

using methods described in section 2871(f)(2) of this title consistent with State law.

(f) Performance assessments and improvements

(1) Assessments

The Secretary shall conduct an annual assessment of the performance of each Job Corps center. Based on the assessment, the Secretary shall take measures to continuously improve the performance of the Job Corps program.

(2) Performance improvement plans

With respect to a Job Corps center that fails to meet the expected levels of performance relating to the core performance measures specified in subsection (c) of this section, the Secretary shall develop and implement a performance improvement plan. Such a plan shall require action including—

- (A) providing technical assistance to the center;
- (B) changing the vocational training offered at the center;
- (C) changing the management staff of the center;
- (D) replacing the operator of the center;
- (E) reducing the capacity of the center;
- (F) relocating the center; or
- (G) closing the center.

(3) Additional performance improvement plans

In addition to the performance improvement plans required under paragraph (2), the Secretary may develop and implement additional performance improvement plans. Such a plan shall require improvements, including the actions described in paragraph (2), for a Job Corps center that fails to meet criteria established by the Secretary other than the expected levels of performance described in paragraph (2).

(g) Closure of Job Corps center

Prior to the closure of any Job Corps center, the Secretary shall ensure—

- (1) that the proposed decision to close the center is announced in advance to the general public through publication in the Federal Register or other appropriate means;
- (2) the establishment of a reasonable comment period, not to exceed 30 days, for interested individuals to submit written comments to the Secretary; and
- (3) that the Member of Congress who represents the district in which such center is located is notified within a reasonable period of time in advance of any final decision to close the center.

(Pub. L. 105-220, title I, §159, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1017; Pub. L. 105-277, div. A, §101(f) [title VIII, §401(6)], Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-337, 2681-411.)

AMENDMENTS

1998—Subsec. (c)(1)(G). Pub. L. 105-277, §101(f) [title VIII, §401(6)(A)], substituted “postsecondary” for “post-secondary”.

Subsec. (c)(3). Pub. L. 105-277, §101(f) [title VIII, §401(6)(B)], substituted “containing,” for “containing”.

Subsec. (d)(4). Pub. L. 105-277, §101(f) [title VIII, §401(6)(A)], substituted “postsecondary” for “post-secondary”.

§ 2900. General provisions

The Secretary is authorized to—

(1) disseminate, with regard to the provisions of section 3204 of title 39, data and information in such forms as the Secretary shall determine to be appropriate, to public agencies, private organizations, and the general public;

(2) subject to section 2897(b) of this title, collect or compromise all obligations to or held by the Secretary and exercise all legal or equitable rights accruing to the Secretary in connection with the payment of obligations until such time as such obligations may be referred to the Attorney General for suit or collection; and

(3) expend funds made available for purposes of this subchapter—

(A) for printing and binding, in accordance with applicable law (including regulation); and

(B) without regard to any other law (including regulation), for rent of buildings and space in buildings and for repair, alteration, and improvement of buildings and space in buildings rented by the Secretary, except that the Secretary shall not expend funds under the authority of this subparagraph—

(i) except when necessary to obtain an item, service, or facility, that is required in the proper administration of this subchapter, and that otherwise could not be obtained, or could not be obtained in the quantity or quality needed, or at the time, in the form, or under the conditions in which the item, service, or facility is needed; and

(ii) prior to having given written notification to the Administrator of General Services (if the expenditure would affect an activity that otherwise would be under the jurisdiction of the General Services Administration) of the intention of the Secretary to make the expenditure, and the reasons and justifications for the expenditure.

(Pub. L. 105-220, title I, §160, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1020.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to this section were contained in section 1708 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105-220.

§ 2901. Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this subchapter such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 1999 through 2003.

(Pub. L. 105-220, title I, §161, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1021.)

SUBCHAPTER IV—NATIONAL PROGRAMS

§ 2911. Native American programs

(a) Purpose

(1) In general

The purpose of this section is to support employment and training activities for Indian,