

1955—Act Aug. 11, 1955, amended section generally to continue agricultural research at the agricultural experiment stations, to restate the declaration of purpose, and to insert definitions of “State” and “State agricultural experiment station.” Former provisions which required division of appropriations between colleges of same state are now contained in section 361h of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1974 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 93-471 effective July 1, 1975, unless Pub. L. 93-471 repealed by District of Columbia Council after Jan. 2, 1975, and prior to July 1, 1975; or such amendment by Pub. L. 93-471, as amended by the District Council, also effective July 1, 1975, or some other date prescribed by the Council as authorized under provisions of section 407 of Pub. L. 93-471.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1972 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 92-318 effective after June 30, 1970, see section 506(n) of Pub. L. 92-318, set out as an Effective Date note under section 326a of this title.

#### SHORT TITLE

Act Mar. 2, 1887, ch. 314, §10, as added by Pub. L. 105-185, §3(b), June 23, 1998, 112 Stat. 526, provided that: “This Act [enacting sections 361a to 361i of this title] may be cited as the ‘Hatch Act of 1887.’”

#### ARLINGTON ESTATE

Besides the provisions establishing agricultural experiment stations, contained in act Mar. 2, 1887, a portion of the Arlington estate in the State of Virginia was set apart for experimental agricultural purposes by act April 18, 1900, ch. 243, 31 Stat. 135, and provisions for establishing and maintaining a general experimental farm and agricultural station thereon were made by the subsequent agricultural appropriation acts.

#### ADMISSION OF ALASKA AND HAWAII TO STATEHOOD

Alaska was admitted into the Union on Jan. 3, 1959, on issuance of Proc. No. 3269, Jan. 3, 1959, 24 F.R. 81, 73 Stat. c16, and Hawaii was admitted into the Union on Aug. 21, 1959, on issuance of Proc. No. 3309, Aug. 21, 1959, 24 F.R. 6868, 73 Stat. c74. For Alaska Statehood Law, see Pub. L. 85-508, July 7, 1958, 72 Stat. 339, set out as a note preceding section 21 of Title 48, Territories and Insular Possessions. For Hawaii Statehood Law, see Pub. L. 86-3, Mar. 18, 1959, 73 Stat. 4, set out as a note preceding section 491 of Title 48.

### § 361b. Congressional statement of policy; researches, investigations and experiments

It is further the policy of the Congress to promote the efficient production, marketing, distribution, and utilization of products of the farm as essential to the health and welfare of our peoples and to promote a sound and prosperous agriculture and rural life as indispensable to the maintenance of maximum employment and national prosperity and security. It is also the intent of Congress to assure agriculture a position in research equal to that of industry, which will aid in maintaining an equitable balance between agriculture and other segments of our economy. It shall be the object and duty of the State agricultural experiment stations through the expenditure of the appropriations hereinafter authorized to conduct original and other researches, investigations, and experiments bearing directly on and contributing to the establishment and maintenance of a permanent and effective agricultural industry of the United States, including researches basic to the problems of agriculture in its broadest aspects,

and such investigations as have for their purpose the development and improvement of the rural home and rural life and the maximum contribution by agriculture to the welfare of the consumer, as may be deemed advisable, having due regard to the varying conditions and needs of the respective States.

(Mar. 2, 1887, ch. 314, §2, 24 Stat. 440; Aug. 11, 1955, ch. 790, §1, 69 Stat. 671.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 363 of this title.

#### AMENDMENTS

1955—Act Aug. 11, 1955, amended section generally to restate the policy of Congress.

### § 361c. Authorization of appropriations and allotments of grants

#### (a) Authorization

There are authorized to be appropriated for the purposes of sections 361a to 361i of this title such sums as Congress may from time to time determine to be necessary.

#### (b) Allotments to States; authorization of appropriations for Virgin Islands and Guam; limitation

(1) Out of such sums each State shall be entitled to receive annually a sum of money equal to and subject to the same requirement as to use for marketing research projects as the sums received from Federal appropriations for State agricultural experiment stations for the fiscal year 1955, except that amounts heretofore made available from the fund known as the “Regional research fund, Office of Experiment Stations” shall continue to be available for the support of cooperative regional projects as defined in subsection (c)(3) of this section, and the said fund shall be designated “Regional research fund, State agricultural experiment stations,” and the Secretary of Agriculture shall be entitled to receive annually for the administration of sections 361a to 361i of this title, a sum not less than that available for this purpose for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955: *Provided*, That if the appropriations hereunder available for distribution in any fiscal year are less than those for the fiscal year 1955 the allotment to each State and the amounts for Federal administration and the regional research fund shall be reduced in proportion to the amount of such reduction.

(2) There is authorized to be appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1973, and for each fiscal year thereafter, for payment to the Virgin Islands and Guam, \$100,000 each, which sums shall be in addition to the sums appropriated for the several States of the United States and Puerto Rico under the provisions of this section. The amount paid by the Federal Government to the Virgin Islands and Guam pursuant to this paragraph shall not exceed during any fiscal year, except the fiscal years ending June 30, 1971, and June 30, 1972, when such amount may be used to pay the total cost of providing services pursuant to sections 361a to 361i of this title, the amount available and budgeted for expenditure by the Virgin Islands and Guam for the purposes of such sections.

**(c) Allotment of additional sums**

Any sums made available by the Congress in addition to those provided for in subsection (b) of this section for State agricultural experiment station work shall be distributed as follows:

(1) Twenty per centum shall be allotted equally to each State;

(2) Not less than 52 per centum of such sums shall be allotted to each State, as follows: One-half in an amount which bears the same ratio to the total amount to be allotted as the rural population of the State bears to the total rural population of all the States as determined by the last preceding decennial census current at the time each such additional sum is first appropriated; and one-half in an amount which bears the same ratio to the total amount to be allotted as the farm population of the State bears to the total farm population of all the States as determined by the last preceding decennial census current at the time such additional sum is first appropriated;

(3) Not less than 25 percent shall be allotted to the States for cooperative research employing multidisciplinary approaches in which a State agricultural experiment station, working with another State agricultural experiment station, the Agricultural Research Service, or a college or university, cooperates to solve problems that concern more than 1 State. The funds available under this paragraph, together with the funds available under subsection (b) of this section for a similar purpose, shall be designated as the "Multistate Research Fund, State Agricultural Experiment Stations".

(4) Three per centum shall be available to the Secretary of Agriculture for administration of sections 361a to 361i of this title. These administrative funds may be used for transportation of scientists who are not officers or employees of the United States to research meetings convened for the purpose of assessing research opportunities or research planning.

**(d) Matching funds****(1) Requirement**

Except as provided in paragraph (4), no allotment shall be made to a State under subsection (b) or (c) of this section, and no payments from the allotment shall be made to a State, in excess of the amount that the State makes available out of non-Federal funds for agricultural research and for the establishment and maintenance of facilities for the performance of the research.

**(2) Failure to provide matching funds**

If a State fails to comply with the requirement to provide matching funds for a fiscal year under paragraph (1), the Secretary of Agriculture shall withhold from payment to the State for that fiscal year an amount equal to the difference between—

(A) the amount that would be allotted and paid to the State under subsections (b) and (c) of this section (if the full amount of matching funds were provided by the State); and

(B) the amount of matching funds actually provided by the State.

**(3) Reapportionment****(A) In general**

The Secretary of Agriculture shall reapportion amounts withheld under paragraph (2) for a fiscal year among the States satisfying the matching requirement for that fiscal year.

**(B) Matching requirement**

Any reapportionment of funds under this paragraph shall be subject to the matching requirement specified in paragraph (1).

**(4) Exception for insular areas and the District of Columbia****(A) In general**

Effective beginning for fiscal year 2003, in lieu of the matching funds requirement of paragraph (1), the insular areas of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands of the United States and the District of Columbia shall provide matching funds from non-Federal sources in an amount equal to not less than 50 percent of the formula funds distributed by the Secretary to each of the insular areas, respectively, and the District of Columbia under this section.

**(B) Waivers**

The Secretary may waive the matching fund requirement of subparagraph (A) for any fiscal year if the Secretary determines that the government of the insular area or the District of Columbia will be unlikely to meet the matching requirement for the fiscal year.

**(e) "Administration" defined**

"Administration" as used in this section shall include participation in planning and coordinating cooperative regional research as defined in subsection (c)(3) of this section.

**(f) Adjustment of payments**

In making payments to States, the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to adjust any such payment to the nearest dollar.

**(g) Reductions and reapportionments**

If in any year the amount made available by a State from its own funds (including any revenue-sharing funds) to a State agricultural experiment station is reduced because of an increase in the allotment made available under sections 361a to 361i of this title, the allotment to the State agricultural experiment station from the appropriation in the next succeeding fiscal year shall be reduced in an equivalent amount. The Secretary shall reapportion the amount of such reduction to other States for use by their agricultural experiment stations.

**(h) Peer review and plan of work****(1) Peer review**

Research carried out under subsection (c)(3) of this section shall be subject to scientific peer review. The review of a project conducted under this paragraph shall be considered to satisfy the merit review requirements of section 7613(e) of this title.

**(2) Plan of work**

The State shall include in the plan of work of the State required under section 361g of this

title a description of the manner in which the State will meet the requirements of subsection (c)(3) of this section.

**(i) Integration of research and extension**

**(1) In general**

Not less than the applicable percentage specified under paragraph (2) of the Federal formula funds that are paid under sections 361a to 361i of this title and subsections (b) and (c) of section 343 of this title to colleges and universities eligible to receive funds under the Act of July 2, 1862 (12 Stat. 503, chapter 130; 7 U.S.C. 301 et seq.), during a fiscal year shall be expended for activities that integrate cooperative research and extension (referred to in this subsection as “integrated activities”).

**(2) Applicable percentages**

**(A) 1997 expenditures on multistate activities**

Of the Federal formula funds that were paid to each State for fiscal year 1997 under sections 361a to 361i of this title and subsections (b) and (c) of section 343 of this title, the Secretary of Agriculture shall determine the percentage that the State expended for integrated activities.

**(B) Required expenditures on multistate activities**

Of the Federal formula funds that are paid to each State for fiscal year 2000 and each subsequent fiscal year under sections 361a to 361i of this title and subsections (b) and (c) of section 343 of this title, the State shall expend for the fiscal year for integrated activities a percentage that is at least equal to the lesser of—

- (i) 25 percent; or
- (ii) twice the percentage for the State determined under subparagraph (A).

**(C) Reduction by Secretary**

The Secretary of Agriculture may reduce the minimum percentage required to be expended by a State for integrated activities under subparagraph (B) in a case of hardship, infeasibility, or other similar circumstance beyond the control of the State, as determined by the Secretary.

**(D) Plan of work**

The State shall include in the plan of work of the State required under section 361g of this title or section 344 of this title, as applicable, a description of the manner in which the State will meet the requirements of this paragraph.

**(3) Applicability**

This subsection does not apply to funds provided—

- (A) by a State or local government pursuant to a matching requirement;
- (B) to a 1994 Institution (as defined in section 532 of the Equity in Educational Land-Grant Status Act of 1994 (Public Law 103-382; 7 U.S.C. 301 note)); or
- (C) to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, or Guam.

**(4) Relationship to other requirements**

Federal formula funds described in paragraph (1) that are used by a State for a fiscal

year for integrated activities in accordance with paragraph (2)(B) may also be used to satisfy the multistate activities requirements of subsection (c)(3) of this section and section 343(h) of this title for the same fiscal year.

(Mar. 2, 1887, ch. 314, §3, 24 Stat. 441; Aug. 11, 1955, ch. 790, §1, 69 Stat. 671; Pub. L. 92-318, title V, §506(l), June 23, 1972, 86 Stat. 351; Pub. L. 95-113, title XIV, §1466, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 1018; Pub. L. 97-98, title XIV, §1442(a), Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1321; Pub. L. 101-624, title XVI, §1618(a), Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3733; Pub. L. 104-127, title VIII, §869, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1175; Pub. L. 105-185, title I, §104, title II, §§203(a), 204(a), June 23, 1998, 112 Stat. 529, 533, 535; Pub. L. 105-277, div. A, §101(a) [title VII, §753(d)], Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681, 2681-33; Pub. L. 107-171, title VII, §7213(a), May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 448; Pub. L. 110-234, title VII, §7404(a), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1246; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title VII, §7404(a), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2008.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Act of July 2, 1862, referred to in subsec. (i)(1), is act July 2, 1862, ch. 130, 12 Stat. 503, popularly known as the “Morrill Act” and also as the “First Morrill Act”, which is classified generally to subchapter I (§301 et seq.) of chapter 13 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 301 of this title and Tables.

CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 made identical amendments to this section. The amendments by Pub. L. 110-234 were repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246.

Prior to being amended generally by act Aug. 11, 1955, ch. 790, §1, 69 Stat. 671, section 3 of act Mar. 2, 1887, which comprises this section, consisted of two sentences. The first sentence was classified to former section 368 of this title. The second sentence was superseded by act Feb. 24, 1925, ch. 308, §3, 43 Stat. 971, which was classified to former section 366 of this title and was repealed by act Aug. 11, 1955, ch. 790, §2, 69 Stat. 674.

AMENDMENTS

2008—Subsec. (d)(4). Pub. L. 110-246, §7404(a)(1), inserted “and the District of Columbia” after “areas” in heading.

Subsec. (d)(4)(A). Pub. L. 110-246, §7404(a)(2), inserted “and the District of Columbia” after “United States” and after “respectively.”

Subsec. (d)(4)(B). Pub. L. 110-246, §7404(a)(3), inserted “or the District of Columbia” after “area”.

2002—Subsec. (d)(4). Pub. L. 107-171 added par. (4) and struck out heading and text of former par. (4). Text read as follows: “In lieu of the matching funds requirement of paragraph (1), the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and Guam shall be subject to the same matching funds requirements as those applicable to an eligible institution under section 3222d of this title.”

1998—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 105-185, §104(b)(1), made technical amendment to reference in original act which appears in text as reference to subsection (c)(3) of this section.

Subsec. (c)(1), (2). Pub. L. 105-185, §104(a)(1)(A), redesignated pars. 1 and 2 as (1) and (2), respectively.

Subsec. (c)(3). Pub. L. 105-185, §104(a)(1)(B), added par. (3) and struck out former par. (3) which read as follows: “Not more than 25 per centum shall be allotted to the States for cooperative research in which two or more State agricultural experiment stations are cooperating to solve problems that concern the agriculture of more than one State. The funds available for such purposes, together with funds available pursuant to subsection

(b) of this section for like purpose shall be designated as the "Regional research fund, State agricultural experiment stations";

Pub. L. 105-185, §104(a)(1)(A), redesignated par. 3 as (3).

Subsec. (c)(4), (5). Pub. L. 105-185, §104(a)(1)(A), redesignated par. 5 as (4).

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 105-185, §203(a), added subsec. (d) and struck out former subsec. (d) which read as follows: "Of any amount in excess of \$90,000 available under sections 361a to 361i of this title for allotment to any State, exclusive of the regional research fund, State agricultural experiment stations, no allotment and no payments thereof shall be made in excess of the amount which the State makes available out of its own funds for research and for the establishment and maintenance of facilities necessary for the prosecution of such research: *And provided further*, That if any State fails to make available for such research purposes for any fiscal year a sum equal to the amount in excess of \$90,000 to which it may be entitled for such year, the remainder of such amount shall be withheld by the Secretary of Agriculture and reapportioned among the States."

Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 105-277, §101(a) [title VII, §753(d)(1)], substituted "Except as provided in paragraph (4), no" for "No".

Subsec. (d)(4). Pub. L. 105-277, §101(a) [title VII, §753(d)(2)], added par. (4).

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 105-185, §104(b)(2), substituted "subsection (c)(3)" for "subsection (c)3".

Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 105-185, §104(a)(2), added subsec. (h).

Subsec. (i). Pub. L. 105-185, §204(a), added subsec. (i). 1996—Subsec. (c)(3). Pub. L. 104-127 struck out " and shall be used only for such cooperative regional projects as are recommended by a committee of nine persons elected by and representing the directors of the State agricultural experiment stations, and approved by the Secretary of Agriculture. The necessary travel expenses of the committee of nine persons in performance of their duties may be paid from the fund established by this paragraph" before semicolon at end.

1990—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 101-624 inserted before period at end "and reapportioned among the States".

1981—Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 97-98 added subsec. (g).

1977—Subsec. (c)(4). Pub. L. 95-113, §1466(a), struck out par. (4) which provided that not less than 20 per centum of any sums appropriated pursuant to subsec. (c) for distribution to States be used for conducting marketing research projects approved by the Department of Agriculture.

Subsec. (c)(5). Pub. L. 95-113, §1466(b), inserted provision authorizing the use of administrative funds for the transportation of scientists who are not officers or employees of the United States to research meetings convened for the purpose of assessing research opportunities or research planning.

1972—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 92-318 designated existing provisions as par. (1) and added par. (2).

1955—Act Aug. 11, 1955, amended section generally to authorize appropriations and to provide for allotment of grants. For provisions which related to advice and assistance by the Secretary of Agriculture, see section 361g of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Amendment of this section and repeal of Pub. L. 110-234 by Pub. L. 110-246 effective May 22, 2008, the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-234, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as an Effective Date note under section 8701 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 105-277 effective June 23, 1998, see section 101(a) [title VII, §753(f)] of Pub. L. 105-277, set out as a note under section 343 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1981 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 97-98 effective Dec. 22, 1981, see section 1801 of Pub. L. 97-98, set out as an Effective Date note under section 4301 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1977 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 95-113 effective Oct. 1, 1977, see section 1901 of Pub. L. 95-113, set out as a note under section 1307 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1972 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 92-318 effective after June 30, 1970, see section 506(n) of Pub. L. 92-318, set out as an Effective Date note under section 326a of this title.

### § 361d. Use of funds

Moneys appropriated pursuant to sections 361a to 361i of this title shall also be available, in addition to meeting expenses for research and investigations conducted under authority of section 361b of this title, for printing and disseminating the results of such research, retirement of employees subject to the provisions of section 331 of this title, administrative planning and direction, and for the purchase and rental of land and the construction, acquisition, alteration, or repair of buildings necessary for conducting research. The State agricultural experiment stations are authorized to plan and conduct any research authorized under section 361b of this title in cooperation with each other and such other agencies and individuals as may contribute to the solution of the agricultural problems involved, and moneys appropriated pursuant to sections 361a to 361i of this title shall be available for paying the necessary expenses of planning, coordinating, and conducting such cooperative research.

(Mar. 2, 1887, ch. 314, §4, 24 Stat. 441; Aug. 11, 1955, ch. 790, §1, 69 Stat. 672.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 365 of this title.

#### AMENDMENTS

1955—Act Aug. 11, 1955, amended section generally to provide for printing and disseminating the results of research, retirement of employees, administrative planning and direction, purchase and rental of land, and the construction, acquisition, alteration, or repair of buildings necessary for conducting research. Former provisions which related to issuance and free mailing of publications are now contained in section 361f of this title.

### § 361e. Payment of allotments to State agricultural experiment stations; directors and treasurers or other officers; accounting; reports to Secretary; replacement by States of diminished, lost or misapplied allotments; subsequent allotments or payments contingent on such replacement

Sums available for allotment to the States under the terms of sections 361a to 361i of this title, excluding the Multistate Research Fund, State Agricultural Experiment Stations, shall be paid to each State agricultural experiment station in equal quarterly payments beginning on the first day of October of each fiscal year upon vouchers approved by the Secretary of Agriculture. Each such station authorized to receive allotted funds shall have a chief administrative officer known as a director, and a treasurer or other officer appointed by the governing board of the station. Such treasurer or other officer shall receive and account for all funds al-