

by the Endowment prior to the commencement of the activities of that program.

(Pub. L. 98-164, title V, § 505, as added Pub. L. 99-93, title II, § 210(a), Aug. 16, 1985, 99 Stat. 431.)

#### § 4415. Freedom of information

##### (a) Compliance with Freedom of Information Act

Notwithstanding the fact that the Endowment is not an agency or establishment of the United States Government, the Endowment shall fully comply with all of the provisions of section 552 of title 5.

##### (b) Publication in Federal Register

For purposes of complying pursuant to subsection (a) of this section with section 552(a)(1) of such title, the Endowment shall make available to the Director of the United States Information Agency such records and other information as the Director determines may be necessary for such purposes. The Director shall cause such records and other information to be published in the Federal Register.

##### (c) Review by United States Information Agency

(1) In the event that the Endowment determines not to comply with a request for records under section 552, the Endowment shall submit a report to the Director of the United States Information Agency explaining the reasons for not complying with such request.

(2) If the Director approves the determination not to comply with such request, the United States Information Agency shall assume full responsibility, including financial responsibility, for defending the Endowment in any litigation relating to such request.

(3) If the Director disapproves the determination not to comply with such request, the Endowment shall comply with such request.

(Pub. L. 98-164, title V, § 506, as added Pub. L. 99-93, title II, § 210(a), Aug. 16, 1985, 99 Stat. 432.)

#### TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

United States Information Agency (other than Broadcasting Board of Governors and International Broadcasting Bureau) abolished and functions transferred to Secretary of State, see sections 6531 and 6532 of this title.

#### § 4416. Retention of interest

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, with the approval of the National Endowment for Democracy, grant funds made available by the National Endowment for Democracy may be deposited in interest-bearing accounts pending disbursement, and any interest which accrues may be retained by the grantee without returning such interest to the Treasury of the United States and interest earned may be obligated and expended for the purposes for which the grant was made without further appropriation.

(Pub. L. 105-277, div. G, subdiv. B, title XXIV, § 2411, Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-831.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1998 and 1999, and also as part of the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 and the Omnibus Consolidated and

Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999, and not as part of the National Endowment for Democracy Act which comprises this subchapter.

### CHAPTER 55—RESEARCH AND TRAINING FOR EASTERN EUROPE AND INDEPENDENT STATES OF FORMER SOVIET UNION

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#### § 4501. Findings and declarations

The Congress finds and declares that—

(1) factual knowledge, independently verified, about the countries of Eastern Europe and the independent states of the former Soviet Union is of the utmost importance for the national security of the United States, for the furtherance of our national interests in the conduct of foreign relations, and for the prudent management of our domestic affairs;

(2) the development and maintenance of knowledge about the countries of Eastern Europe and the independent states of the former Soviet Union depends upon the national capability for advanced research by highly trained and experienced specialists, available for service in and out of Government;

(3) certain essential functions are necessary to ensure the existence of that knowledge and the capability to sustain it, including—

- (A) graduate training;
- (B) advanced research;
- (C) public dissemination of research data, methods, and findings;
- (D) contact and collaboration among Government and private specialists; and

(E) firsthand experience of the countries of Eastern Europe and the independent states of the former Soviet Union by American specialists, including on site conduct of advanced training and research to the extent practicable; and

(4) it is in the national interest for the United States Government to provide a stable source of financial support for the functions described in this section and to supplement the financial support for those functions which is currently being furnished by Federal, State, local, regional, and private agencies, organizations, and individuals, and thereby to stabilize the conduct of these functions on a national scale, consistently, and on a long range unclassified basis.

(Pub. L. 98-164, title VIII, § 802, Nov. 22, 1983, 97 Stat. 1047; Pub. L. 103-199, title III, § 302(3), Dec. 17, 1993, 107 Stat. 2322.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1993—Pars. (1), (2), (3)(E). Pub. L. 103-199 substituted “countries of Eastern Europe and the independent states of the former Soviet Union” for “Soviet Union and Eastern European countries”.