

STATE OF MINNESOTA

BOARD OF TEACHING

STATEMENT OF NEED AND REASONABLENESS

Concerning the Proposed Adoption of a Rule Governing Local Committees in School District Consortia, Minnesota Rule, Part 8700.1910.

The statutory authority of the Board of Teaching to adopt the proposed rule is set forth in Minnesota Statutes, Section 125.05, subd. 1 and 125.185, subd. 4.

RULE AS PROPOSED

This rule is needed to provide the opportunity for employees of school district consortia, such as special education cooperatives, educational cooperative service units, and education districts, to establish local committees for the purpose of providing recommendations for the renewal of teaching licenses. In the absence of this rule, such employees are required to affiliate with local committees in school districts where they were last employed, or local committees of school districts in which they currently reside. This presents a hardship for employees of such consortia. It is reasonable to expect that they be afforded the same opportunity as employees of Minnesota public school districts for fair representation and objective evaluation of requests for renewal of their licenses.