

1 whichever you choose to call it. It ought to provide
2 for the establishment of a State education agency. The
3 existing Constitution makes no mention of a State educa-
4 tion agency. The one in 1864 did, but this does not.

5 It ought to provide for the support of the
6 public school system by the General Assembly through
7 taxation, which this one does. Then it ought to provide
8 the adequate safeguards for the administration of a
9 system of free public schools. Fortunately, I've been
10 a member of the National Committee, the Study Commission
11 of the chief State school officers for more than fifteen
12 years and one of the things we have concerned ourselves
13 with is the State Department of Education, and about ten
14 years ago we prepared a little bulletin called the State
15 Department of Education, which was revised in 1963, and
16 that bulletin sets forth the following as to the con-
17 stitutional provisions for education.

18 It says the State Constitution should contain
19 the basic provisions for the establishment of a central
20 education agency and should empower and direct the
21 legislature to formulate a general plan for placing