

§ 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-

cational agency prescribing appropriate action to be taken by such agency. On such appeal, findings of fact of the State educational agency, if supported by substantial evidence, shall be final. The Secretary may also issue such interim orders to State educational agencies as he may deem necessary and appropriate pending appeal or review.

(c) Records; availability

Each State educational agency shall make available at reasonable times and places to each applicant or recipient under a program to which this section applies all records of such agency pertaining to any review or appeal such applicant or recipient is conducting under this section, including records of other applicants.

(d) Termination of assistance for noncompliance with provisions or orders

If any State educational agency fails or refuses to comply with any provision of this section, or with any order of the Secretary under subsection (b) of this section, the Secretary shall forthwith terminate all assistance to the State educational agency under the applicable program affected or issue such other orders as the Secretary may deem appropriate to achieve such compliance.

(Pub. L. 90-247, title IV, §432, formerly §425, as added Pub. L. 93-380, title V, §508(a), Aug. 21, 1974, 88 Stat. 566; amended Pub. L. 95-561, title XII, §1247, Nov. 1, 1978, 92 Stat. 2354; renumbered §432 and amended Pub. L. 103-382, title II, §§212(b)(1), 243, Oct. 20, 1994, 108 Stat. 3913, 3922.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 432 of Pub. L. 90-247 was renumbered section 438, and is classified to section 1232a of this title.

Another prior section 432 of Pub. L. 90-247 was renumbered section 442, and was classified to section 1233a of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 103-382.

AMENDMENTS

1994—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 103-382, §243(1)(C), (D), inserted comma after “the hearing” in third sentence and substituted “guidelines governing such applicable program, it” for “guidelines, governing such applicable program it” in fourth sentence.

Pub. L. 103-382, §243(1)(A), (B), substituted “Secretary, any applicant” for “Commissioner, and in the case of the program provided for in title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, any applicant”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 103-382, §243(2), substituted “Secretary” for “Commissioner” wherever appearing.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 103-382, §243(3), substituted “Secretary under” for “Commissioner under” and “Secretary shall” for “Commissioner shall” and inserted before period at end “or issue such other orders as the Secretary may deem appropriate to achieve such compliance”.

1978—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 95-561 added cl. (3) relating to the ordering, in accordance with a final State audit resolution determination, the repayment of misspent or misapplied Federal funds, and redesignated former cl. (3) as (4).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1978 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 95-561 effective Oct. 1, 1978, see section 1530(a) of Pub. L. 95-561, set out as a note under section 1221e-3 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 93-380, title V, §508(b), Aug. 21, 1974, 88 Stat. 566, provided that: “The amendments made by sub-

section (a) [enacting this section and section 1231b-1 of this title] shall be effective on the date of enactment of this Act [Aug. 21, 1974].”

§ 1231c. Advice, counsel, and technical assistance

(a) State educational agencies, institutions of higher education

For the purpose of carrying out more effectively Federal education programs, the Secretary is authorized, upon request, to provide advice, counsel, and technical assistance to State educational agencies, institutions of higher education, and, with the approval of the appropriate State educational agency, elementary and secondary schools—

(1) in determining benefits available to them under Federal law;

(2) in preparing applications for, and meeting requirements of, applicable programs;

(3) in order to enhance the quality, increase the depth, or broaden the scope of activities under applicable programs; and

(4) in order to encourage simplification of applications, reports, evaluations, and other administrative procedures.

(b) Cost allocation, collection, etc., by local educational agencies

The Secretary shall permit local educational agencies to use organized and systematic approaches in determining cost allocation, collection, measurement, and reporting under any applicable program, if he determines (1) that the use of such approaches will not in any manner lessen the effectiveness and impact of such program in achieving purposes for which it is intended, (2) that the agency will use such procedures as will insure adequate evaluation of each of the programs involved, and (3) that such approaches are consistent with criteria prescribed by the Comptroller General of the United States for the purposes of audit. For the purpose of this subsection a cost is allocable to a particular cost objective to the extent of relative benefits received by such objective.

(c) Dissemination

In awarding contracts and grants for the development of curricula or instructional materials, the Secretary and the Director of the National Institute of Education shall—

(1) encourage applicants to assure that such curricula or instructional materials will be developed in a manner conducive to dissemination through continuing consultations with publishers, personnel of State and local educational agencies, teachers, administrators, community representatives, and other individuals experienced in such dissemination;

(2) permit applicants to include provision for reasonable consultation fees or planning costs; and

(3) insure that grants to public agencies and nonprofit private organizations and contracts with public agencies and private organizations for publication and dissemination of curricula or instructional materials, or both, are awarded competitively to such agencies and organizations which provide assurances that the curricula and instructional materials will reach the target populations for which they were developed.