

<u>Compensation Fund,</u>		
<u>per Section 176.183</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>150,000</u>
Sec. 21. <u>ADJUTANT GENERAL</u>		
<u>Expenses of Military Forces</u>		
<u>Ordered to Active Duty,</u>		
<u>per Chapter 192</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>150,000</u>
Sec. 22. <u>COMMISSIONER OF</u>		
<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>		
<u>Security Protection to</u>		
<u>Governor, Legislators, and</u>		
<u>State Buildings,</u>		
<u>per Section 299D.03</u>	<u>486,058</u>	<u>459,645</u>
Sec. 23. <u>PEACE OFFICERS</u>		
<u>BENEFIT FUND</u>		
<u>Survivor Benefits, per</u>		
<u>Section 352E.04</u>	<u>395,196</u>	<u>395,196</u>

Sec. 24. If an appropriation in this act for either year is insufficient, the appropriation for the other year is available for it.

Sec. 25. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act is effective July 1, 1977.

Approved June 2, 1977.

CHAPTER 404—H.F.No.967

An act relating to education; quality education council; expanding duties and functions; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Sections 3.925 and 3.927.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 3.925, is amended to read:

3.925 **EDUCATION; QUALITY EDUCATION COUNCIL; PURPOSE.** The legislature of the state of Minnesota expresses concern over the future of elementary and secondary education in this state, its ability to meet the educational needs of the public school students, the professional growth and satisfaction of school staffs, the effectiveness and efficiency of present schools and their learning processes, continuing pupil unit cost escalation and the resulting financial crisis which this brings about. New approaches to the learning process, better utilization of professional staff and community resources, different requirements as to course offerings, course content, grading, graduation and school attendance must be researched and developed. It is believed that revised programs, innovations, new attitudes about learning and the public schools' responsibilities can be effectively achieved if such research and development are performed by the council on quality education and at the local school level by the school's staff and with involvement by the students and their community. Although funds spent now for such purposes can

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produce substantial educational and cost benefits in the future, such capital type funds are seldom available within any single school district's budget.

The purpose of the council on quality education is, therefore, to encourage, promote ~~and~~, aid ~~such~~, and perform research and development ~~in for quality education in Minnesota~~ elementary and secondary schools, to evaluate the results of ~~such~~ significant innovative programs and to disseminate information about ~~same~~ these programs throughout the state.

To these ends, the council through the state board of education shall establish a venture fund from which grants or loans may be made ~~in accordance with section 3.926. Such grants or loans shall be made~~ in support of research and development programs relating to the problems and objectives heretofore described which shall include but not be limited to:

- (1) Effective utilization of community personnel and resources.
- (2) Developing model personnel policies and procedures, and new staffing concepts such as differentiated staffing.
- (3) Assessment and evaluation of education programs.
- (4) Developing a management and unit of instructional objectives design which will provide accountability by relating time and dollars to the amount of learning produced.
- (5) Determining responsibilities to be assumed by the schools exclusively or concurrently with other agencies or individuals.
- (6) Effective dissemination of educational information.
- (7) Developing new knowledge about learning and teaching.
- (8) Developing model educational programs as alternatives to existing educational practices and curricula.
- (9) Model programs and innovations to increase equality of educational opportunities.
- (10) Research and testing of new concepts of educational efficiency, effectiveness and cost benefits.

The council shall not be limited to supporting innovations, programs or procedures supplementary to existing school structures and programs but may assist or research entirely new ~~schools or~~ concepts such as open schools, informal schools and the like. It is the legislature's intent that any supported program shall hold promise of both educational and cost benefits and that the costs and improvements in learning effectiveness introduced thereby shall be measured and related.

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The council may also review literature and other information about innovative programs in Minnesota and other states and disseminate the results of this research throughout the state. The council may identify ideas for innovative programs in the course of this research and solicit proposals from school boards for grants for such programs; provided not to exceed ten percent of the funds appropriated to the venture fund in any year may be expended to fund such research and programs.

The council shall make a report by November 15 of each even numbered year to the legislature concerning all research and all proposals received and the dispositions made thereof by the council and the state board of education.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 3.927, is amended to read:

3.927 STATE BOARD AND COMMISSIONER. The state board of education shall develop and promulgate such additional recommendatory guidelines as may be appropriate for the furtherance of sections 3.924 to 3.927 and the development and implementation of the programs contemplated herein, for its benefit and the benefit of the council and applicants. The commissioner of education shall make available to the council at its request such staff as the council deems necessary to perform its functions. The council may also employ or contract for the services of outside consultants, and as much of the annual appropriation to the state department of education, made by ~~Extra Session Laws 1971, Chapter 31, Article 15, Section 5;~~ for the purposes of sections 3.924 to 3.927 as is necessary, shall be made available to the council for this purpose.

Approved June 2, 1977.

CHAPTER 405—H.F.No.971

An act relating to insurance; providing financial requirements for nonprofit health service plan corporations; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 62C.09, Subdivision 3.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 62C.09, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **INSURANCE; NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLANS; FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS.** If organized on a capital stock basis, a service plan corporation shall never reduce its capital, and both capital stock and membership corporations shall maintain a surplus, in addition to all reserves established, of not less than the greater of the initial surplus reduced by \$100,000 or 25 percent of the sum of all health service claims incurred, and administrative expenses in connection therewith, during the previous calendar year. Corporations whose service plans are limited to the provision of dental services or vision care service only and all of whose service plan contracts have limits for specified benefits and limits for average maximum benefits of not greater than \$1,000 per year per insured, shall maintain a surplus, in addition to all

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