ing requirements for provisions relating to compliance with State and local regulatory requirements.

Subsec. (c)(2)(F), (G). Pub. L. 104-193, \$605(2)(A)(vi),

(vii), substituted "Certify" for "Provide assurances". Subsec. (c)(2)(H). Pub. L. 104-193, §605(2)(A)(viii), added subpar. (H) and struck out heading and text of former subpar. (H). Text read as follows: "Provide assurances that if the State reduces the level of standards applicable to child care services provided in the State on November 5, 1990, the State shall inform the Secretary of the rationale for such reduction in the annual report of the State described in section 9858i of this title.

Subsec. (c)(2)(I). Pub. L. 104-193, §605(2)(A)(viii), struck out heading and text of subpar. (I). Text read as follows: "Provide assurances that not later than 18 months after the date of the submission of the application under this section, the State will complete a full review of the law applicable to, and the licensing and regulatory requirements and policies of, each licensing agency that regulates child care services and programs in the State unless the State has reviewed such law, requirements, and policies in the 3-year period ending on November 5, 1990.

Subsec. (c)(2)(J). Pub. L. 104–193, §605(2)(A)(viii), struck out heading and text of subpar. (J). Text read as follows: "Provide assurances that funds received under this subchapter by the State will be used only to supplement, not to supplant, the amount of Federal, State, and local funds otherwise expended for the support of

child care services and related programs in the State." Subsec. (c)(3)(A). Pub. L. 104–193, §605(2)(B)(i), substituted "subparagraphs (B) through (D)" for "subparagraphs (B) and (C)

Subsec. (c)(3)(B). Pub. L. 104–193, §605(2)(B)(ii), inserted "and related activities" after "services" in heading, substituted "The" for "Subject to the reservation contained in subparagraph (C), the", substituted "for child care services on a sliding fee scale basis, activities that improve the quality or availability of such services, and any other activity that the State deems appropriate to realize any of the goals specified in paragraphs (2) through (5) of section 658A(b)" for "for-

(i) child care services, that meet the requirements of this subchapter, that are provided to eligible children in the State on a sliding fee scale basis using funding methods provided for in subsection (c)(2)(A) of this section", substituted "special needs." for "special needs; and", and struck out cl. (ii) which read as follows: "activities designed to improve the availability and quality of child care.'

Subsec. (c)(3)(C). Pub. L. 104-193, §605(2)(B)(iii), amended heading and text of subpar. (C) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: "The State shall reserve 25 percent of the amounts provided to the State for each fiscal year under this subchapter to carry out activities designed to improve the quality of child care (as described in section 9858e of this title) and to provide before- and after-school and early childhood development services (as described in section 9858f of this title).'

Subsec. (c)(3)(D). Pub. L. 104–193, §605(2)(B)(iv), added subpar. (D).

Subsec. (c)(4)(A). Pub. L. 104–193, 605(2)(C), substituted "State plan shall certify" for "State plan shall provide assurances", inserted "and shall provide a summary of the facts relied on by the State to determine that such rates are sufficient to ensure such access' after "Federal or State programs", and struck out at end "Such payment rates shall take into account the variations in the costs of providing child care in different settings and to children of different age groups, and the additional costs of providing child care for children with special needs."

1992—Pub. L. 102-401 and Pub. L. 102-586 made identical technical corrections to directory language of Pub. L. 101-508, §5082(2), which added this section.

# EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1997 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 105-33 effective as if included in the enactment of title VI of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, Pub. L. 104-193, see section 5603 of Pub. L. 105-33, set out as a note under section 618 of this title.

#### Effective Date of 1996 Amendment

Amendment by Pub. L. 104-193 effective Oct. 1, 1996, see section 615 of Pub. L. 104-193, set out as a note under section 9858 of this title.

#### § 9858d. Limitations on State allotments

## (a) No entitlement to contract or grant

Nothing in this subchapter shall be con-

(1) to entitle any child care provider or recipient of a child care certificate to any contract, grant or benefit; or

(2) to limit the right of any State to impose additional limitations or conditions on contracts or grants funded under this subchapter.

# (b) Construction of facilities

## (1) In general

Except as provided for in section 9858m(c)(6) of this title, no funds made available under this subchapter shall be expended for the purchase or improvement of land, or for the purchase, construction, or permanent improvement (other than minor remodeling) of any building or facility.

## (2) Sectarian agency or organization

In the case of a sectarian agency or organization, no funds made available under this subchapter may be used for the purposes described in paragraph (1) except to the extent that renovation or repair is necessary to bring the facility of such agency or organization into compliance with health and safety requirements referred to in section 9858c(c)(2)(F) of this title.

(Pub. L. 97-35, title VI, §658F, as added Pub. L. 101-508, title V, §5082(2), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388-240; amended Pub. L. 102-401, §3(a), Oct. 7, 1992, 106 Stat. 1959; Pub. L. 102-586, §8(c)(1), Nov. 4, 1992, 106 Stat. 5036; Pub. L. 104-193, title VI, §606, Aug. 22, 1996, 110 Stat. 2283.)

# AMENDMENTS

1996—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 104-193 substituted "Except as provided for in section 9858m(c)(6) of this title, no funds" for "No funds"

1992-Pub. L. 102-401 and Pub. L. 102-586 made identical technical corrections to directory language of Pub. L. 101-508, §5082(2), which added this section.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1996 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 104-193 effective Oct. 1, 1996, see section 615 of Pub. L. 104-193, set out as a note under section 9858 of this title.

# §9858e. Activities to improve quality of child

A State that receives funds to carry out this subchapter for a fiscal year, shall use not less than 4 percent of the amount of such funds for activities that are designed to provide comprehensive consumer education to parents and the public, activities that increase parental choice, and activities designed to improve the quality and availability of child care (such as resource and referral services).

(Pub. L. 97-35, title VI, §658G, as added Pub. L. 101-508, title V, §5082(2), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388–241; amended Pub. L. 102–401,  $\S3(a)$ , Oct. 7, 1992, 106 Stat. 1959; Pub. L. 102–586,  $\S8(c)(1)$ , Nov. 4, 1992, 106 Stat. 5036; Pub. L. 104–193, title VI,  $\S607$ , Aug. 22, 1996, 110 Stat. 2283.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104–193 reenacted section catchline without change and amended text generally, substituting current provisions for provisions requiring State receiving financial assistance under this subchapter to utilize not less than 20 percent of such assistance for one or more of following: resource and referral programs, grants or loans to assist in meeting State and local standards, monitoring of compliance with licensing and regulatory requirements, training, or improving salaries or other compensation to staff.

1992—Pub. L. 102-401 and Pub. L. 102-586 made identical technical corrections to directory language of Pub. L. 101-508, §5082(2), which added this section.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1996 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 104-193 effective Oct. 1, 1996, see section 615 of Pub. L. 104-193, set out as a note under section 9858 of this title.

# § 9858f. Repealed. Pub. L. 104–193, title VI, § 608, Aug. 22, 1996, 110 Stat. 2284

Section, Pub. L. 97–35, title VI, \$658H, as added Pub. L. 101–508, title V, \$5082(2), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388–241; amended Pub. L. 102-401, \$3(a), Oct. 7, 1992, 106 Stat. 1959; Pub. L. 102-586, \$8(c)(1), Nov. 4, 1992, 106 Stat. 5036, related to early childhood development and before- and after-school services.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective Oct. 1, 1996, see section 615 of Pub. L. 104–193, set out as an Effective Date of 1996 Amendment note under section 9858 of this title.

## § 9858g. Administration and enforcement

# (a) Administration

The Secretary shall—

- (1) coordinate all activities of the Department of Health and Human Services relating to child care, and, to the maximum extent practicable, coordinate such activities with similar activities of other Federal entities;
- (2) collect, publish and make available to the public a listing of State child care standards at least once every 3 years; and
- (3) provide technical assistance to assist States to carry out this subchapter, including assistance on a reimbursable basis.

# (b) Enforcement

# (1) Review of compliance with State plan

The Secretary shall review and monitor State compliance with this subchapter and the plan approved under section 9858c(c) of this title for the State.

# (2) Noncompliance

# (A) In general

If the Secretary, after reasonable notice to a State and opportunity for a hearing, finds

- (i) there has been a failure by the State to comply substantially with any provision or requirement set forth in the plan approved under section 9858c(c) of this title for the State: or
- (ii) in the operation of any program for which assistance is provided under this

subchapter there is a failure by the State to comply substantially with any provision of this subchapter;

the Secretary shall notify the State of the finding and shall require that the State reimburse the Secretary for any funds that were improperly expended for purposes prohibited or not authorized by this subchapter, that the Secretary deduct from the administrative portion of the State allotment for the following fiscal year an amount that is less than or equal to any improperly expended funds, or a combination of such options.

## (B) Additional sanctions

In the case of a finding of noncompliance made pursuant to subparagraph (A), the Secretary may, in addition to imposing the sanctions described in such subparagraph, impose other appropriate sanctions, including recoupment of money improperly expended for purposes prohibited or not authorized by this subchapter, and disqualification from the receipt of financial assistance under this subchapter.

# (C) Notice

The notice required under subparagraph (A) shall include a specific identification of any additional sanction being imposed under subparagraph (B).

# (3) Issuance of rules

The Secretary shall establish by rule procedures for—

- (A) receiving, processing, and determining the validity of complaints concerning any failure of a State to comply with the State plan or any requirement of this subchapter; and
- (B) imposing sanctions under this section.

(Pub. L. 97–35, title VI, \$658I, as added Pub. L. 101–508, title V, \$5082(2), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388–242; amended Pub. L. 102–401, \$3(a), Oct. 7, 1992, 106 Stat. 1959; Pub. L. 102–586, \$8(c)(1), Nov. 4, 1992, 106 Stat. 5036; Pub. L. 104–193, title VI, \$609, Aug. 22, 1996, 110 Stat. 2284.)

# AMENDMENTS

1996—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 104–193, §609(1), struck out ", and shall have the power to terminate payments to the State in accordance with paragraph (2)" before period at end.

Subsec. (b)(2)(A). Pub. L. 104-193, §609(2), in closing provisions, substituted before period at end "finding and shall require that the State reimburse the Secretary for any funds that were improperly expended for purposes prohibited or not authorized by this subchapter, that the Secretary deduct from the administrative portion of the State allotment for the following fiscal year an amount that is less than or equal to any improperly expended funds, or a combination of such options" for "finding and that no further payments may be made to such State under this subchapter (or, in the case of noncompliance in the operation of a program or activity, that no further payments to the State will be made with respect to such program or activity) until the Secretary is satisfied that there is no longer any such failure to comply or that the noncompliance will be promptly corrected".

1992—Pub. L. 102–401 and Pub. L. 102–586 made identical technical corrections to directory language of Pub. L. 101–508, §5082(2), which added this section.