

1989—Subsec. (a)(9). Pub. L. 101-204 substituted “clearinghouses” for “clearinghouse”.

1988—Subsec. (a)(7) to (9). Pub. L. 100-690, § 7287, added pars. (7) to (9).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-690 effective Oct. 1, 1988, see section 7296(a) of Pub. L. 100-690, set out as a note under section 5601 of this title.

§ 5776. Criteria for grants

(a) Establishment of priorities and criteria; publication in Federal Register

In carrying out the programs authorized by this subchapter, the Administrator shall establish—

- (1) annual research, demonstration, and service program priorities for making grants and contracts pursuant to section 5775 of this title; and
- (2) criteria based on merit for making such grants and contracts.

Not less than 60 days before establishing such priorities and criteria, the Administrator shall publish in the Federal Register for public comment a statement of such proposed priorities and criteria.

(b) Competitive selection process for grant or contract exceeding \$50,000

No grant or contract exceeding \$50,000 shall be made under this subchapter unless the grantee or contractor has been selected by a competitive process which includes public announcement of the availability of funds for such grant or contract, general criteria for the selection of recipients or contractors, and a description of the application process and application review process.

(c) Multiple grants or contracts to same grantee or contractor

Multiple grants or contracts to the same grantee or contractor within any 1 year to support activities having the same general purpose shall be deemed to be a single grant for the purpose of this subsection, but multiple grants or contracts to the same grantee or contractor to support clearly distinct activities shall be considered separate grants or contractors.¹

(Pub. L. 93-415, title IV, § 406, formerly § 407, as added Pub. L. 98-473, title II, § 660, Oct. 12, 1984, 98 Stat. 2129; renumbered § 406 and amended Pub. L. 100-690, title VII, §§ 7288, 7290, Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4461.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 406 of Pub. L. 93-415 was renumbered section 405 and is classified to section 5775 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

1988—Pub. L. 100-690, § 7290(b), which purported to make technical amendment to reference to section 5775 of this title to reflect renumbering of corresponding section of original act, could not be executed to text because of general amendment of section by Pub. L. 100-690, § 7288, see below.

Pub. L. 100-690, § 7288, amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section read as follows: “The Administrator, in consultation with the Advisory Board, shall establish annual research, demonstration, and

service program priorities for making grants and contracts pursuant to section 5775 of this title and, not less than 60 days before establishing such priorities, shall publish in the Federal Register for public comment a statement of such proposed priorities.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-690 effective Oct. 1, 1988, see section 7296(a) of Pub. L. 100-690, set out as a note under section 5601 of this title.

§ 5776a. Repealed. Pub. L. 110-240, § 5(1), June 3, 2008, 122 Stat. 1564

Section, Pub. L. 93-415, title IV, § 407, as added Pub. L. 103-322, title XVII, § 170303(2), Sept. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 2043, established the Missing and Exploited Children’s Task Force.

§ 5777. Authorization of appropriations

(a) In general

To carry out the provisions of this subchapter, there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 2008 through 2013.

(b) Evaluation

The Administrator may use not more than 5 percent of the amount appropriated for a fiscal year under subsection (a) of this section to conduct an evaluation of the effectiveness of the programs and activities established and operated under this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 93-415, title IV, § 407, formerly § 408, as added Pub. L. 98-473, title II, § 660, Oct. 12, 1984, 98 Stat. 2129; renumbered § 407 and amended Pub. L. 100-690, title VII, §§ 7289, 7290(a), Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4461; Pub. L. 101-204, title X, § 1001(e)(3), Dec. 7, 1989, 103 Stat. 1827; Pub. L. 102-586, § 4, Nov. 4, 1992, 106 Stat. 5027; renumbered § 408, Pub. L. 103-322, title XVII, § 170303(1), Sept. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 2043; Pub. L. 104-235, title II, § 231(a), Oct. 3, 1996, 110 Stat. 3092; Pub. L. 106-71, § 2(e), Oct. 12, 1999, 113 Stat. 1035; Pub. L. 108-21, title III, § 321(a), Apr. 30, 2003, 117 Stat. 664; Pub. L. 108-96, title II, § 202(b), Oct. 10, 2003, 117 Stat. 1172; renumbered § 407 and amended Pub. L. 110-240, §§ 4, 5(2), June 3, 2008, 122 Stat. 1563, 1564.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 407 of Pub. L. 93-415 was classified to section 5776a prior to repeal by Pub. L. 110-240, § 5(1), June 3, 2008, 122 Stat. 1564.

AMENDMENTS

2008—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 110-240, § 4, which directed substitution of “2008 through 2013” for “2007 through 2008”, was executed by making the substitution for “2004 through 2008”, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

2003—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 108-96 substituted “2008” for “2005.”

Pub. L. 108-21 substituted “fiscal years 2004 through 2005.” for “fiscal years 2000 through 2003”.

1999—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 106-71 substituted “2000 through 2003” for “1997 through 2001”.

1996—Pub. L. 104-235 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a), inserted heading, substituted “1997 through 2001” for “1993, 1994, 1995, and 1996”, and added subsec. (b).

1992—Pub. L. 102-586 substituted “fiscal years 1993, 1994, 1995, and 1996” for “fiscal years 1989, 1990, 1991, and 1992”.

1989—Pub. L. 101-204 amended directory language of Pub. L. 100-690, § 7289(3), see 1988 Amendment note below.

¹ So in original. Probably should be “contracts.”

1988—Pub. L. 100-690, § 7289, as amended by Pub. L. 101-204, struck out “\$10,000,000 for fiscal year 1985, and” after “appropriated” and “1986, 1987, and 1988” after “fiscal years” and inserted “1989, 1990, 1991, and 1992”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-690 effective Oct. 1, 1988, see section 7296(a) of Pub. L. 100-690, set out as a note under section 5601 of this title.

§ 5778. Repealed. Pub. L. 104-235, title II, § 231(b), Oct. 3, 1996, 110 Stat. 3092

Section, Pub. L. 93-415, title IV, § 409, formerly § 408, as added Pub. L. 100-690, title VII, § 7291, Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4461; renumbered § 409, Pub. L. 103-322, title XVII, § 170303(1), Sept. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 2043, related to special study and report to determine obstacles that prevent or impede individuals who have legal custody of children from recovering children from parents who have removed children from such individuals in violation of law.

§ 5779. Reporting requirement

(a) In general

Each Federal, State, and local law enforcement agency shall report each case of a missing child under the age of 21 reported to such agency to the National Crime Information Center of the Department of Justice.

(b) Guidelines

The Attorney General may establish guidelines for the collection of such reports including procedures for carrying out the purposes of this section and section 5780 of this title.¹

(c) Annual summary

The Attorney General shall publish an annual statistical summary of the reports received under this section and section 5780 of this title.

(Pub. L. 101-647, title XXXVII, § 3701, Nov. 29, 1990, 104 Stat. 4966; Pub. L. 108-21, title II, § 204, Apr. 30, 2003, 117 Stat. 660.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This section and section 5780 of this title, referred to in subsec. (b), was in the original “this Act”, and was translated as reading “this title”, meaning title XXXVII of Pub. L. 101-647, which enacted this section and section 5780 of this title, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Crime Control Act of 1990, and not as part of the Missing Children’s Assistance Act which comprises this subchapter, nor as part of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 which comprises this chapter.

AMENDMENTS

2003—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 108-21 substituted “age of 21” for “age of 18”.

§ 5780. State requirements

Each State reporting under the provisions of this section and section 5779 of this title shall—

- (1) ensure that no law enforcement agency within the State establishes or maintains any policy that requires the observance of any waiting period before accepting a missing child or unidentified person report;

¹ See References in Text note below.

- (2) ensure that no law enforcement agency within the State establishes or maintains any policy that requires the removal of a missing person entry from its State law enforcement system or the National Crime Information Center computer database based solely on the age of the person; and¹

- (3) provide that each such report and all necessary and available information, which, with respect to each missing child report, shall include—

- (A) the name, date of birth, sex, race, height, weight, and eye and hair color of the child;

- (B) the date and location of the last known contact with the child; and

- (C) the category under which the child is reported missing;

is entered within 2 hours of receipt into the State law enforcement system and the National Crime Information Center computer networks and made available to the Missing Children Information Clearinghouse within the State or other agency designated within the State to receive such reports; and

- (4) provide that after receiving reports as provided in paragraph (2), the law enforcement agency that entered the report into the National Crime Information Center shall—

- (A) no later than 60 days after the original entry of the record into the State law enforcement system and National Crime Information Center computer networks, verify and update such record with any additional information, including, where available, medical and dental records;

- (B) institute or assist with appropriate search and investigative procedures; and

- (C) maintain close liaison with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children for the exchange of information and technical assistance in the missing children cases.

(Pub. L. 101-647, title XXXVII, § 3702, Nov. 29, 1990, 104 Stat. 4967; Pub. L. 109-248, title I, § 154(a), July 27, 2006, 120 Stat. 611.)

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Crime Control Act of 1990, and not as part of the Missing Children’s Assistance Act which comprises this subchapter, nor as part of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 which comprises this chapter.

AMENDMENTS

2006—Pub. L. 109-248 added par. (2), redesignated former pars. (2) and (3) as (3) and (4), respectively, and substituted “within 2 hours of receipt” for “immediately” in concluding provisions of par. (3).

§ 5780a. Authority of Inspectors General

(a) In general

An Inspector General appointed under section 3 or 8G of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) may authorize staff to assist the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children—

- (1) by conducting reviews of inactive case files to develop recommendations for further investigations; and

¹ So in original. The word “and” probably should not appear.