

done by the county board itself, such board shall not proceed until the plans and specifications shall have been approved in writing by the State Superintendent of Schools. In case the construction is to be done by contract, the contract shall be invalid and of no effect without the written approval of the State Superintendent of Schools.

27. *Certification of teachers.*

The State Superintendent of Schools shall certificate the professional personnel in all public schools within the State in accordance with this Article and subject to the bylaws, rules and regulations of the State Board of Education.

28. *Approval and certification of programs offered by State institutions to residents.*

(a) *Approval of program by Superintendent; certificate of approval; inspection of institution; furnishing information, etc.*—The State Superintendent of Schools shall approve any program of instruction offered by any state institution under the supervision of the Department of Juvenile Services, Department of ~~Correction~~ CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, and the Department of Mental Hygiene, provided that such program shall be based upon and comply with such standards as may be established by regulations of the State Board of Education with and upon the advice of the State Superintendent of Schools. Upon such approval the State Superintendent of Schools shall issue a certificate of approval for such program to any such institution by which it is offered. Any certificate may be revoked at any time for cause by the State Superintendent of Schools. Any such institution shall be open for inspection of such program by the State Superintendent of Schools or his designated agent at all reasonable times and shall furnish such information and reports from time to time as the State Superintendent of Schools shall deem necessary and proper for the evaluation of the program.

(b) *Certificate of credit.* The State Superintendent of Schools shall issue an appropriate certificate of completion of credit to any resident of any such institution who shall have successfully completed any such approved and certified program of instruction.

29. *Visual and auditory aids.*

The State Superintendent of Schools is hereby authorized to furnish visual and auditory aids, educational television, and such other aids as will facilitate instruction in all subjects in the schools, institutions, and organizations under the supervision of the State Board of Education. Material collected for this purpose may be made available for a limited time to responsible institutions and organizations for the benefit of citizens of the several communities of the State. The State Superintendent of Schools may from time to time enter into contracts for carrying out this provision.

30. *Responsibility and supervision; recommendations as to assistants.*

The State Superintendent of Schools, acting under the bylaws, rules and regulations of the State Board of Education, shall be responsible for the administration of the State Department of Education, and shall have general supervision of all the professional and