

16 writing of the time, place and date of the meeting. The associa-
17 tion shall conduct the meetings and for that purpose may consult
18 with the regional educational service agencies. The format of the
19 meetings shall be approved by the state board in advance.

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

26 (d) By October 1, following the meetings required by this
27 section, the West Virginia School Board Association shall
28 provide a report of the meetings to the state board and the
29 Legislative Oversight Commission on Education Accountability.
30 The report shall include, but is not limited to, the following
31 items:

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

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

37 (3) A process for implementing recommended changes.

38 (e) Subject to state board approval, the county board member

39 training standards review committee established by section one-

40 a, article five of this chapter may determine that the attendance

41 of a county board member at the meeting required by subsection

42 (a) of this section shall be approved as training related to

43 boardsmanship and governance effectiveness.

44 (f) Nothing in this section requires the elimination or

45 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.