

1978—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 95-428 made the percentage limitation inapplicable to grants or contracts paid for with funds accepted by the Secretary under section 1123(d)(6) of this title.

1976—Pub. L. 94-461 substituted provisions covering program or project grants and contracts for provisions authorizing the study of ways to share with other countries the results of marine research useful in the exploration, development, conservation, and management of marine resources.

1973—Pub. L. 93-73 substituted provisions for study of international marine technology transfer for prior provisions respecting advisory functions of National Council on Marine Resources and Development.

§ 1124a. Repealed. Pub. L. 105-160, § 6, Mar. 6, 1998, 112 Stat. 24

Section, Pub. L. 94-461, § 3, Oct. 8, 1976, 90 Stat. 1969; Pub. L. 95-58, § 2, June 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 254; Pub. L. 95-428, § 4(2), (3), Oct. 7, 1978, 92 Stat. 1000; Pub. L. 96-289, §§ 2, 3, June 28, 1980, 94 Stat. 605; Pub. L. 98-623, title V, § 501(b), Nov. 8, 1984, 98 Stat. 3410; Pub. L. 100-220, title III, § 3111, Dec. 29, 1987, 101 Stat. 1474; Pub. L. 102-251, title III, § 307(b), Mar. 9, 1992, 106 Stat. 66, related to sea grant international program.

§ 1125. Repealed. Pub. L. 102-186, § 4(a), Dec. 4, 1991, 105 Stat. 1283

Section, Pub. L. 89-454, title II, § 206, as added Pub. L. 94-461, § 2, Oct. 8, 1976, 90 Stat. 1965; amended Pub. L. 95-58, § 1, June 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 254; Pub. L. 95-428, § 3(3), Oct. 7, 1978, 92 Stat. 999; Pub. L. 96-289, § 1(4), June 28, 1980, 94 Stat. 605; Pub. L. 100-220, title III, § 3106(a), Dec. 29, 1987, 101 Stat. 1471, required development of a sea grant strategic research plan and authorized grants and contracts to carry out the program.

§ 1126. Sea grant colleges and sea grant institutes

(a) Designation

(1) A sea grant college or sea grant institute shall meet the following qualifications—

(A) have an existing broad base of competence in fields related to ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources;

(B) make a long-term commitment to the objective in section 1121(b) of this title, as determined by the Secretary;

(C) cooperate with other sea grant colleges and institutes and other persons to solve problems or meet needs relating to ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources;

(D) have received financial assistance under section 1124 of this title;

(E) be recognized for excellence in fields related to ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources (including marine resources management and science), as determined by the Secretary; and

(F) meet such other qualifications as the Secretary, in consultation with the Board, considers necessary or appropriate.

(2) The Secretary may designate an institution, or an association or alliance of two or more such institutions, as a sea grant college if the institution, association, or alliance—

(A) meets the qualifications in paragraph (1); and

(B) maintains a program of research, extension services, training, and education in fields related to ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources.

(3) The Secretary may designate an institution, or an association or alliance of two or

more such institutions, as a sea grant institute if the institution, association, or alliance—

(A) meets the qualifications in paragraph (1); and

(B) maintains a program which includes, at a minimum, research and extension services.

(b) Existing designees

Any institution, or association or alliance of two or more such institutions, designated as a sea grant college or awarded institutional program status by the Director prior to March 6, 1998, shall not have to reapply for designation as a sea grant college or sea grant institute, respectively, after March 6, 1998, if the Director determines that the institution, or association or alliance of institutions, meets the qualifications in subsection (a) of this section.

(c) Suspension or termination of designation

The Secretary may, for cause and after an opportunity for hearing, suspend or terminate any designation under subsection (a) of this section.

(d) Duties

Subject to any regulations prescribed or guidelines established by the Secretary, it shall be the responsibility of each sea grant college and sea grant institute—

(1) to develop and implement, in consultation with the Secretary and the Board, a program that is consistent with the guidelines and priorities established under section 1123(c) of this title; and

(2) to conduct a merit review of all proposals for grants and contracts to be awarded under section 1124 of this title.

(e) Annual report on progress

(1) Report requirement

The Secretary shall report annually to the Committee on Resources and the Committee on Science of the House of Representatives, and to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate, on efforts and progress made by colleges, universities, institutions, associations, and alliances to become designated under this section as sea grant colleges or sea grant institutes, including efforts and progress made by sea grant institutes in being designated as sea grant colleges.

(2) Territories and freely associated States

The report shall include description of—

(A) efforts made by colleges, universities, associations, institutions, and alliances in United States territories and freely associated States to develop the expertise necessary to be designated as a sea grant institute or sea grant college;

(B) the administrative, technical, and financial assistance provided by the Secretary to those entities seeking to be designated; and

(C) the additional actions or activities necessary for those entities to meet the qualifications for such designation under subsection (a)(1) of this section.

(Pub. L. 89-454, title II, § 207, as added Pub. L. 94-461, § 2, Oct. 8, 1976, 90 Stat. 1966; amended Pub. L. 100-220, title III, § 3104(b)(1)(E), Dec. 29,