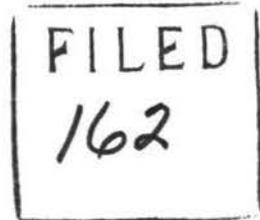


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OPINION LETTER NO. 162

Dr. Arthur L. Mallory
Commissioner of Education
State Department of Elementary and
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Dear Dr. Mallory:

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, Part A, Section 503, P.L. 89-10, as amended, for the fiscal year 1976.

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 P.L. 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 Title V, Part A, Section 503, P.L. 89-10.

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