

1 biennially within two months following the organizational meetings
2 of county boards required by section one-c, article five of this
3 chapter, all county superintendents of schools and members of
4 county boards belonging to the same regional educational service
5 agency shall meet together to identify administrative, coordinating
6 and other county level services and functions that may be shared
7 between or among the county boards, especially when resignations,
8 retirements, staffing realignments or similar events may occur.
9 The meeting shall be a special meeting of each participating county
10 board, to be called pursuant to section four, article five of this
11 chapter solely for the purposes set forth in this section.

12 (b) As soon as each meeting is scheduled, the West Virginia
13 School Board Association shall notify the state superintendent in
14 writing of the time, place and date of the meeting. The
15 association shall conduct the meetings and for that purpose may
16 consult with the regional educational service agencies. The format
17 of the meetings shall be approved by the state board in advance.

18 (c) Prior to seeking the approval of the state board for the
19 format of the meetings, the association shall solicit input from
20 statewide organizations that have an interest in public education,
21 including organizations representing the interests of parents,
22 business and industry, public school administrators, teachers and
23 service personnel.

24 (d) By October 1, following the meetings required by this

1 section, the West Virginia School Board Association shall provide
2 a report of the meetings to the state board and the Legislative
3 Oversight Commission on Education Accountability. The report shall
4 include, but is not limited to, the following items:

5 (1) Identification of the administrative, coordinating and
6 other county level services and functions that may be shared
7 between or among the county boards;

8 (2) An analysis of the advantages and disadvantages of sharing
9 services in each instance; and

10 (3) A process for implementing recommended changes.

11 (e) Subject to state board approval, the county board member
12 training standards review committee established by section one-a,
13 article five of this chapter may determine that the attendance of
14 a county board member at the meeting required by subsection (a) of
15 this section shall be approved as training related to boardsmanship
16 and governance effectiveness.

17 (f) Nothing in this section requires the elimination or
18 consolidation of county school districts.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require regional meetings among certain officials of county boards of education. The bill establishes purposes and limitation. The bill requires notice. The bill sets forth the responsibilities of county and state education officials. The bill solicits input from organizations having an interest in education. The bill requires certain reports. The bill provides a process for approval of training.

This section is new; therefore, it has been completely

underscored.