

Section 708, Pub. L. 95-521, title I, §108, Oct. 26, 1978, 92 Stat. 1835; Pub. L. 96-19, §9(t), June 13, 1979, 93 Stat. 44, related to State laws affected.

Section 709, Pub. L. 95-521, title I, §109, Oct. 26, 1978, 92 Stat. 1836, related to study by Comptroller General.

## CHAPTER 19—CONGRESSIONAL AWARD PROGRAM

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### SUBCHAPTER I—CONGRESSIONAL AWARD PROGRAM

#### § 801. Establishment, etc., of Congressional Award Board

There is established a board to be known as the Congressional Award Board (hereinafter in this subchapter referred to as the “Board”), which shall be responsible for administering the Congressional Award Program described under section 802 of this title. The Board shall not be an agency or instrumentality of the United States, and the United States is not liable for any obligation or liability incurred by the Board.

(Pub. L. 96-114, title I, §101, formerly §2, Nov. 16, 1979, 93 Stat. 851; renumbered title I, §101, and amended Pub. L. 106-533, §1(b)(1)–(3), Nov. 22, 2000, 114 Stat. 2553.)

#### AMENDMENTS

2000—Pub. L. 106-533, §1(b)(3)(A), substituted “subchapter” for “chapter”.

Pub. L. 106-533, §1(b)(3)(B), made technical amendment to reference in original act which appears in text as reference to section 802 of this title.

#### SHORT TITLE OF 2010 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 111-200, §1, July 7, 2010, 124 Stat. 1368, provided that: “This Act [amending sections 802 to 804, 806, and 808 of this title and enacting provisions set out as a note under section 808 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Congressional Award Program Reauthorization Act of 2009.’”

#### SHORT TITLE OF 1992 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 102-457, §1, Oct. 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 2265, provided that: “This Act [amending sections 804 and 808 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Congressional Award Act Amendments of 1992.’”

#### SHORT TITLE OF 1990 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 101-525, §1, Nov. 6, 1990, 104 Stat. 2305, provided that: “This Act [amending sections 802, 803, and 806 to 808 of this title and enacting provisions set out as a note under section 808 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Congressional Award Amendments of 1990.’”

#### SHORT TITLE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 100-674, §1, Nov. 17, 1988, 102 Stat. 3996, provided that: “This Act [amending sections 802, 803, and

806 to 808 of this title and enacting provisions set out as a note under section 803 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Congressional Award Act Amendments of 1988.’”

#### SHORT TITLE OF 1985 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 99-161, §1, Nov. 25, 1985, 99 Stat. 934, provided that: “This Act [amending sections 802, 803, and 806 to 808 of this title and repealing provisions set out as a note under section 803 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Congressional Award Amendments of 1985.’”

#### SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 96-114, title II, §201, as added by Pub. L. 106-533, §1(a), Nov. 22, 2000, 114 Stat. 2545, provided that: “This title [enacting subchapter II of this chapter] may be cited as the ‘Congressional Recognition for Excellence in Arts Education Act.’”

Pub. L. 96-114, §1, Nov. 16, 1979, 93 Stat. 851, provided that: “This Act [enacting this chapter] may be cited as the ‘Congressional Award Act.’”

## § 802. Program

### (a) Establishment, functions, and purposes; nature of awards

The Board shall establish and administer a program to be known as the Congressional Award Program, which shall be designed to promote initiative, achievement, and excellence among youths in the areas of public service, personal development, and physical and expedition fitness. Under the program medals shall be awarded to young people within the United States, aged fourteen through twenty-three (subject to such exceptions as the Board may prescribe), who have satisfied the standards of achievement established by the Board under subsection (b) of this section. Each medal shall consist of gold-plate over bronze, rhodium over bronze, or bronze and shall be struck in accordance with subsection (f) of this section.

### (b) Implementation requirements for Board

In carrying out the Congressional Award Program, the Board shall—

(1) establish the standards of achievement required for young people to qualify as recipients of the medals and establish such procedures as may be required to verify that individuals satisfy such qualifications;

(2) designate the recipients of the medals in accordance with the standards established under paragraph (1) of this subsection;

(3) delineate such roles as the Board considers to be appropriate for the Director and Regional Directors in administering the Congressional Award, and set forth in the bylaws of the Board the duties, salaries, and benefits of the Director and Regional Directors;

(4) raise funds for the operation of the program; and

(5) take such other actions as may be appropriate for the administration of the Congressional Award Program.

No salary established by the Board shall exceed \$75,000 per annum, except that for calendar years after 1986, such limit shall be increased in proportion to increases in the Consumer Price Index.

### (c) Presentation of awards

The Board shall arrange for the presentation of the awards to the recipients and shall provide