

Government shall receive a payment of \$150 for each day (including travel time) during which the member is engaged in the performance of duties for the Council. All members of the Council who are officers or full-time employees of the United States shall serve without compensation in addition to compensation received for their services as officers or employees of the United States.

**(2) Travel expenses**

Each member of the Council may receive travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by section 5703 of title 5 for employees serving intermittently in the Government service, for each day the member is engaged in the performance of duties away from the home or regular place of business of the member.

**(g) Detail of Federal employees**

On the request of the Council, the Secretary may detail, with or without reimbursement, any of the personnel of the Department of Education to the Council to assist the Council in carrying out its duties. Any detail shall not interrupt or otherwise affect the civil service status or privileges of the Federal employee.

**(h) Technical assistance**

On the request of the Council, the Secretary shall provide such technical assistance to the Council as the Council determines to be necessary to carry out its duties.

**(i) Termination**

Section 14 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply with respect to the Council.

(Pub. L. 93-112, title II, §205, as added Pub. L. 105-220, title IV, §405, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1182; amended Pub. L. 105-277, div. A, §101(f) [title VIII, §§401(16), 402(b)(11)], Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-337, 2681-412, 2681-414.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 14 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, referred to in subsec. (i), is section 14 of Pub. L. 92-463, which is set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 765, Pub. L. 93-112, title II, §205, as added Pub. L. 102-569, title II, §206(a), Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4409, related to the Rehabilitation Research Advisory Council, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 105-220.

A prior section 770, Pub. L. 93-112, title III, §301, formerly §300, Sept. 26, 1973, 87 Stat. 377; Pub. L. 95-602, title I, §122(c)(1), Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2987; Pub. L. 99-506, title I, §103(d)(2)(C), Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1810; Pub. L. 100-630, title II, §204(a), Nov. 7, 1988, 102 Stat. 3308; renumbered §301 and amended Pub. L. 102-569, title I, §102(p)(15), title III, §301(a), (b)(3), Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4358, 4410, 4411, contained congressional declaration of purpose, prior to the general amendment of subchapter III of this chapter by Pub. L. 105-220.

AMENDMENTS

1998—Pub. L. 105-277, §101(f) [title VIII, §402(b)(11)], made technical amendment to section designation and catchline in original.

Pub. L. 105-277, §101(f) [title VIII, §401(16)], made technical amendment to directory language of Pub. L. 105-220, §405, which enacted this section.

SUBCHAPTER III—PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND SPECIAL PROJECTS AND DEMONSTRATIONS

CODIFICATION

Title III of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, comprising this subchapter, was originally enacted by Pub. L. 93-112, title III, Sept. 26, 1973, 87 Stat. 377, and amended by Pub. L. 93-516, Dec. 7, 1974, 88 Stat. 1617; Pub. L. 93-651, Nov. 21, 1974, 89 Stat. 2-3; Pub. L. 94-230, Mar. 15, 1976, 90 Stat. 211; Pub. L. 94-273, Apr. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 375; Pub. L. 94-288, May 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 520; Pub. L. 95-602, Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2955; Pub. L. 98-221, Feb. 22, 1984, 98 Stat. 17; Pub. L. 99-506, Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1807; Pub. L. 100-630, Nov. 7, 1988, 102 Stat. 3289; Pub. L. 102-52, June 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 260; Pub. L. 102-119, Oct. 7, 1991, 105 Stat. 587; Pub. L. 102-569, Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4344; Pub. L. 103-73, Aug. 11, 1993, 107 Stat. 718; Pub. L. 103-218, Mar. 9, 1994, 108 Stat. 50; Pub. L. 104-66, Dec. 21, 1995, 109 Stat. 707. Title III is shown herein, however, as having been added by Pub. L. 105-220, title IV, §406, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1183, without reference to those intervening amendments because of the extensive revision of title III by Pub. L. 105-220.

**§ 771. Declaration of purpose and competitive basis of grants and contracts**

**(a) Purpose**

It is the purpose of this subchapter to authorize grants and contracts to—

(1)(A) provide academic training to ensure that skilled personnel are available to provide rehabilitation services to individuals with disabilities through vocational, medical, social, and psychological rehabilitation programs (including supported employment programs), through economic and business development programs, through independent living services programs, and through client assistance programs; and

(B) provide training to maintain and upgrade basic skills and knowledge of personnel (including personnel specifically trained to deliver services to individuals with disabilities whose employment outcome is self-employment or telecommuting) employed to provide state-of-the-art service delivery and rehabilitation technology services;

(2) conduct special projects and demonstrations that expand and improve the provision of rehabilitation and other services (including those services provided through community rehabilitation programs) authorized under this chapter, or that otherwise further the purposes of this chapter, including related research and evaluation;

(3) provide vocational rehabilitation services to individuals with disabilities who are migrant or seasonal farmworkers;

(4) initiate recreational programs to provide recreational activities and related experiences for individuals with disabilities to aid such individuals in employment, mobility, socialization, independence, and community integration; and

(5) provide training and information to individuals with disabilities and the individuals' representatives, and other appropriate parties to develop the skills necessary for individuals with disabilities to gain access to the rehabilitation system and statewide workforce investment systems and to become active decision-makers in the rehabilitation process.

**(b) Competitive basis of grants and contracts**

The Secretary shall ensure that all grants and contracts are awarded under this subchapter on a competitive basis.

(Pub. L. 93-112, title III, §301, as added Pub. L. 105-220, title IV, §406, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1183.)

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 771, Pub. L. 93-112, title III, §301, Sept. 26, 1973, 87 Stat. 377; Pub. L. 93-516, title I, §104, Dec. 7, 1974, 88 Stat. 1618; Pub. L. 93-651, title I, §104, Nov. 21, 1974, 89 Stat. 2-4; Pub. L. 94-230, §§4, 11(b)(7), Mar. 15, 1976, 90 Stat. 211, 213; Pub. L. 94-273, §3(18), Apr. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 377; Pub. L. 95-602, title I, §§112(a), 122(c)(2), Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2967, 2987; Pub. L. 98-221, title I, §131, Feb. 22, 1984, 98 Stat. 24; Pub. L. 99-506, title IV, §401, title X, §1002(d)(1), Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1823, 1844; Pub. L. 102-52, §4(a), June 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 261, related to grants for construction of rehabilitation facilities, staffing, and planning assistance, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 102-569, title III, §301(b)(2), Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4411.

A prior section 301 of Pub. L. 93-112 was classified to section 770 of this title prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 105-220.

A prior section 771a, Pub. L. 93-112, title III, §302, formerly title II, §203, Sept. 26, 1973, 87 Stat. 376; renumbered title III, §304, and amended Pub. L. 95-602, title I, §109(2), 114, Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2963, 2970; Pub. L. 98-221, title I, §133, Feb. 22, 1984, 98 Stat. 24; Pub. L. 99-506, title I, §103(d)(2)(C), title IV, §403, title X, §1002(d)(2), Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1810, 1824, 1844; Pub. L. 100-630, title II, §204(c), Nov. 7, 1988, 102 Stat. 3308; Pub. L. 102-52, §4(c), June 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 261; Pub. L. 102-119, §26(e), Oct. 7, 1991, 105 Stat. 607; renumbered §302 and amended Pub. L. 102-569, title I, §102(p)(18), title III, §§301(b)(3), (4), 302, Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4358, 4411; Pub. L. 103-73, title I, §110(a), Aug. 11, 1993, 107 Stat. 726; Pub. L. 103-218, title IV, §402(b), Mar. 9, 1994, 108 Stat. 96; Pub. L. 104-66, title I, §1042(d), Dec. 21, 1995, 109 Stat. 715, related to assistance for training, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 105-220. See section 772 of this title.

**§ 772. Training****(a) Grants and contracts for personnel training****(1) Authority**

The Commissioner shall make grants to, and enter into contracts with, States and public or nonprofit agencies and organizations (including institutions of higher education) to pay part of the cost of projects to provide training, traineeships, and related activities, including the provision of technical assistance, that are designed to assist in increasing the numbers of, and upgrading the skills of, qualified personnel (especially rehabilitation counselors) who are trained in providing vocational, medical, social, and psychological rehabilitation services, who are trained to assist individuals with communication and related disorders, who are trained to provide other services provided under this chapter, to individuals with disabilities, and who may include—

(A) personnel specifically trained in providing employment assistance to individuals with disabilities through job development and job placement services;

(B) personnel specifically trained to identify, assess, and meet the individual rehabilitation needs of individuals with disabilities, including needs for rehabilitation technology;

(C) personnel specifically trained to deliver services to individuals who may benefit from receiving independent living services;

(D) personnel specifically trained to deliver services in the client assistance programs;

(E) personnel specifically trained to deliver services, through supported employment programs, to individuals with a most significant disability; and

(F) personnel specifically trained to deliver services to individuals with disabilities pursuing self-employment, business ownership, and telecommuting; and

(G) personnel trained in performing other functions necessary to the provision of vocational, medical, social, and psychological rehabilitation services, and other services provided under this chapter.

**(2) Authority to provide scholarships**

Grants and contracts under paragraph (1) may be expended for scholarships and may include necessary stipends and allowances.

**(3) Related Federal statutes**

In carrying out this subsection, the Commissioner may make grants to and enter into contracts with States and public or nonprofit agencies and organizations, including institutions of higher education, to furnish training regarding provisions of Federal statutes, including section 794 of this title, title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12111 et seq.), and the provisions of titles II and XVI of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 et seq. and 1381 et seq.), that are related to work incentives for individuals with disabilities.

**(4) Training for statewide workforce systems personnel**

The Commissioner may make grants to and enter into contracts under this subsection with States and public or nonprofit agencies and organizations, including institutions of higher education, to furnish training to personnel providing services to individuals with disabilities under title I of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 [29 U.S.C. 2801 et seq.]. Under this paragraph, personnel may be trained—

(A) in evaluative skills to determine whether an individual with a disability may be served by the State vocational rehabilitation program or another component of a statewide workforce investment system; or

(B) to assist individuals with disabilities seeking assistance through one-stop delivery systems described in section 134(c) of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 [29 U.S.C. 2864(c)].

**(5) Joint funding**

Training and other activities provided under paragraph (4) for personnel may be jointly funded with the Department of Labor, using funds made available under title I of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 [29 U.S.C. 2801 et seq.].