

CHAPTER 107

SCHOOL UNIONS

§1901. Formation

(REPEALED)

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1981, c. 693, §§5,8 (NEW). PL 2007, c. 240, Pt. XXXX, §18 (RP).

§1902. Union committee of school unions

The school boards of the school administrative units comprising a school union shall form a union committee, which shall be, for the purposes of this chapter, the agent of each school administrative unit comprising the school union. [PL 1981, c. 693, §§5, 8 (NEW).]

1. Delegation of authority by member school boards. The school board of a school administrative unit in a school union may authorize one of its members to act for the school board in the meetings of the union committee. The member may cast the votes for the school board. [PL 1981, c. 693, §§5, 8 (NEW).]

2. Method of voting. The method of voting shall be as follows.

A. The votes of the individual members of the union committee shall be cast on a weighted basis in proportion to the population of the unit represented as compared with the total population of the units comprising the union committee. [PL 1981, c. 693, §§5, 8 (NEW).]

B. To become effective, all actions of the union committee shall be approved by a vote representing more than 1/2 of the population comprising the units which make up the union committee. [PL 1981, c. 693, §§5, 8 (NEW).]
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3. Duties. The union committee:

A. Shall meet annually in December, at a day and place agreed upon by the chairs of the school boards comprising the union; [PL 1993, c. 131, §1 (AMD).]

B. Shall choose a chair and a secretary; [PL 1993, c. 131, §1 (AMD).]

C. Shall, at its organizational meeting or as soon thereafter as possible and whenever a vacancy occurs, elect a superintendent as provided under section 1051; [PL 1981, c. 693, §§5, 8 (NEW).]

D. Shall apportion the costs for a superintendent under section 1051, among the school administrative units in proportion to the service to be performed and certify to the treasurer of each school administrative unit and to the commissioner the amounts to be paid; [PL 1993, c. 131, §1 (AMD).]

E. May authorize a school administrative unit within the school union to serve as a contractual employer of teachers and other personnel who provide services to more than one unit in the union. Employment is subject to section 13201 and Title 26, chapter 9-A; and [PL 2005, c. 130, §1 (AMD).]

F. May assume additional responsibilities delegated by the school boards of the school administrative units comprising the school union. Except as provided in section 1904, a plan for the delegation of additional responsibilities under this section must be approved by a majority of the members of each school board. The plan must include, but is not limited to, a description of the delegated responsibilities, apportionment of costs among the member school administrative

units and consideration of appropriate time limits on contracts for purchases of school supplies. Funds to support additional responsibilities under this section must be budgeted and approved as part of each school administrative unit's budget. [PL 2005, c. 130, §2 (AMD).]

[PL 2005, c. 130, §§1, 2 (AMD).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1981, c. 693, §§5,8 (NEW). PL 1993, c. 131, §1 (AMD). PL 2005, c. 130, §§1,2 (AMD).

§1903. Appropriation for superintendent's salary

School administrative units shall appropriate for the salary of the superintendent their proportion of the sum paid the superintendent, but not more than the amount certified by the union committee, to the municipal treasurer. The proportion to be paid by a municipality shall be paid out of the appropriation made for the support or maintenance of public schools. [PL 1981, c. 693, §§ 5, 8 (NEW).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1981, c. 693, §§5,8 (NEW).

§1904. Fiscal authority

The superintendent of a school union may be designated as the treasurer of the school union and, notwithstanding section 1902, subsection 3, paragraph F, the union committee of a school union may perform the functions of fiscal agent for the school administrative units in the school union if a majority of the voters in each municipality agree to these designations through a referendum or at a town meeting. The article that is placed before the voters in each municipality must state the specific functions to be performed by the fiscal agent, must state that the agreement under which the union committee may perform the functions of fiscal agent may not exceed a period of 3 years and must also include a schedule for regular payment of the warrants approved in each municipality to the union committee. The school union must provide the municipalities with accounting records after an audit has been completed and delivered to the superintendent. An agreement under which the union committee performs the functions of fiscal agent may be renewed for a period not to exceed 3 years. Each renewal may be approved only in accordance with the procedures described in this section. [PL 2005, c. 130, §3 (NEW).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 2005, c. 130, §3 (NEW).

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