

**CONCEPT DRAFT**  
**CHAPTER 108**  
**REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIONS**

**§ 2001. Regional School Union**

**1. Formation.** A regional school union may be formed pursuant to a reorganization plan or by vote of the legislative bodies of the member municipalities.

**2. Regional school union committee.** The governing body of a regional school union is the regional school union committee which shall be made up of representatives from the local school committees of member municipalities and shall be apportioned in accordance with one person, one vote principles.

**3. Core functions.** The regional school union committee shall have the following core functions which may not be delegated to a local school committee except as provided in this subsection.

**A. Employment of superintendent.** Employment and discharge of a superintendent pursuant to section 1001(3) and sections 1051-1054.

**B. Performance of business functions.** Administration of accounting, payroll, financial management, purchasing insurance and auditing.

**C. Special education administration.** Special education duties of school administrative units under Chapter 303.

**D. Transportation.** Administration of transportation.

**E. Core curriculum.** Adoption of a core curriculum, standardized testing and assessment aligned with the system of learning results.

**F. Budget.** Preparation of regional school union budget.

**G. Reporting.** Reporting required by state or federal law or regulation.

**H. Employment.** The regional school union shall be the employer of all employees performing the core functions and any additional functions delegated to the regional school union and shall be responsible for negotiating and administering common collective bargaining agreements for school employees of its members in accordance with section 1464 and 26 M.R.S.A. Ch. 9-A.

**I. School calendar.** Establishing a common school calendar, subject to variations adopted by local school committees.

**J. Adoption of policies.** The regional school union committee shall adopt common policies for all schools in the regional school union pursuant to section 1001(1-A), subject to variations adopted by local school committees.

**4. Delegation of additional functions.** A reorganization plan or the legislative bodies of the members of a regional school union may delegate additional functions to the regional school union including the operation of any of grades K-12. When a regional school union operates any of grades K-12, the regional school union shall be governed by the laws applicable to regional school units with respect to those grades except as otherwise provided.

**5. Budget adoption.** The budget of a regional school union shall be adopted in accordance with the procedures applicable to regional school units except as otherwise provided. The budget of a member of a regional school union shall be adopted in accordance with the procedures applicable to a municipal school unit.

**6. Title to property.** A reorganization plan may provide that title to real and personal property in municipal school units may be either transferred to the regional school union or retained by the municipality, provided that the plan shall clearly allocate the responsibilities for the management of school property under section 1001(2) as between the regional school union committee and the local school committee.

**7. Reorganization planning.** A regional school union shall be deemed a regional school unit under XXXX-36 of Chapter 240, Public Laws 2007 for all purposes including the goal for the number of regional units and the requirements with respect to the number of students in each regional unit. A reorganization plan for a regional school union shall also be subject to the requirements of Section XXXX-36 of Chapter 240, Public Laws 2007, subsection 6.F requiring that the reorganization plan address how administrative functions, duties and noninstructional personnel will be reorganized so that the projected expenditures for system administration, transportation, special education and facilities and maintenance will not have an adverse impact on the instructional program. A reorganization plan for a regional school union shall be subject to the same approval and referendum requirements as provided in Chapter 240, Public Laws 2007, Section XXXX-36, subsections 8 and 9.