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ESSA State Plan: Recommendation Form

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ESSA Citation: §5103; §8201		ESSA Page Number: 298; 404 - Link to ESSA
Question(s) being considered: Will the SEA be transferring funds between Titles as outlined in §5103, and consolidating administrative funds as outlined in §8201.		
What ESSA requirements need to be met?: Under Title V in ESSA, a State may transfer funds allotted to a State for State-level activities between Title II, Part A (Supporting Effective Instruction), Title IV, Part A (Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants), and Title IV, Part B (21 st Century Learning Communities). In addition, the State level funds from those programs may also be transferred into Title I, Part A (Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged), Title I, Part C (Migrant Education), Title I, Part D (Education of the Neglected or Delinquent), Title III, Part A (English Language Acquisition), or REAP funds. States may not transfer funds out of those programs only into those programs. Under Title VIII, a State may consolidate administrative funds for Title VIII if the State educational agency can demonstrate that the majority of its resources are derived from non-Federal sources.		
Solution being proposed:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VTAOE currently has no plans to transfer State-level activity funds from or to the Titles mentioned above; however, VTAOE is reserving the right to do so if State data suggests that there is a need. VTAOE would, at that time, notify the US Secretary of Education and submit an amended plan. 		
Rationale: Explain why your proposal supports each decision logic element below:		
<i>Equity:</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently the funds are allocated by formula to VTAOE and by not transferring, each program’s intent or targeted student group would benefit from the State activity fund; but if the data indicated a significant need, we would be able to transfer funds to meet the need. 		
<i>Alignment with current VT policy and practice:</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current practice remains the same. 		
<i>Efficiency (streamlining processes, eliminating duplicative systems or requirements):</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintaining current process is efficient for program managers and our fiscal team. 		
<i>Possibility (implementation feasibility for the AOE and impacted stakeholders):</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current practice remains the same. 		
Identify any known or potential risks associated with your proposed solution:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Known: None • Potential: If VTAOE would choose to transfer the funds, new accounting systems would need to be created to track use and report on use and efficacy to USED. 		
What are the expected benefits associated with your proposed solution:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintaining current practice allows program managers to plan on effective use of the State-level activity funds, maintains positions funded, and diversifies activities so that each program’s intent may be met. 		
Secretary’s Decision	Date: 9/23/16	Initials:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Confirm recommendation of ESSA State Plan Management Team <input type="checkbox"/> Reject recommendation of ESSA State Plan Management Team and offer the following as an alternative:		