Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, no merger, consolidation, or reorganization of school districts or supervisory unions by any means provided herein, shall result in <u>de facto</u> racial, ethnic, or socioeconomic segregation of students, nor in the segregation of property wealthy or property poor towns into supervisory districts, and none of the incentives provided under the district merger incentive program shall be paid to any such segregated district.

Every proposed merger, consolidation, or reorganization of school districts and supervisory unions made under the provisions of this act or supported by incentives under this act shall be reviewed by the State Board of Education which shall determine if it would result in such segregation of students or districts and which shall disapprove any merger, consolidation or reorganization which it finds would result in such segregation.

**Comment [01]:** If they are illegal, it seems this is not needed.