

chapter, a report describing the use of the amounts received, which shall include the number of individuals assisted, the types of assistance provided, and any other information that the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

(Pub. L. 101-625, title VIII, § 862, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4384.)

#### § 12912. Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this chapter \$150,000,000 for fiscal year 1993 and \$156,300,000 for fiscal year 1994.

(Pub. L. 101-625, title VIII, § 863, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4384; Pub. L. 102-550, title VI, § 606(b), Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 3806.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1992—Pub. L. 102-550 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section read as follows: "There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this chapter \$75,000,000 for fiscal year 1991, and \$156,500,000 for fiscal year 1992."

### CHAPTER 132—VICTIMS OF CHILD ABUSE

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#### SUBCHAPTER I—IMPROVING INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION OF CHILD ABUSE CASES

##### § 13001. Findings

The Congress finds that—

- (1) over 2,000,000 reports of suspected child abuse and neglect are made each year, and

drug abuse is associated with a significant portion of these;

(2) the investigation and prosecution of child abuse cases is extremely complex, involving numerous agencies and dozens of personnel;

(3) traditionally, community agencies and professionals have different roles in the prevention, investigation, and intervention process;

(4) in such cases, too often the system does not pay sufficient attention to the needs and welfare of the child victim, aggravating the trauma that the child victim has already experienced;

(5) there is a national need to enhance coordination among community agencies and professionals involved in the intervention system;

(6) multidisciplinary child abuse investigation and prosecution programs have been developed that increase the reporting of child abuse cases, reduce the trauma to the child victim, and increase the successful prosecution of child abuse offenders; and

(7) such programs have proven effective, and with targeted Federal assistance, could be duplicated in many jurisdictions throughout the country.

(Pub. L. 101-647, title II, § 211, Nov. 29, 1990, 104 Stat. 4792; Pub. L. 102-586, § 6(a), Nov. 4, 1992, 106 Stat. 5029.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1992—Pars. (3) to (7). Pub. L. 102-586 added pars. (3) and (5) and redesignated former pars. (3), (4), and (5) as (4), (6), and (7), respectively.

#### SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 101-647, title II, § 201, Nov. 29, 1990, 104 Stat. 4792, provided that: "This title [enacting this chapter, sections 3796aa to 3796aa-8 of this title, and sections 403, 2258, and 3509 of Title 18, Crimes and Criminal Procedure, and amending sections 3742, 3782, 3783, 3789, 3793, and 3797 of this title] may be cited as the 'Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990'."

##### § 13001a. Definitions

For purposes of this subchapter—

(1) the term "Administrator" means the agency head designated under section 5611(b) of this title;

(2) the term "applicant" means a child protective service, law enforcement, legal, medical and mental health agency or other agency that responds to child abuse cases;

(3) the term "board" means the Children's Advocacy Advisory Board established under section 13001b(e) of this title;

(4) the term "census region" means 1 of the 4 census regions (northeast, south, midwest, and west) that are designated as census regions by the Bureau of the Census as of November 4, 1992;

(5) the term "child abuse" means physical or sexual abuse or neglect of a child;

(6) the term "Director" means the Director of the National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect;

(7) the term "multidisciplinary response to child abuse" means a response to child abuse that is based on mutually agreed upon proce-