§ 15028. Appeals by States

(a) Appeal

If any State is dissatisfied with the Secretary's action under section 15024(d)(3) or 15027 of this title, such State may appeal to the United States court of appeals for the circuit in which such State is located, by filing a petition with such court not later than 60 days after such action.

(b) Filing

The clerk of the court shall transmit promptly a copy of the petition to the Secretary, or any officer designated by the Secretary for that purpose. The Secretary shall file promptly with the court the record of the proceedings on which the Secretary based the action, as provided in section 2112 of title 28.

(c) Jurisdiction

Upon the filing of the petition, the court shall have jurisdiction to affirm the action of the Secretary or to set the action aside, in whole or in part, temporarily or permanently. Until the filing of the record, the Secretary may modify or set aside the order of the Secretary relating to the action.

(d) Findings and remand

The findings of the Secretary about the facts, if supported by substantial evidence, shall be conclusive, but the court, for good cause shown, may remand the case involved to the Secretary for further proceedings to take further evidence. On remand, the Secretary may make new or modified findings of fact and may modify the previous action of the Secretary, and shall file with the court the record of the further proceedings. Such new or modified findings of fact shall likewise be conclusive if supported by substantial evidence.

(e) Finality

The judgment of the court affirming or setting aside, in whole or in part, any action of the Secretary shall be final, subject to review by the Supreme Court of the United States upon certiorari or certification as provided in section 1254 of title 28.

(f) Effect

The commencement of proceedings under this section shall not, unless so specifically ordered by a court, operate as a stay of the Secretary's action.

(Pub. L. 106–402, title I, §128, Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1711.)

§ 15029. Authorization of appropriations

(a) Funding for State allotments

Except as described in subsection (b) of this section, there are authorized to be appropriated for allotments under section 15022 of this title \$76,000,000 for fiscal year 2001 and such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2002 through 2007.

(b) Reservation for technical assistance

(1) Lower appropriation years

For any fiscal year for which the amount appropriated under subsection (a) of this section

is less than \$76,000,000, the Secretary shall reserve funds in accordance with section 15083(c) of this title to provide technical assistance to entities funded under this part.

(2) Higher appropriation years

For any fiscal year for which the amount appropriated under subsection (a) of this section is not less than \$76,000,000, the Secretary shall reserve not less than \$300,000 and not more than 1 percent of the amount appropriated under subsection (a) of this section to provide technical assistance to entities funded under this part.

(Pub. L. 106–402, title I, 129, Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1712.)

PART C—PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY OF INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS

§ 15041. Purpose

The purpose of this part is to provide for allotments to support a protection and advocacy system (referred to in this part as a "system") in each State to protect the legal and human rights of individuals with developmental disabilities in accordance with this part.

(Pub. L. 106–402, title I, §141, Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1712.)

§ 15042. Allotments and payments

(a) Allotments

(1) In general

To assist States in meeting the requirements of section 15043(a) of this title, the Secretary shall allot to the States the amounts appropriated under section 15045 of this title and not reserved under paragraph (6). Allotments and reallotments of such sums shall be made on the same basis as the allotments and reallotments are made under subsections (a)(1)(A) and (e) of section 15022 of this title, except as provided in paragraph (2).

(2) Minimum allotments

In any case in which—

- (A) the total amount appropriated under section 15045 of this title for a fiscal year is not less than \$20,000,000, the allotment under paragraph (1) for such fiscal year—
- (i) to each of American Samoa, Guam, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands may not be less than \$107,000; and
- (ii) to any State not described in clause
- (i) may not be less than \$200,000; or
- (B) the total amount appropriated under section 15045 of this title for a fiscal year is less than \$20,000,000, the allotment under paragraph (1) for such fiscal year—
 - (i) to each of American Samoa, Guam, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands may not be less than \$80,000; and
 - (ii) to any State not described in clause (i) may not be less than \$150,000.

(3) Reduction of allotment

Notwithstanding paragraphs (1) and (2), if the aggregate of the amounts to be allotted to