

Section 1054, Pub. L. 89-329, title III, §304, Nov. 8, 1965, 79 Stat. 1230; Pub. L. 92-318, title I, §121(a), June 23, 1972, 86 Stat. 243, authorized the Commissioner of Education to make grants and awards.

Section 1055, Pub. L. 89-329, title III, §305, Nov. 8, 1965, 79 Stat. 1231; Pub. L. 92-318, title I, §121(a), June 23, 1972, 86 Stat. 244, related to assistance to developing institutions under other programs.

Section 1056, Pub. L. 89-329, title III, §306, as added Pub. L. 90-575, title II, §223(a), Oct. 16, 1968, 82 Stat. 1038; amended Pub. L. 92-318, title I, §121(a), June 23, 1972, 86 Stat. 245, prohibited the use of funds for religious activities.

AMENDMENTS

1998—Pars. (3) to (8). Pub. L. 105-244 added par. (3) and redesignated former pars. (3) to (7) as (4) to (8), respectively.

1993—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 103-208 struck out the comma after “planning”.

1992—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 102-325, §301(1), amended par. (1) generally. Prior to amendment, par. (1) read as follows: “many institutions of higher education in this era of declining enrollments and scarce resources face problems which threaten their ability to survive;”.

Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 102-325, §301(2), struck out “recruitment activities,” after “long-range planning;”.

Subsec. (a)(5). Pub. L. 102-325, §301(3), amended par. (5) generally. Prior to amendment, par. (5) read as follows: “providing a minimum level of assistance to all categories of eligible institutions will assure the continued participation of the institutions in the program established in this subchapter and enhance their role in providing access and quality education to low-income and minority students;”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 105-244 effective Oct. 1, 1998, except as otherwise provided in Pub. L. 105-244, see section 3 of Pub. L. 105-244, set out as a note under section 1001 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1993 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 103-208, §5, Dec. 20, 1993, 107 Stat. 2488, provided that:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided therein or in subsection (b) of this section, the amendments made by section 2 of this Act [see Tables for classification] shall be effective as if such amendments were included in the Higher Education Amendments of 1992 (Public Law 102-325), except that section 492 of the Act [section 1098a of this title] shall not apply to the amendments made by this Act [see Tables for classification].

“(b) EXCEPTIONS.—

“(1) EFFECTIVE ON OCTOBER 1, 1993.—The amendments made by the following subsections of section 2 of this Act shall be effective on and after October 1, 1993: (b)(29), (j)(28), (j)(36), and (j)(40) [amending sections 1070d-34, 1134e, 1134j, and 1134q of this title].

“(2) EFFECTIVE ON DATE OF ENACTMENT.—The amendments made by the following subsections of section 2 of this Act shall be effective on and after the date of enactment of this Act [Dec. 20, 1993]: (b)(2), (b)(7), (b)(28), (c)(3), (c)(5), (c)(13)(B), (c)(13)(C), (c)(18), (c)(30), (c)(62) [amending sections 1070a, 1070a-11, 1070d-33, 1075, 1077a, 1078, 1078-1, and 1085 of this title].

“(3) EFFECTIVE 30 DAYS AFTER ENACTMENT.—The amendments made by the following subsections of section 2 of this Act shall be effective on and after 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act [Dec. 20, 1993]: (c)(19), (c)(20), (c)(21), (c)(59) [amending sections 1078 and 1085 of this title].

“(4) EFFECTIVE 60 DAYS AFTER ENACTMENT.—The amendments made by the following subsections of section 2 of this Act shall be effective on and after 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act [Dec. 20, 1993]: (c)(31) and (c)(53) [amending sections 1078-1 and 1083 of this title].

“(5) EFFECTIVE ON APRIL 1, 1994.—The amendments made by section 2(c)(43)(B) of this Act [amending section 1078-8 of this title] shall be effective on and after April 1, 1994.

“(6) EFFECTIVE ON JULY 1, 1994.—The amendments made by the following subsection[s] of section 2 of this Act shall be effective on and after July 1, 1994: (b)(25), (c)(2), (c)(13)(A), (c)(29) [amending sections 1070b-2, 1075, 1078, and 1078-1 of this title].

“(7) COHORT DEFAULT DATA EXAMINATIONS.—The amendment made by section 2(c)(60)(A) [amending section 1085 of this title] shall be effective on and after October 1, 1994.

“(8) COHORT DEFAULT RATE DETERMINATIONS.—The amendments made to subsection[s] (a)(3) and (m)(1)(B) of section 435 of this [the] Act [section 1085(a)(3) and (m)(1)(B) of this title] shall apply with respect to the determination (and appeals from determinations) of cohort default rates for fiscal year 1989 and any succeeding fiscal year.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1992 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 102-325 effective Oct. 1, 1992, see section 2 of Pub. L. 102-325, set out as a note under section 1001 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 99-498, title III, §301(b), Oct. 17, 1986, 100 Stat. 1308, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [enacting this subchapter] shall take effect July 1, 1987.”

PART A—STRENGTHENING INSTITUTIONS

§ 1057. Program purpose

(a) General authorization

The Secretary shall carry out a program, in accordance with this part, to improve the academic quality, institutional management, and fiscal stability of eligible institutions, in order to increase their self-sufficiency and strengthen their capacity to make a substantial contribution to the higher education resources of the Nation.

(b) Grants awarded; special consideration

(1) From the sums available for this part under section 1068h(a)(1) of this title, the Secretary may award grants to any eligible institution with an application approved under section 1068 of this title in order to assist such an institution to plan, develop, or implement activities that promise to strengthen the institution.

(2) Special consideration shall be given to any eligible institution—

(A) which has endowment funds (other than any endowment fund built under section 1065 of this title as in effect on September 30, 1986, and under part B of this subchapter) the market value of which, per full-time equivalent student, is less than the average current market value of the endowment funds, per full-time equivalent student (other than any endowment fund built under section 1065 of this title as in effect on September 30, 1986, and under part B of this subchapter) at similar institutions; or

(B) which has expenditures per full-time equivalent student for library materials which is less than the average of the expenditures for library materials per full-time equivalent student by other similarly situated institutions.

(3) Special consideration shall be given to applications which propose, pursuant to the institution's plan, to engage in—

- (A) faculty development;
- (B) funds and administrative management;
- (C) development and improvement of academic programs;
- (D) acquisition of equipment for use in strengthening funds management and academic programs;
- (E) joint use of facilities such as libraries and laboratories; and
- (F) student services, including services that will assist in the education of special populations.

(c) Authorized activities

Grants awarded under this section shall be used for 1 or more of the following activities:

- (1) Purchase, rental, or lease of scientific or laboratory equipment for educational purposes, including instructional and research purposes.
- (2) Construction, maintenance, renovation, and improvement in classrooms, libraries, laboratories, and other instructional facilities, including the integration of computer technology into institutional facilities to create smart buildings.
- (3) Support of faculty exchanges, faculty development, and faculty fellowships to assist in attaining advanced degrees in the field of instruction of the faculty.
- (4) Development and improvement of academic programs.
- (5) Purchase of library books, periodicals, and other educational materials, including telecommunications program material.
- (6) Tutoring, counseling, and student service programs designed to improve academic success, including innovative, customized, instruction courses designed to help retain students and move the students rapidly into core courses and through program completion, which may include remedial education and English language instruction.
- (7) Education or counseling services designed to improve the financial literacy and economic literacy of students or the students' families.
- (8) Funds management, administrative management, and acquisition of equipment for use in strengthening funds management.
- (9) Joint use of facilities, such as laboratories and libraries.
- (10) Establishing or improving a development office to strengthen or improve contributions from alumni and the private sector.
- (11) Establishing or improving an endowment fund.
- (12) Creating or improving facilities for Internet or other distance education technologies, including purchase or rental of telecommunications technology equipment or services.
- (13) Other activities proposed in the application submitted pursuant to subsection (b) and section 1068 of this title that—
 - (A) contribute to carrying out the purposes of the program assisted under this part; and
 - (B) are approved by the Secretary as part of the review and acceptance of such application.

(d) Endowment fund

(1) In general

An eligible institution may use not more than 20 percent of the grant funds provided under this part to establish or increase an endowment fund at such institution.

(2) Matching requirement

In order to be eligible to use grant funds in accordance with paragraph (1), the eligible institution shall provide matching funds from non-Federal sources, in an amount equal to or greater than the Federal funds used in accordance with paragraph (1), for the establishment or increase of the endowment fund.

(3) Comparability

The provisions of part C of this subchapter, regarding the establishment or increase of an endowment fund, that the Secretary determines are not inconsistent with this subsection, shall apply to funds used under paragraph (1).

(Pub. L. 89-329, title III, §311, as added Pub. L. 99-498, title III, §301(a), Oct. 17, 1986, 100 Stat. 1291; amended Pub. L. 100-50, §2(a)(1), June 3, 1987, 101 Stat. 335; Pub. L. 105-244, title III, §§301(c)(1), 303(a), Oct. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1636, 1638; Pub. L. 110-315, title III, §301, Aug. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 3166.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 1057, Pub. L. 89-329, title III, §311, as added Pub. L. 96-374, title III, §301, Oct. 3, 1980, 94 Stat. 1391, enumerated purposes and established grant authority for program to strengthen eligible institutions, prior to the general revision of this subchapter by Pub. L. 99-498.

AMENDMENTS

2008—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 110-315, §301(1)(A), made technical amendment to reference in original act which appears in text as reference to section 1068 of this title.

Subsec. (b)(3)(F). Pub. L. 110-315, §301(1)(B), inserted “, including services that will assist in the education of special populations” before period at end.

Subsec. (c)(6). Pub. L. 110-315, §301(2)(A), inserted “, including innovative, customized, instruction courses designed to help retain students and move the students rapidly into core courses and through program completion, which may include remedial education and English language instruction” before period at end.

Subsec. (c)(7) to (13). Pub. L. 110-315, §301(2)(B)-(E), added par. (7), redesignated former pars. (7) to (12) as pars. (8) to (13), respectively, in par. (12), substituted “distance education technologies” for “distance learning academic instruction capabilities” and, in introductory provisions of par. (13), substituted “subsection (b) and section 1068 of this title” for “subsection (c)”.

1998—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 105-244, §301(c)(1), substituted “section 1068h(a)(1)” for “section 1069f(a)(1)”.

Subsecs. (c), (d). Pub. L. 105-244, §303(a), added subsecs. (c) and (d).

1987—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 100-50 substituted “section 1069f(a)(1) of this title” for “section 1069d(a)(1) of this title”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 105-244 effective Oct. 1, 1998, except as otherwise provided in Pub. L. 105-244, see section 3 of Pub. L. 105-244, set out as a note under section 1001 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1987 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-50 effective as if enacted as part of the Higher Education Amendments of 1986,

Pub. L. 99-498, see section 27 of Pub. L. 100-50, set out as a note under section 1001 of this title.

§ 1058. Definitions; eligibility

(a) Educational and general expenditures

For the purpose of this part, the term “educational and general expenditures” means the total amount expended by an institution of higher education for instruction, research, public service, academic support (including library expenditures), student services, institutional support, scholarships and fellowships, operation and maintenance expenditures for the physical plant, and any mandatory transfers which the institution is required to pay by law.

(b) Eligible institution

For the purpose of this part, the term “eligible institution” means—

- (1) an institution of higher education—
 - (A) which has an enrollment of needy students as required by subsection (d);
 - (B) except as provided in section 1068a(b) of this title, the average educational and general expenditures of which are low, per full-time equivalent undergraduate student, in comparison with the average educational and general expenditures per full-time equivalent undergraduate student of institutions that offer similar instruction;
 - (C) which is—
 - (i) legally authorized to provide, and provides within the State, an educational program for which such institution awards a bachelor’s degree;
 - (ii) a junior or community college; or
 - (iii) the College of the Marshall Islands, the College of Micronesia/Federated States of Micronesia, and Palau Community College;
 - (D) which is accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency or association determined by the Secretary to be reliable authority as to the quality of training offered or which is, according to such an agency or association, making reasonable progress toward accreditation;
 - (E) which meets such other requirements as the Secretary may prescribe; and
 - (F) located in a State; and
- (2) any branch of any institution of higher education described under paragraph (1) which by itself satisfies the requirements contained in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of such paragraph.

For purposes of the determination of whether an institution is an eligible institution under this paragraph,¹ the factor described under paragraph (1)(A) shall be given twice the weight of the factor described under paragraph (1)(B).

(c) Endowment fund

For the purpose of this part, the term “endowment fund” means a fund that—

- (1) is established by State law, by an institution of higher education, or by a foundation that is exempt from Federal income taxation;
- (2) is maintained for the purpose of generating income for the support of the institution; and

(3) does not include real estate.

(d) Enrollment of needy students

Except as provided in section 1059e(b) of this title, for the purpose of this part, the term “enrollment of needy students” means an enrollment at an institution of higher education or a junior or community college which includes—

- (1) at least 50 percent of the degree students so enrolled who are receiving need-based assistance under subchapter IV of this chapter and part C of subchapter I of chapter 34 of title 42 in the second fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which the determination is being made (other than loans for which an interest subsidy is paid pursuant to section 1078 of this title), or
- (2) a substantial percentage of students receiving Pell Grants in the second fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which determination is being made, in comparison with the percentage of students receiving Pell Grants at all such institutions in the second fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which the determination is made, unless the requirement of this paragraph is waived under section 1068a(a) of this title.

(e) Full-time equivalent students

For the purpose of this part, the term “full-time equivalent students” means the sum of the number of students enrolled full time at an institution, plus the full-time equivalent of the number of students enrolled part time (determined on the basis of the quotient of the sum of the credit hours of all part-time students divided by 12) at such institution.

(f) Junior or community college

For the purpose of this part, the term “junior or community college” means an institution of higher education—

- (1) that admits as regular students persons who are beyond the age of compulsory school attendance in the State in which the institution is located and who have the ability to benefit from the training offered by the institution;
- (2) that does not provide an educational program for which it awards a bachelor’s degree (or an equivalent degree); and
- (3) that—

- (A) provides an educational program of not less than 2 years that is acceptable for full credit toward such a degree, or
- (B) offers a 2-year program in engineering, mathematics, or the physical or biological sciences, designed to prepare a student to work as a technician or at the semi-professional level in engineering, scientific, or other technological fields requiring the understanding and application of basic engineering, scientific, or mathematical principles of knowledge.

(g) Low-income individual

For the purpose of this part, the term “low-income individual” means an individual from a family whose taxable income for the preceding year did not exceed 150 percent of an amount equal to the poverty level determined by using criteria of poverty established by the Bureau of the Census.

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