

(2) PREPARE A NEEDS STUDY.

(B) CONSULTATION REQUIRED.

IN MAKING THE DETERMINATION, THE DIRECTOR SHALL CONSULT WITH THE FOLLOWING:

- (1) THE GOVERNING BODY OF EACH COUNTY.
- (2) THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.
- (3) COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION.
- (4) CONSUMER GROUPS.
- (5) OTHER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES.

(C) PUBLIC DOCUMENT.

THE COMPLETED NEEDS STUDY SHALL BE A PUBLIC DOCUMENT AND A COPY SHALL BE SENT TO EACH COUNTY.

REVISOR'S NOTE: Subsections (a)(1), (b), and (c) of this section are new language derived without substantive change from former Article 59A, § 19B(a) and (c).

Subsection (a)(2) of this section is new language added to state expressly that the Director must prepare this study.

The introductory clause of subsection (a)(1) of this section, "in accordance with the rules and regulations described in § 7-318(b) of this subtitle," is new language added as a reference to former Article 59A, § 19B(b), which stated factors to be considered. See revisor's note to § 7-318 of this subtitle.

In subsection (a)(1) of this section, the former phrase "under the direction of the Secretary" is deleted as unnecessary in light of § 7-203(a) of this title.

Also in subsection (a)(1) of this section, the former word "evaluate" is deleted as unnecessary in light of the word "determine".

In subsection (b)(1) of this section, the reference to the governing body of "each county" is substituted for the reference to "the county or counties comprising a region", since more than one county would not have a "governing body". Similarly, in subsection (c) of this section, the