

## *Scope of Changes—*

# Kennedy Indian Education Act

The Kennedy Indian Education Act provides for the following scope of changes in the Indian Educational system by granting powers to:

—ESTABLISH a National Board of Indian Education, comprised of 15 persons nominated

by Indian tribes and communities around the nation, to assume all educational functions for federal Indians currently undertaken by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and all other executive agencies except the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO)

and the Office of Education (OE).

—CREATE a Bureau of Indian Education in HEW's Office of Education headed by a Deputy Commissioner of Education appointed by the President from nominees submitted by the National Board of Indian Education to oversee the education of non-federal Indians through the making of grants and contracts to state and local educational institutions, both public and private, to improve the quality of Indian education.

—ABOLISH all educational services and programs currently undertaken by the Bureau of Indian Affairs by transferring them to the National Board of Indian Education, while providing a mechanism for the rehiring of Civil Service educators at the determination of the national and local Indian educational boards.

—CONTINUE all educational programs now in progress under BIA supervision, and provide mechanisms whereby the OE's Bureau of Indian Education may transfer additional funds to the National Board after appropriate consideration.

—RETAIN the existing allocations spent for federal Indians while providing additional educational opportunities for non-federal, landless and urban Indians who are currently excluded from BIA assistance.

—ADD three new programs, including funding, by:

1. Assisting local educational agencies in meeting the special needs of Indian students.
2. Providing \$165 million over the next five fiscal years beginning July 1, 1971, for special programs and projects to improve Indian educational opportunities.
3. Committing \$37 million over the next five fiscal years beginning July 1, 1971, for improvement of adult Indian education to enhance employment and career opportunities.