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CHAPTER 509

FEDERAL AID

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§ 3671. State acceptance of federal construction aid laws; compliance

The State is authorized to accept any Act of Congress providing for financial assistance to states for the construction of school facilities or other purposes and, if accepted, will comply with all the provisions of the said Act of Congress, including any regulations published by the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare under such Act which have the force of law when published in the federal register.

1961, c. 264, § 1.

§ 3672. State Education Board as state agency

The board is designated as the sole agency for administering the funds allotted under any federal act providing for financial assistance in the construction of school facilities, and it is authorized to make such certifications to the United States Commissioner of Education as are necessary to entitle the State to receive the benefits of such Act, including the authority to elect that any portion of such a federal allotment be in the form of a commitment by the Federal Government to make direct payments of interest and principal on debts of local agencies for the construction of school facilities.

1961, c. 264, § 1.

§ 3673. State Treasurer as custodian of funds received

The Treasurer of State is designated as custodian for all moneys received by the State from appropriations allotted under the authority of such a federal act providing for financial assistance for constructing school facilities. Said treasurer is authorized to receive and to provide for the proper custody of such

funds and to make disbursements therefrom upon the order of the board, its executive officer or other legal authority.

1961, c. 264, § 1.

§ 3674. Appropriations authorized

Where federal law requires matching by state funds, the board is authorized to estimate the appropriations necessary to comply with the requirements of the federal law and to include such estimates in the budget request of the department for appropriations to be made by the Legislature. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as obligating the State to make such appropriations if the Legislature, in its judgment, shall deem it in the best interests of the State not to make such appropriations and to waive, thereby, any allotments of federal funds the allotment of which is contingent upon such state appropriations. To the maximum extent possible under any federal act, school construction assistance presently authorized and paid under section 3518 shall be considered as state funds used to match federal funds.

1961, c. 264, § 1.