

**§ 1231a. Collection and dissemination of information**

The Secretary shall—

(1) prepare and disseminate to State and local educational agencies and institutions information concerning applicable programs, and cooperate with other Federal officials who administer programs affecting education in disseminating information concerning such programs;

(2) inform the public regarding federally supported education programs; and

(3) collect data and information on applicable programs for the purpose of obtaining objective measurements of the effectiveness of such programs in achieving the intended purposes of such programs.

(Pub. L. 90-247, title IV, § 431, formerly § 412, as added Pub. L. 91-230, title IV, § 401(a)(10), Apr. 13, 1970, 84 Stat. 166; renumbered § 422 and amended Pub. L. 92-318, title III, § 301(a)(1), (b)(2)(B), June 23, 1972, 86 Stat. 326, 332; Pub. L. 94-482, title IV, § 409(b), Oct. 12, 1976, 90 Stat. 2233; renumbered § 431, renumbered § 422, and amended Pub. L. 103-382, title II, §§ 212(b)(1), 242, Oct. 20, 1994, 108 Stat. 3913, 3922; renumbered § 431, Pub. L. 107-110, title X, § 1062(1), Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 2087.)

**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior section 431 of Pub. L. 90-247 was renumbered section 437, and is classified to section 1232 of this title.

Another prior section 431 of Pub. L. 90-247 was renumbered section 441, and was classified to section 1233 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 103-382.

**AMENDMENTS**

1994—Pub. L. 103-382, § 242, amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section consisted of subsecs. (a) to (c) relating to duty to collect and disseminate information about applicable programs and to submit an annual report to Congress and authorizing use of contract to carry out this section.

1976—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 94-482 substituted “June 30” for “March 31”.

1972—Subsec. (a)(4). Pub. L. 92-318, § 301(b)(2)(B), substituted “(as set forth in section 1221c(a) of this title)” for “(as set forth in section 1 of this title)”.

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1976 AMENDMENT**

Amendment by Pub. L. 94-482 effective 30 days after Oct. 12, 1976, except either as specifically otherwise provided or, if not so specifically otherwise provided, effective July 1, 1976, for those amendments providing for authorization of appropriations, see section 532 of Pub. L. 94-482, set out as a note under section 1001 of this title.

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1972 AMENDMENT**

Pub. L. 92-318, title III, § 301(b)(2)(B), June 23, 1972, 86 Stat. 332, provided that the amendment made by Pub. L. 92-318 is effective July 1, 1972.

**EVALUATION PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES AT NATIONAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LEVELS FOR FEDERALLY FUNDED ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS; REPORT TO CONGRESS**

Pub. L. 95-561, title XV, § 1526, Nov. 1, 1978, 92 Stat. 2379, as amended by Pub. L. 96-46, § 2(a)(9), Aug. 6, 1979, 93 Stat. 340; Pub. L. 96-88, title III, § 301(a)(1), title V, § 507, Oct. 17, 1979, 93 Stat. 677, 692, directed Secretary of Education to conduct a study of evaluation practices and procedures at the national, State, and local levels with respect to federally funded elementary and secondary educational programs and include in the first

annual report to Congress submitted more than eighteen months after Nov. 1, 1978, proposals and recommendations for the revision or modification of any part or all of such practices and procedures.

**§§ 1231b, 1231b-1. Repealed. Pub. L. 103-382, title II, § 212(a)(1), Oct. 20, 1994, 108 Stat. 3913**

Section 1231b, Pub. L. 90-247, title IV, § 423, formerly § 413, as added Pub. L. 91-230, title IV, § 401(a)(10), Apr. 13, 1970, 84 Stat. 167; renumbered § 423, Pub. L. 92-318, title III, § 301(a)(1), June 23, 1972, 86 Stat. 326; amended Pub. L. 96-88, title III, § 301(a)(1), title V, § 507, Oct. 17, 1979, 93 Stat. 677, 692, related to catalog of Federal education assistance programs.

Section 1231b-1, Pub. L. 90-247, title IV, § 424, as added Pub. L. 93-380, title V, § 508(a), Aug. 21, 1974, 88 Stat. 565; amended Pub. L. 96-88, title III, § 301(a)(1), (b)(2), title V, § 507, Oct. 17, 1979, 93 Stat. 677, 678, 692, related to compilation of assisted innovative projects.

**§ 1231b-2. Review of applications**

**(a) Persons aggrieved; final State educational agency actions; hearing; ruling and reasons for ruling; rescission of final actions**

In the case of any applicable program under which financial assistance is provided to (or through) a State educational agency to be expended in accordance with a State plan approved by the Secretary, any applicant or recipient aggrieved by the final action of the State educational agency, and alleging a violation of State or Federal law, rules, regulations, or guidelines governing the applicable program, in (1) disapproving or failing to approve its application or program in whole or part, (2) failing to provide funds in amounts in accord with the requirements of laws and regulations, (3) ordering, in accordance with a final State audit resolution determination, the repayment of misspent or misapplied Federal funds, or (4) terminating further assistance for an approved program, may within thirty days request a hearing. Within thirty days after it receives such a request, the State educational agency shall hold a hearing on the record and shall review such final action. No later than ten days after the hearing, the State educational agency shall issue its written ruling, including reasons therefor. If it determines such final action was contrary to Federal or State law, or the rules, regulations, and guidelines governing such applicable program, it shall rescind such final action.

**(b) Appeals to Secretary; persons aggrieved; notice; orders prescribing appropriate agency actions; finality of agency fact findings; interim orders pending appeal or review**

Any applicant or recipient aggrieved by the failure of a State educational agency to rescind its final action after a review under subsection (a) of this section may appeal such action to the Secretary. An appeal under this subsection may be taken only if notice of such appeal is filed with the Secretary within twenty days after the applicant or recipient has been notified by the State educational agency of the results of its review under subsection (a) of this section. If, on such appeal, the Secretary determines the final action of the State educational agency was contrary to Federal law, or the rules, regulations, and guidelines governing the applicable program, he shall issue an order to the State edu-