

natoriums, home instruction programs, and inter-session classes of ~~year-round-flexible~~ school year programs in elementary and secondary schools, and summer school instruction in area vocational schools or teachers college laboratory schools or in the university laboratory school shall be paid at a proportionate rate for aids paid during the regular school term.

Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes, 1973 Supplement, Section 124.222, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **PAYMENT SCHEDULE.** Except as may be otherwise authorized by the commissioner to accommodate a flexible school year program, the state shall pay to each school district 30 percent of its estimated school transportation aid entitlement for the 1975 fiscal year on or before each of the following dates: September 30, December 31, and March 31. The actual balance due the district shall be paid on or before August 31 of the following fiscal year.

Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 126.12, is amended to read:

**126.12 LENGTH OF SCHOOL YEAR.** The school shall be ~~maintained-in session for~~ not less than ~~nine months-a~~ minimum term, as defined by the state board, but this provision shall not apply to night schools or kindergartens. ~~The school month shall consist of four weeks-~~ Every Saturday shall be a school holiday ~~and all legal holidays shall be counted as part of the school week~~. The school board shall determine the number of school days of each school year on or before April 1 of the calendar year in which such school year commences.

Sec. 16. This act is effective on the day following final enactment.

Approved March 28, 1974.

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**CHAPTER 327—S.F.No.2669**  
[Coded in Part]

*An act relating to the state planning agency; creating the position of state demographer; prescribing duties; appropriating moneys therefor; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Sections 4.11, by adding a subdivision; and 4.12, by adding subdivisions.*

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:**

**Section 1. STATE PLANNING AGENCY; STATE DEMOGRA-  
PHER; PURPOSE.** The legislature finds that competent demographic estimates and projections are basic tools for operating all units of government and planning for their future development. Therefore the ef-

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fective operation of the state planning agency requires the appointment of a state demographer.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 4.11, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 8. Within the organization of the state planning agency, the position of state demographer shall be appointed by and serve under the supervision and control of the director of planning. The state demographer shall be professionally competent in the field of demography and shall possess demonstrated ability, based upon experience and past performance.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 4.12, is amended by adding subdivisions to read:

Subd. 6. The director of planning shall:

(1) Employ personnel with qualifications as are needed to perform the duties prescribed in this section. To the greatest extent practicable, the director of planning shall limit the permanent demographic staff and shall contract for basic research, employ consultants, and use the existing facilities of state departments, other agencies, and the state educational institutions, and

(2) Utilize the computer facilities of the state or state educational institutions for the research data necessary for periodic population projections.

Subd. 7. The director of planning or his designee:

(1) Shall continuously gather and develop demographic data within the state;

(2) Shall design and test methods of research and data collection;

(3) Shall have the power to call upon any agency of the state of political subdivision for data as may be available, and the agencies and political subdivisions shall cooperate to the fullest extent possible;

(4) Shall annually prepare population projections for designated regions and for the state and may periodically prepare projections for each county, or other political or geographic division;

(5) Shall review, comment, and prepare analysis of population estimates and projections made by state agencies, political subdivisions, other states, federal agencies or nongovernmental persons, institutions or commissions;

(6) Shall serve as the state representative to the federal bureau of census and shall coordinate his activities with federal demographic ac-

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tivities to the fullest extent possible:

(7) Shall compile an annual study of population estimates on the basis of county, regional or other political or geographic divisions as necessary to carry out the purposes of this act; and

(8) Shall, on or before January 1 of each year, issue a report to the legislature containing an analysis of the demographic implications of the annual population study and population projections.

**Sec. 4. [4.125] POPULATION ESTIMATES AND PROJECTIONS; SUBMISSION BY STATE AGENCIES.** Each state agency shall submit to the director of planning for his comment all population estimates and projections prepared by it prior to:

(a) Submitting those estimates and projections to the state legislature or federal government to obtain appropriations or grants,

(b) The issuance of bonds based upon those estimates and projections, and

(c) Releasing any plan based upon those estimates and projection.

**Sec. 5.** On or before March 1, 1975, the state demographer shall report to the legislature on his progress in carrying out the powers and duties enumerated in section 3 of this act.

**Sec. 6.** On or before January 1, 1976, the state demographer shall submit a report to the legislature on the feasibility and potential uses of a periodic official census, and of periodic population estimates and projections.

**Sec. 7.** The sum of \$100,000 is appropriated to the state planning agency from the general fund for the purposes of this act. This appropriation shall expire June 30, 1975.

**Sec. 8.** This act is effective on the day following its final enactment.

Approved March 28, 1974.

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**CHAPTER 328—S.F.No.2715**

*An act relating to county welfare boards; providing for the selection of board members when two or more counties agree to combine existing individual boards into a single board; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 393.01, Subdivision 7.*

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MIN-**

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