

186-C:7-a Interagency Agreement for Special Education. –

I. The commissioner of education, with the approval of the state board of education, and the commissioner of health and human services shall enter into a comprehensive, cooperative special education agreement to ensure the provision of necessary services by their agencies to educationally disabled children.

II. This agreement shall address programs and services for each appropriate category of educationally disabled children.

III. For each category of educationally disabled children, the agreement shall include:

(a) A definition of the specific population to be served.

(b) An identification and description of the services available through each agency.

(c) A description of the specific programmatic and financial responsibilities of each department.

(d) An estimate of the costs of, and source of funds for, all services to be provided by each department.

(e) A method for implementing and administering the agreement which shall include a procedure for settling disputes regarding its administration or the financial and programmatic responsibilities of each department.

(f) A procedure for monitoring the operation of the agreement and for revising it periodically as necessary.

IV. The commissioners of education and health and human services shall submit a copy of the initial interagency agreement for special education to the appropriate standing committees of each house of the general court on or before September 1, 1985, and shall submit a revision to the agreement no later than January 1, 1999. Any subsequent proposed amendments or revisions to the agreement shall be submitted to the appropriate standing committees of the house and senate.