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September 14, 1950

To Philip A. Annas, Education
Re: Tuition in Another Town

I have your memo of September 15, 1950, relating to Town A which maintains a high school and does not offer two occupational courses. Town A is now paying tuition to Town B for students taking occupational courses in Town B. high school.

Town A would like to pay tuition for some students who wish to attend high school in Town B, but not for the purpose of studying occupational courses. On this statement you ask the following questions:

1. May Town A. legally pay this tuition?
2. If Town A pays this tuition may the State legally reimburse Town A for part of this tuition as it does for other students?

Answer. In my opinion it would not be legal for Town A to pay this tuition, because the statute provides that the students must gain admission to Town B's high school for the purpose of studying an occupational course not offered or contracted for by the town of his legal residence.

My negative answer to Question 1 takes care of Question 2.

Ralph W. Farris
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