

of the United States, and are not enrolled in a degree program at the University or the NTID shall—

(A) not be counted as international students for purposes of the cap on international students under paragraph (1), except that in any school year no United States citizen who applies to participate in distance learning courses that are at the University or NTID shall be denied participation in such courses because of the participation of an international student in such courses; and

(B) not be charged a tuition surcharge, as described in subsection (b).

**(b) Tuition surcharge**

Except as provided in subsections (a)(2)(B) and (c), the tuition for postsecondary international students enrolled in the University (including undergraduate and graduate students) or NTID shall include, for academic year 2009–2010 and any succeeding academic year, a surcharge of—

(1) 100 percent for a postsecondary international student from a non-developing country; and

(2) 50 percent for a postsecondary international student from a developing country, or a country that was a developing country for any academic year during the student's period of uninterrupted enrollment in a degree program at the University or NTID, except that such a surcharge shall not be adjusted retroactively.

**(c) Reduction of surcharge**

**(1) In general**

Beginning with the academic year 2009–2010, the University or NTID may reduce the surcharge—

(A) under subsection (b)(1) from 100 percent to not less than 50 percent if—

(i) a student described under subsection (b)(1) demonstrates need; and

(ii) such student has made a good-faith effort to secure aid through such student's government or other sources; and

(B) under subsection (b)(2) from 50 percent to not less than 25 percent if—

(i) a student described under subsection (b)(2) demonstrates need; and

(ii) such student has made a good faith effort to secure aid through such student's government or other sources.

**(2) Development of sliding scale**

The University and NTID shall develop a sliding scale model that—

(A) will be used to determine the amount of a tuition surcharge reduction pursuant to paragraph (1); and

(B) shall be approved by the Secretary.

**(d) Definition**

In this section, the term “developing country” means a country with a per-capita income of not more than \$5,345, measured in 2005 United States dollars, as adjusted by the Secretary to reflect inflation since 2005.

(Pub. L. 99–371, title II, § 209, formerly § 210, as added Pub. L. 102–421, title I, § 139, Oct. 16, 1992,

106 Stat. 2163; amended Pub. L. 103–73, title II, § 204(h), Aug. 11, 1993, 107 Stat. 735; renumbered § 209 and amended Pub. L. 105–244, title IX, § 922, Oct. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1832; Pub. L. 110–315, title IX, § 911, Aug. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 3454.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 209 of Pub. L. 99–371 was renumbered section 208 and is classified to section 4359 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2008—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 110–315, § 911(1), designated existing provisions as par. (1), inserted heading, substituted “Except as provided in paragraph (2), effective with” for “Effective with” and “undergraduate” for “preparatory, undergraduate.”, and added par. (2).

Subsecs. (b) to (d). Pub. L. 110–315, § 911(2), added subsecs. (b) to (d) and struck out former subsecs. (b) to (d), which related to tuition surcharge, reduction of surcharge, and definition of “developing country”, respectively.

1998—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 105–244, § 922(a)(1), substituted “15 percent” for “10 percent” and inserted before period “, except that in any school year no United States citizen who is qualified to be admitted to the University or NTID and applies for admission to the University or NTID shall be denied admission because of the admission of an international student”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 105–244, § 922(a)(2), substituted “surcharge of 100 percent for the academic year 1999–2000 and any succeeding academic year” for “surcharge of 75 percent for the academic year 1993–1994 and 90 percent beginning with the academic year 1994–1995”.

1993—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 103–73, § 204(h)(1), substituted “75 percent for the academic year 1993–1994 and 90 percent beginning with the academic year 1994–1995” for “75 percent beginning the academic year 1993–1994, and 90 percent beginning the academic year 1994–1995”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 103–73, § 204(h)(2), substituted “Beginning with the academic year 1993–1994” for “Beginning the academic year 1993–1994 and thereafter” in introductory provisions and redesignated subpars. (A) to (C) as pars. (1) to (3), respectively.

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

Section effective Oct. 1, 1992, see section 161 of Pub. L. 102–421, set out as an Effective Date of 1992 Amendment note under section 4301 of this title.

**§ 4359b. Research priorities**

**(a) Research priorities**

Gallaudet University and the National Technical Institute for the Deaf shall each establish and disseminate priorities for their national mission with respect to deafness related research, development, and demonstration activities, that reflect public input, through a process that includes consumers, constituent groups, and the heads of other federally funded programs. The priorities for the University shall include activities conducted as part of the University's elementary and secondary education programs under section 4304 of this title.

**(b) Research reports**

The University and NTID shall each prepare and submit an annual research report, to the Secretary, the Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives, and the

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate, not later than January 10 of each year, that shall include—

(1) a summary of the public input received as part of the establishment and dissemination of priorities required by subsection (a) of this section, and the University's and NTID's response to the input; and

(2) a summary description of the research undertaken by the University and NTID, the start and projected end dates for each research project, the projected cost and source or sources of funding for each project, and any products resulting from research completed in the prior fiscal year.

(Pub. L. 99-371, title II, §210, as added Pub. L. 105-244, title IX, §923, Oct. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1832; amended Pub. L. 110-315, title IX, §912, Aug. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 3455.)

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 210 of Pub. L. 99-371 was renumbered section 209 and is classified to section 4359a of this title.

Another prior section 210 of title II of Pub. L. 99-371, formerly title IV, §410, Aug. 4, 1986, 100 Stat. 794; renumbered title II, §210, Pub. L. 102-241, title I, §101(b)(5), (6), Oct. 16, 1992, 106 Stat. 2151, repealed sections 681 to 685, 691 to 691g, 693 to 693b, and 695 to 695c of this title and provisions set out as notes under sections 681 and 693 of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 102-421, title I, §139, Oct. 16, 1992, 106 Stat. 2163.

#### AMENDMENTS

2008—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 110-315 substituted “Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate” for “Committee on Education and the Workforce of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Labor and Human Resources of the Senate”.

#### CHANGE OF NAME

Committee on Education and Labor of House of Representatives changed to Committee on Education and the Workforce of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 5, One Hundred Twelfth Congress, Jan. 5, 2011.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

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

### § 4360. National study on the education of the deaf

#### (a) Conduct of study

##### (1) In general

The Secretary shall establish a commission on the education of the deaf (in this section referred to as the “commission”) to conduct a national study on the education of the deaf, to identify education-related barriers to successful postsecondary education experiences and employment for individuals who are deaf, and those education-related factors that contribute to successful postsecondary education experiences and employment for individuals who are deaf.

##### (2) Definition

In this section the term “deaf”, when used with respect to an individual, means an indi-

vidual with a hearing impairment, including an individual who is hard of hearing, an individual deafened later in life, and an individual who is profoundly deaf.

#### (b) Public input and consultation

##### (1) In general

In conducting such study, the commission shall obtain input from the public. To obtain such input, the commission shall—

(A) publish a notice with an opportunity for comment in the Federal Register;

(B) consult with individuals and organizations representing a wide range of perspectives on deafness-related issues, including organizations representing individuals who are deaf, parents of children who are deaf, educators, and researchers; and

(C) take such other action as the commission deems appropriate, which may include holding public meetings.

##### (2) Structured opportunities

The commission shall provide structured opportunities to receive and respond to the viewpoints of the individuals and organizations described in paragraph (1)(B).

#### (c) Report

The commission shall report to the Secretary and Congress not later than 18 months after August 14, 2008, regarding the results of the study. The report shall contain—

(1) recommendations relating to educated-related factors that contribute to successful postsecondary education experiences and employment for individuals who are deaf, including recommendations for legislation, that the commission deems appropriate; and

(2) a detailed summary of the input received under subsection (b) of this section and the ways in which the report addresses such input.

#### (d) Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2009 and 2010 to carry out the provisions of this section.

(Pub. L. 99-371, title II, §211, as added Pub. L. 105-244, title IX, §924, Oct. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1832; amended Pub. L. 110-315, title IX, §913, Aug. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 3455.)

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 4360, Pub. L. 99-371, title II, §211, formerly title IV, §411, Aug. 4, 1986, 100 Stat. 794; renumbered title II, §211, and amended Pub. L. 102-421, title I, §§101(b)(5), (6), 140, 151(a)(4), Oct. 16, 1992, 106 Stat. 2151, 2163, 2164; Pub. L. 103-73, title II, §204(i), Aug. 11, 1993, 107 Stat. 735, authorized appropriations for this chapter, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105-244, §3, title IX, §923, Oct. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1585, 1832, effective Oct. 1, 1998. See section 4360a of this title.

#### AMENDMENTS

2008—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 110-315, §913(a), inserted “establish a commission on the education of the deaf (in this section referred to as the ‘commission’) to” after “The Secretary shall”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 110-315, §913(b), substituted “commission” for “Secretary” wherever appearing.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 110-315, §913(c)(1), in introductory provisions, substituted “commission shall report to the