

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 Repealed.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 Repealed.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,

1987, 101 Stat. 1470; Pub. L. 105-160, §7, Mar. 6, 1998, 112 Stat. 24; Pub. L. 107-299, §8, Nov. 26, 2002, 116 Stat. 2348; Pub. L. 110-394, §§7, 9(a)(4)(C)(ii), Oct. 13, 2008, 122 Stat. 4207, 4208.)

#### AMENDMENTS

2008—Subsec. (a)(1)(F). Pub. L. 110-394, §9(a)(4)(C)(ii), substituted “Board” for “panel”.

Subsec. (a)(2)(B), (3)(B). Pub. L. 110-394, §7, substituted “extension services” for “advisory services”.

Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 110-394, §9(a)(4)(C)(ii), substituted “Board” for “panel”.

2002—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 107-299 added subsec. (e).

1998—Pub. L. 105-160 amended section catchline and text generally. Prior to amendment text consisted of subsecs. (a) to (c) relating to authorization of the Secretary to designate sea grant college and sea grant regional consortia with certain prerequisites, requirement of regulations to prescribe qualifications and guidelines, and authorization of the Secretary to suspend or terminate any designation.

1987—Subsec. (a)(2)(A), (3)(A), (B). Pub. L. 100-220 substituted “ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources” for “ocean and coastal resources”.

#### CHANGE OF NAME

Committee on Resources of House of Representatives changed to Committee on Natural Resources of House of Representatives and Committee on Science of House of Representatives changed to Committee on Science and Technology of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 6, One Hundred Tenth Congress, Jan. 5, 2007. Committee on Science and Technology of House of Representatives changed to Committee on Science, Space, and Technology of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 5, One Hundred Twelfth Congress, Jan. 5, 2011.

## § 1127. Fellowships

### (a) In general

To carry out the educational and training objectives of this subchapter, the Secretary shall support a program of fellowships for qualified individuals at the graduate and post-graduate level. The fellowships shall be related to ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources and awarded pursuant to guidelines established by the Secretary. The Secretary shall strive to ensure equal access for minority and economically disadvantaged students to the program carried out under this subsection. Every 2 years, the Secretary shall submit a report to the Congress describing the efforts by the Secretary to ensure equal access for minority and economically disadvantaged students to the program carried out under this subsection, and the results of such efforts.

### (b) Dean John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship

The Secretary may award marine policy fellowships to support the placement of individuals at the graduate level of education in fields related to ocean, coastal and Great Lakes resources in positions with the executive and legislative branches of the United States Government. A fellowship awarded under this subsection shall be for a period of not more than 1 year.

### (c) Restriction on use of funds

Amounts available for fellowships under this section, including amounts accepted under section 1123(c)(4)(F) of this title or appropriated under section 1131 of this title to implement this

section, shall be used only for award of such fellowships and administrative costs of implementing this section.

(Pub. L. 89-454, title II, §208, as added Pub. L. 94-461, §2, Oct. 8, 1976, 90 Stat. 1966; amended Pub. L. 100-66, §3, July 10, 1987, 101 Stat. 384; Pub. L. 100-220, title III, §3107, Dec. 29, 1987, 101 Stat. 1472; Pub. L. 102-186, §4(b)(1)(C), (D), Dec. 4, 1991, 105 Stat. 1283; Pub. L. 105-160, §4(b)(2), Mar. 6, 1998, 112 Stat. 22; Pub. L. 107-299, §5, Nov. 26, 2002, 116 Stat. 2346; Pub. L. 110-394, §8, Oct. 13, 2008, 122 Stat. 4207.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

This subchapter, referred to in subsec. (a), was in the original “this Act” and was translated as reading “this title” meaning title II of Pub. L. 89-454, which enacted this subchapter, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

#### AMENDMENTS

2008—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 110-394, §8(1), substituted “Every 2 years,” for “Not later than 1 year after November 26, 2002, and every 2 years thereafter.”

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 110-394, §8(2), added subsec. (c).

2002—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 107-299, §5(a), inserted at end “The Secretary shall strive to ensure equal access for minority and economically disadvantaged students to the program carried out under this subsection. Not later than 1 year after November 26, 2002, and every 2 years thereafter, the Secretary shall submit a report to the Congress describing the efforts by the Secretary to ensure equal access for minority and economically disadvantaged students to the program carried out under this subsection, and the results of such efforts.”

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 107-299, §5(b), struck out heading and text of subsec. (c). Text read as follows: “The Secretary shall establish and administer a program of postdoctoral fellowships to accelerate research in critical subject areas. The fellowship awards—

“(1) shall be for 2 years;

“(2) may be renewed once for not more than 2 years;

“(3) shall be awarded on a nationally competitive basis;

“(4) may be used at any institution of post-secondary education involved in the national sea grant college program;

“(5) shall be for up to 100 percent of the total cost of the fellowship; and

“(6) may be made to recipients of terminal professional degrees, as well as doctoral degree recipients.”

1998—Pub. L. 105-160 substituted “Secretary” for “Under Secretary” in subsec. (a) in two places and in subsecs. (b) and (c).

1991—Subsec. (c)(5) to (7). Pub. L. 102-186 inserted “and” after semicolon at end of par. (5), redesignated par. (7) as (6), and struck out former par. (6) which read as follows: “may be made for any of the priority areas of research identified in the sea grant strategic research plan in effect under section 1125 of this title; and”.

1987—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 100-220 amended subsec. (a) generally. Prior to amendment, subsec. (a) read as follows: “The Secretary shall support a sea grant fellowship program to provide educational and training assistance to qualified individuals at the undergraduate and graduate levels of education in fields related to ocean and coastal resources. Such fellowships shall be awarded pursuant to guidelines established by the Secretary. Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, sea grant fellowships may only be awarded by sea grant colleges, sea grant regional consortia, institutions of higher education, and professional associations and institutes.”

Pub. L. 100-66, §3(1), substituted “Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, sea” for “Sea”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 100-220 amended subsec. (b) generally. Prior to amendment, subsec. (b) read as follows: