with this letter opinion which constitutes our official certification of the application, we have completed the required certification form.

Very truly yours,

JOHN C. DANFORTH  
Attorney General