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THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL EDUCATION BOARD is an agency of the Southern states, operating under an interstate compact among Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia. The legislature of each of these states appropriates \$20,000 a year for its operation.

The states formed SREB for the purpose of making better use of colleges and universities by sharing resources for professional, technical, and graduate education.

By sharing such resources, the states get more for their educational dollars. They can use college programs which already exist and do not have to establish duplicate programs in each state if such duplication is not needed. Also, the states and the institutions can jointly plan and establish new educational programs according to the needs of the region.

The Board is composed of the governors of the Southern states, ex officio, and four persons appointed by each. At least one of the four ap-

pointed by each. At least one of the four appointees in each state must be an educator and one a legislator. The Board meets annually. SREB's executive staff, headed by Dr. Robert C.

Anderson, is located in Atlanta, Ga.

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Contracts

SREB makes interstate arrangements through contracts under which a state is guaranteed places for its students in colleges and universities in other states. In this way, a state may obtain professional education for its citizens without establishing duplicate schools. Such contracts are operating between states, SREB, and Southern colleges and universities in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, social work, forestry, and architecture. Other fields are continuously being considered.

Joint Action

Southern universities and colleges, states, and SREB jointly plan and support needed educational programs which are increasing the supply of trained people in vital fields. For instance, six universities have worked with SREB to establish new and needed courses in graduate education for the nursing profession. In another field, state agencies and colleges have worked with SREB to establish the South's first year 'round program for training teachers of blind children at George Peabody College, as one part of a regional program to supply teachers for exceptional children. SREB works with states and institutions in ten other fields for similar planning and organization.

Educators, professional persons, and political leaders of the Southern states participate in the planning and operation of these cooperative activities through conferences, meetings and consultations.

Research

SREB conducts research on needs in the South for specially trained persons, e.g. teachers of exceptional children, dentists, veterinarians. It also studies general problems of higher education, including projections of enrollments, ways of recruiting faculty members, and other urgent problems facing the South's colleges and universities.

Information

For further information about SREB's activities write to the Director, Southern Regional Education Board, 881 Peachtree St., NE., Atlanta 9, Ga. A comprehensive pamphlet describing in detail the history, policies, activities, and personnel of SREB may be obtained, plus numerous publications dealing with individual activities.

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