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August 30, 1951

To Morris P. Cates, Deputy Commissioner of Education
Re: Expenditure of Funds for Vocational Rehabilitation

In your memo of August 9, 1951, you state that for the purpose of case-work funds you requested an appropriation from the State on the basis of expecting similar funds to be granted by the Federal Government. You later ascertained that the Federal Government cut this appropriation so that the State appropriation exceeded by \$11,800 the funds appropriated by the Federal Government. You then ask:

"Can state funds be expended by the Department of Education for carrying on the casework program beyond that provided by joint funds?"

It is our opinion that, in so far as we can find no law specifically requiring that these funds be spent dollar for dollar and as these appropriation are asked on that basis purely from custom, such funds can be expended for case-work purposes.

James G. Frost
Assistant Attorney General.

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