Article – Education

2–205.

(q)   (2)   In consultation with the STATE Superintendent [of Schools], the State Board shall develop and periodically update an overall plan consistent with the bylaws that shall identify:

(i)   The present and future needs of elementary and secondary education throughout the State, including a discussion of the demographic composition of the elementary and secondary population;

(ii)   The present and future capabilities of the public elementary and secondary education system in this State;

(iii)   The short–range and long–range objectives and priorities for elementary and secondary education and methods and timelines for achieving and maintaining them;

(iv)   Whether current programs adequately prepare graduates for employment opportunities in this State, or postsecondary education opportunities;

(v)   The status and needs of the career and technology education program, the vocational rehabilitation program, and the library system of these programs;

(vi)   The   technological   advancements   that   would   enhance elementary and secondary education throughout the State;

(vii)   Methods to upgrade and improve teacher education and teacher certification programs;

(viii)   The school systems that have dropped below the statewide test averages and shall assess the options available to improve the test averages of these school systems;

(ix)   The methods to improve the diagnosis of basic reading skill deficiencies of elementary and secondary school students and to improve the literacy rates of these students;

(x)   The methods to increase the rate of retention and graduation of secondary school students;

(xi)   The short–range and long–range objectives for the resolution of the problem of substance abuse by elementary and secondary school students; and

(xii)   The short–range and long–range objectives for the resolution of the problems of youth and teenage pregnancy.

DRAFTER'S NOTE:

Error: Erroneous reference in § 2–205(q)(2) of the Education Article.

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