

CHAPTER 128A

STATE ACADEMIES FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND

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128A.01 LOCATION.

The Minnesota state academy for the deaf and the Minnesota state academy for the blind shall be located at Faribault as residential schools and as a resource center for school districts, and shall be grouped and classed with the educational institutions of the state.

History: 1987 c 398 art 3 s 27

128A.02 STATE BOARD DUTIES AND POWERS.

[For text of subs 1 and 1a, see M.S.1986]

Subd. 2. The state board shall promulgate rules regarding the operation of both academies and the individuals in attendance and shall perform all duties necessary to provide the most beneficial and least restrictive program of education for each child handicapped by visual disability or hearing impairment. The academies shall provide various levels of service, as defined in the rules of the state board of education, for the pupils. Developmental needs of the pupils shall be addressed by the academies. The academies shall provide opportunities for the pupils to be educated with nonhandicapped pupils, according to assessments and individual education plans.

[For text of subs 2a to 3a, see M.S.1986]

Subd. 4. The state board may enter into contracts with other public and private agencies and institutions to provide residential and building maintenance services if it determines that these services could thus be provided in a more efficient and less expensive manner. The state board may also enter into contracts with public and private agencies and institutions, school districts, educational cooperative service units, and counties to provide respite care and supplementary educational instruction and services, including assessments and counseling.

[For text of subs 5 and 6, see M.S.1986]

History: 1987 c 398 art 3 s 28,29

128A.021 RESOURCE CENTER FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED.

A resource center for the hearing impaired, visually impaired, and multiply handicapped pupils is established at the Minnesota state academy for the deaf and the Minnesota state academy for the blind. The resource center shall offer such programs as summer institutes for hearing impaired, visually impaired, and multiply handicapped pupils in various regions of the state, workshops for teachers, and leadership development for teachers. Programs offered through the resource center shall promote and develop education programs offered by school districts and other organizations and shall provide assistance to school districts and other organizations in developing innovative programs. The resource center may contract with nonprofit organizations to provide programs through the resource center. The advisory council for the academies shall serve as the advisory council for the resource center.

History: 1987 c 398 art 3 s 30

128A.09 SERVICE, SEMINAR, AND CONFERENCE FEES.

Subdivision 1. **Deposit; credit.** Fees and rental income, excluding rent for land and living residences, collected by the academies for services, seminars, and conferences must be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the revolving fund of the academies.

Subd. 2. **Administrator's vouchers.** Payment may be made from the revolving fund only according to vouchers authorized by the administrator of the academies. Money in the revolving fund is annually appropriated to the academies to defray expenses of the services, seminars, and conferences.

History: 1987 c 398 art 3 s 31