

Chapter 123: School Management and Leadership Centers

At-A Glance

The attached document outlines the provisions of the new legislation, Chapter 123, which was enacted with the biennial budget. This set of provisions refers specifically to the development of regional centers. We also have other grant-based opportunities under development, which will provide support for a variety of efforts to economize on and maximize educational services.

Regional Education Service Centers (Maine School Management and Leadership Centers)

A. Purpose

- Share education, administrative, and support services

B. Function

- Provide
 - **Category 1— Instructional Services**
 - Sped. Ed
 - GT
 - Alt Ed
 - Summer school, extended yr, tutoring, etc.
 - Shared staff
 - **Category 2— Educational Support Services**
 - Subs; technology and tech support; PD; leadership academies; extra/co curricular
 - **Category 3— Central Office Services**
 - Accounting, payroll, financial management
 - Reporting
 - Food Service
 - Superintendent
 - **Category 4— Facilities and transportations system services**
 - Transportation and vehicle maintenance
 - Energy management and facilities maintenance

C. Organization

- Service center formed using an interlocal agreement
- Directed by center members for members
- Can act as the fiscal agent
- Two levels of Membership
 - Members: Individual SAUs (legal authority granted by voters)
 - Associate Member: Other public education organizations, municipalities, and counties (list 3802, section 3 (A-G))

D. Funding

- **Funding to Regional Center**
 - Direct State Funding
 - 55% Executive Director salary and benefits
 - 100% accounting and payroll system
 - 100% student information system
 - Funding From Members: membership fees for core services (change fees)
 - Revenues from sale of services to members and nonmembers
- **Funding to Members**
 - Additional State funding through EPS formula
 - Ongoing per pupil amount; school boards, elections, and central office

E. Department Supports

- Plans for late August or early September *workshop*
- Commissioner's Listening Tour Summer
- TBD Timeline: applications, funding, resources