

30 (§1201 et seq.) of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105-220, title II, §251(a)(1), Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1079. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

The Adult Education and Family Literacy Act, referred to in subsec. (b)(1), is title II of Pub. L. 105-220, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1059, as amended, which is classified principally to subchapter I (§9201 et seq.) of this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 9201 of this title and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

1998—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 105-332 amended heading and text of par. (2) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The authority to take actions under paragraph (1) shall apply only for the 1-year period beginning on August 7, 1998.”

Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 105-277, §101(f) [title VIII, §401(19)(A)], substituted “subsection (c)” for “subsection (b)”.

Subsec. (d)(2). Pub. L. 105-277, §101(f) [title VIII, §401(19)(B)], inserted “planning authorized under” after “carry out” in two places and substituted “the planning purposes” for “the purposes”.

CHAPTER 74—TROOPS-TO-TEACHERS PROGRAM

§§ 9301 to 9309. Repealed. Pub. L. 107-110, title X, § 1011(6), Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1986

Section 9301, Pub. L. 106-65, div. A, title XVII, §1701, Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 817, set forth short title of the Troops-to-Teachers Program Act of 1999 and defined terms.

Section 9302, Pub. L. 106-65, div. A, title XVII, §1702, Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 818, authorized program.

Section 9303, Pub. L. 106-65, div. A, title XVII, §1703, Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 818, related to eligibility to participate in program.

Section 9304, Pub. L. 106-65, div. A, title XVII, §1704, Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 819, related to selection of participants.

Section 9305, Pub. L. 106-65, div. A, title XVII, §1705, Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 821, related to stipend and bonus for participants.

Section 9306, Pub. L. 106-65, div. A, title XVII, §1706, Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 822, related to participation by States.

Section 9307, Pub. L. 106-65, div. A, title XVII, §1707, Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 823, related to termination of original program and transfer of functions.

Section 9308, Pub. L. 106-65, div. A, title XVII, §1708, Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 823, set forth reporting requirements.

Section 9309, Pub. L. 106-65, div. A, title XVII, §1709, Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 824, related to funds for fiscal year 2000.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective Jan. 8, 2002, except with respect to certain noncompetitive programs and competitive programs, see section 5 of Pub. L. 107-110, set out as an Effective Date note under section 6301 of this title.

CHAPTER 75—EARLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

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§ 9401. Purposes

The purposes of this chapter are—

(1) to increase the availability of voluntary programs, services, and activities that support early childhood development, increase parent effectiveness, and promote the learning readiness of young children so that young children enter school ready to learn;

(2) to support parents, child care providers, and caregivers who want to incorporate early learning activities into the daily lives of young children;

(3) to remove barriers to the provision of an accessible system of early childhood learning programs in communities throughout the United States;

(4) to increase the availability and affordability of professional development activities and compensation for caregivers and child care providers; and

(5) to facilitate the development of community-based systems of collaborative service delivery models characterized by resource sharing, linkages between appropriate supports, and local planning for services.

(Pub. L. 106-554, §1(a)(1) [title VIII, §802], Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2763, 2763A-80.)

SHORT TITLE; FINDINGS

Pub. L. 106-554, §1(a)(1) [title VIII, §801], Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2763, 2763A-79, provided that:

“(a) SHORT TITLE.—This title [enacting this chapter] may be cited as the ‘Early Learning Opportunities Act’.

“(b) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

“(1) medical research demonstrates that adequate stimulation of a young child’s brain between birth and age 5 is critical to the physical development of the young child’s brain;

“(2) parents are the most significant and effective teachers of their children, and they alone are responsible for choosing the best early learning opportunities for their child;

“(3) parent education and parent involvement are critical to the success of any early learning program or activity;

“(4) the more intensively parents are involved in their child’s early learning, the greater the cognitive and noncognitive benefits to their children;

“(5) many parents have difficulty finding the information and support the parents seek to help their children grow to their full potential;

“(6) each day approximately 13,000,000 young children, including 6,000,000 infants or toddlers, spend some or all of their day being cared for by someone other than their parents;

“(7) quality early learning programs, including those designed to promote effective parenting, can increase the literacy rate, the secondary school graduation rate, the employment rate, and the college enrollment rate for children who have participated in voluntary early learning programs and activities;

“(8) early childhood interventions can yield substantial advantages to participants in terms of emotional and cognitive development, education, economic well-being, and health, with the latter two advantages applying to the children’s families as well;

“(9) participation in quality early learning programs, including those designed to promote effective parenting, can decrease the future incidence of teen-

age pregnancy, welfare dependency, at-risk behaviors, and juvenile delinquency for children;

“(10) several cost-benefit analysis studies indicate that for each \$1 invested in quality early learning programs, the Federal Government can save over \$5 by reducing the number of children and families who participate in Federal Government programs like special education and welfare;

“(11) for children placed in the care of others during the workday, the low salaries paid to the child care staff, the lack of career progression for the staff, and the lack of child development specialists involved in early learning and child care programs, make it difficult to attract and retain the quality of staff necessary for a positive early learning experience;

“(12) Federal Government support for early learning has primarily focused on out-of-home care programs like those established under the Head Start Act [42 U.S.C. 9831 et seq.], the Child Care and Development Block Grant [Act] of 1990 [42 U.S.C. 9858 et seq.], and part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act [20 U.S.C. 1431 et seq.], and these programs—

“(A) serve far fewer than half of all eligible children;

“(B) are not primarily designed to provide support for parents who care for their young children in the home; and

“(C) lack a means of coordinating early learning opportunities in each community; and

“(13) by helping communities increase, expand, and better coordinate early learning opportunities for children and their families, the productivity and creativity of future generations will be improved, and the Nation will be prepared for continued leadership in the 21st century.”

§ 9402. Definitions

In this chapter:

(1) Caregiver

The term “caregiver” means an individual, including a relative, neighbor, or family friend, who regularly or frequently provides care, with or without compensation, for a child for whom the individual is not the parent.

(2) Child care provider

The term “child care provider” means a provider of non-residential child care services (including center-based, family-based, and in-home child care services) for compensation who or that is legally operating under State law, and complies with applicable State and local requirements for the provision of child care services.

(3) Early learning

The term “early learning”, used with respect to a program or activity, means learning designed to facilitate the development of cognitive, language, motor, and social-emotional skills for, and to promote learning readiness in, young children.

(4) Early learning program

The term “early learning program” means—

(A) a program of services or activities that helps parents, caregivers, and child care providers incorporate early learning into the daily lives of young children; or

(B) a program that directly provides early learning to young children.

(5) Indian tribe

The term “Indian tribe” has the meaning given the term in section 450b of title 25.

(6) Local Council

The term “Local Council” means a Local Council established or designated under section 9413(a) of this title that serves one or more localities.

(7) Locality

The term “locality” means a city, county, borough, township, or area served by another general purpose unit of local government, an Indian tribe, a Regional Corporation, or a Native Hawaiian entity.

(8) Parent

The term “parent” means a biological parent, an adoptive parent, a stepparent, a foster parent, or a legal guardian of, or a person standing in loco parentis to, a child.

(9) Poverty line

The term “poverty line” means the poverty line (as defined by the Office of Management and Budget, and revised annually in accordance with section 9902(2) of title 42) applicable to a family of the size involved.

(10) Regional Corporation

The term “Regional Corporation” means an entity listed in section 619(4)(B) of title 42.

(11) Secretary

The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

(12) State

The term “State” means each of the several States of the United States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

(13) Training

The term “training” means instruction in early learning that—

(A) is required for certification under State and local laws, regulations, and policies;

(B) is required to receive a nationally or State recognized credential or its equivalent;

(C) is received in a postsecondary education program focused on early learning or early childhood development in which the individual is enrolled; or

(D) is provided, certified, or sponsored by an organization that is recognized for its expertise in promoting early learning or early childhood development.

(14) Young child

The term “young child” means any child from birth to the age of mandatory school attendance in the State where the child resides.

(Pub. L. 106-554, §1(a)(1) [title VIII, §803], Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2763, 2763A-81.)

§ 9403. Prohibitions

(a) Participation not required

No person, including a parent, shall be required to participate in any program of early childhood education, early learning, parent education, or developmental screening pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.