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Ways and Means.

House File 281
By SCHWENGEL, MOORE of Butler
and SCHROEDER.

Passed House, Date

Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....

Passed Senate, Date.....

Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....

Approved

A BILL FOR

An Act to safeguard the educational interests and welfare of the state by prescribing conditions under which funds, services, commodities, or equipment provided by agencies of the Federal government may be accepted for use by the public, tax-supported school systems of the state under the control and supervision of the superintendent of public instruction.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 Section 1. The state superintendent of public instruction
2 shall prescribe regulations under which contracts, agreements or
3 arrangements may be made with agencies of the Federal government
4 for funds, services, commodities, or equipment to be made
5 available to the public, tax-supported schools, school systems
6 and educational institutions under the supervision or control of
7 the state superintendent.

1 Sec. 2. All contracts, agreements or arrangements made by
2 public, tax-supported schools, school systems or educational
3 institutions under the supervision or control of the state
4 superintendent of public instruction involving funds, services,
5 commodities or equipment which may be provided by agencies of
6 the Federal government, shall be entered into in accordance with

7 regulations prescribed by the said state superintendent and in
8 no other manner.

1 Sec. 3. The state superintendent of public instruction is
2 hereby designated as the "state educational authority" for the
3 purpose of accepting and administering such funds as may be
4 appropriated by Congress as set forth in section one (1) of this
5 act and all such funds shall be deposited with the treasurer of
6 state and disbursed upon written order of said state superintendent
7 in the same manner as is now provided for the disbursing of Federal
8 vocational education funds.

1 Sec. 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this
2 act are hereby repealed.

1 Sec. 5. This act being deemed of immediate importance shall
2 be in full force and effect from and after its passage and
3 publication in _____, a newspaper
4 published at _____, and _____
5 a newspaper published at _____.

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 281

At the present time there are sums of money made available to the state by the Federal government for aid to schools and for plant construction and these sums of money will probably be increased at this session of Congress. This act makes the superintendent of public instruction the state educational authority, by virtue of the office, to deal with the various Federal agencies which will come into the state and make the operation of such funds an orderly procedure in accordance with the state plan of education. During the WPA days the state was flooded with representatives of dozens of Federal agencies dealing directly with individual school districts and as a result many communities built school plants for which they now have no use. All Federal grants are now being channeled through the United States Office of Education and this office is very anxious to deal only with the regularly constituted state authorities instead of with individual school districts. This law is a model law drawn by the National Council of Chief State School Officers and has been adopted by many states and will be adopted by many other states this winter in order to bring order out of chaos.