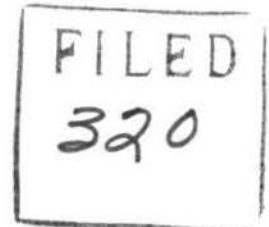


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OPINION LETTER NO. 320

June 9, 1971

Mr. B. W. Robinson
Assistant Commissioner
Director, Vocational Education
Department of Education
Jefferson State Building
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101



Dear Mr. Robinson:

This is in answer to your request for our review of the annual revision of the State Plan for Vocational and Technical Education in Missouri, said revision being necessary under the provisions of the Vocational Education Act of 1963, Public Law 88-210, as amended in 1968 by Public Law 90-576 (20 U.S.C., Section 1241 et seq.).

It is the opinion of this office that the Missouri State Board of Education is the "state board" in this state within the meaning of Section 108(8) of Public Law 90-576. Also, we find that the Missouri State Board of Education has the authority under state law to submit a State Plan for Vocational Education and to administer or supervise the administration of same. See Sections 178.420 to 178.580, RSMo 1969. Further, we think that the provisions of this Plan can be carried out by the state; and we note that the Commissioner of Education has been duly authorized by the Missouri State Board of Education to submit the State Plan for Vocational and Technical Education in Missouri and to represent the Missouri State Board of Education in all matters pertaining thereto. See Section 178.540, RSMo 1969.

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

Yours very truly,

JOHN C. DANFORTH
Attorney General