

this subsection until a study demonstrating the need for such assistance has been conducted and submitted under section 792(i)(1) of this title.

(d) In order to carry out this section, there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary.

(Pub. L. 93-112, title V, § 506, as added Pub. L. 95-602, title I, § 120(a), Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2983; amended Pub. L. 100-630, title II, § 206(e), Nov. 7, 1988, 102 Stat. 3312; Pub. L. 102-569, title V, § 507, Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4428; Pub. L. 105-220, title IV, § 408(a)(4), Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1203; Pub. L. 105-394, title II, § 203(b), Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3653.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1998—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 105-220, § 408(a)(4)(A), in concluding provisions, inserted last sentence and struck out former last sentence which read as follows: “Any concurrence of the Access Board under this paragraph shall reflect its consideration of the cost studies carried out by States under section 792(c)(1) of this title.”

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 105-394 substituted “792(i)(1)” for “792(h)(1)”.

Pub. L. 105-220, § 408(a)(4)(B), substituted “provided under this subsection” for “provided under this paragraph”.

1992—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 102-569, § 507(a), (b), substituted “community rehabilitation programs” for “rehabilitation facilities” in par. (1) and inserted “Access” before “Board” in par. (2) and concluding provisions.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 102-569, § 507(c), substituted “the rate of pay for level 4 of the Senior Executive Service Schedule under section 5382” for “the rate of basic pay payable for grade GS-18 of the General Schedule, under section 5332”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 102-569, § 507(a), (d), inserted “Access” before “Board” and substituted “792(h)(1)” for “792(h)(2)”.

1988—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 100-630, § 206(e)(1), (2), redesignated former par. (1) as subsec. (a) and former subpars. (A) and (B) as pars. (1) and (2), respectively.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 100-630, § 206(e)(1), (3), redesignated former par. (2) as subsec. (b) and substituted “travel time” for “traveltime”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 100-630, § 206(e)(1), (4), redesignated former par. (3) as subsec. (c) and inserted a comma after “the President”.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 100-630, § 206(e)(1), redesignated former par. (4) as subsec. (d).

### § 794c. Interagency Disability Coordinating Council

#### (a) Establishment

There is hereby established an Interagency Disability Coordinating Council (hereafter in this section referred to as the “Council”) composed of the Secretary of Education, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Secretary of Labor, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, the Secretary of Transportation, the Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs, the Attorney General, the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, the Chairperson of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Chairperson of the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, and such other officials as may be designated by the President.

#### (b) Duties

The Council shall—

(1) have the responsibility for developing and implementing agreements, policies, and prac-

tices designed to maximize effort, promote efficiency, and eliminate conflict, competition, duplication, and inconsistencies among the operations, functions, and jurisdictions of the various departments, agencies, and branches of the Federal Government responsible for the implementation and enforcement of the provisions of this subchapter, and the regulations prescribed thereunder;

(2) be responsible for developing and implementing agreements, policies, and practices designed to coordinate operations, functions, and jurisdictions of the various departments and agencies of the Federal Government responsible for promoting the full integration into society, independence, and productivity of individuals with disabilities; and

(3) carry out such studies and other activities, subject to the availability of resources, with advice from the National Council on Disability, in order to identify methods for overcoming barriers to integration into society, independence, and productivity of individuals with disabilities.

#### (c) Report

On or before July 1 of each year, the Interagency Disability Coordinating Council shall prepare and submit to the President and to the Congress a report of the activities of the Council designed to promote and meet the employment needs of individuals with disabilities, together with such recommendations for legislative and administrative changes as the Council concludes are desirable to further promote this section, along with any comments submitted by the National Council on Disability as to the effectiveness of such activities and recommendations in meeting the needs of individuals with disabilities. Nothing in this section shall impair any responsibilities assigned by any Executive order to any Federal department, agency, or instrumentality to act as a lead Federal agency with respect to any provisions of this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 93-112, title V, § 507, as added Pub. L. 95-602, title I, § 120(a), Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2983; amended Pub. L. 96-88, title V, § 508(m)(2), Oct. 17, 1979, 93 Stat. 694; Pub. L. 98-221, title I, § 104(b)(4), Feb. 22, 1984, 98 Stat. 18; Pub. L. 99-506, title VI, § 602, title X, § 1001(f)(4), Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1830, 1843; Pub. L. 102-569, title V, § 508(a), Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4429.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1992—Pub. L. 102-569 amended section generally, changing Council name from Interagency Coordinating Council to Interagency Disability Coordinating Council, including as members Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Secretary of Transportation, and such other officials as designated by the President, requiring Council to be responsible for developing and implementing policies and practices to eliminate inconsistencies among Federal departments and agencies responsible for enforcement of provisions of this subchapter and to carry out such studies and other activities, with advice from the National Council on Disability, to identify methods for overcoming barriers to integration into society, independence, and productivity of individuals with disabilities, and directing in annual report inclusion of any comments submitted by National Council on Disability as to effectiveness of activities and recommendations in meeting needs of individuals with disabilities.

1986—Pub. L. 99-506, § 602, inserted reference to Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs.

Pub. L. 99-506, § 1001(f)(4), which directed the substitution of “Chairperson” for “Chairman” was executed by substituting “Chairperson of the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board” for “Chairman of the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board” to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

1984—Pub. L. 98-221 substituted “Chairman of the Office of Personnel Management” for “Chairman of the United States Civil Service Commission” and purported to substitute “Secretary of Education, the Secretary of Health and Human Services,” for “Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare” which amendment could not be executed in view of the previous amendment by Pub. L. 96-88. See 1979 Amendment note below.

1979—Pub. L. 96-88 substituted requirement that the Secretaries of Education and Health and Human Services be members of the Council for requirement that the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare be a member.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1979 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 96-88 effective May 4, 1980, with specified exceptions, see section 601 of Pub. L. 96-88, set out as an Effective Date note under section 3401 of Title 20, Education.

#### TERMINATION OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

For termination, effective May 15, 2000, of provisions in subsec. (c) of this section relating to requirement that the Council submit an annual report of activities to Congress, see section 3003 of Pub. L. 104-66, as amended, set out as a note under section 1113 of Title 31, Money and Finance, and page 175 of House Document No. 103-7.

### § 794d. Electronic and information technology

#### (a) Requirements for Federal departments and agencies

##### (1) Accessibility

##### (A) Development, procurement, maintenance, or use of electronic and information technology

When developing, procuring, maintaining, or using electronic and information technology, each Federal department or agency, including the United States Postal Service, shall ensure, unless an undue burden would be imposed on the department or agency, that the electronic and information technology allows, regardless of the type of medium of the technology—

(i) individuals with disabilities who are Federal employees to have access to and use of information and data that is comparable to the access to and use of the information and data by Federal employees who are not individuals with disabilities; and

(ii) individuals with disabilities who are members of the public seeking information or services from a Federal department or agency to have access to and use of information and data that is comparable to the access to and use of the information and data by such members of the public who are not individuals with disabilities.

##### (B) Alternative means efforts

When development, procurement, maintenance, or use of electronic and information technology that meets the standards pub-

lished by the Access Board under paragraph (2) would impose an undue burden, the Federal department or agency shall provide individuals with disabilities covered by paragraph (1) with the information and data involved by an alternative means of access that allows the individual to use the information and data.

#### (2) Electronic and information technology standards

##### (A) In general

Not later than 18 months after August 7, 1998, the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (referred to in this section as the “Access Board”), after consultation with the Secretary of Education, the Administrator of General Services, the Secretary of Commerce, the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, the Secretary of Defense, and the head of any other Federal department or agency that the Access Board determines to be appropriate, including consultation on relevant research findings, and after consultation with the electronic and information technology industry and appropriate public or nonprofit agencies or organizations, including organizations representing individuals with disabilities, shall issue and publish standards setting forth—

(i) for purposes of this section, a definition of electronic and information technology that is consistent with the definition of information technology specified in section 11101(6) of title 40; and

(ii) the technical and functional performance criteria necessary to implement the requirements set forth in paragraph (1).

##### (B) Review and amendment

The Access Board shall periodically review and, as appropriate, amend the standards required under subparagraph (A) to reflect technological advances or changes in electronic and information technology.

#### (3) Incorporation of standards

Not later than 6 months after the Access Board publishes the standards required under paragraph (2), the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council shall revise the Federal Acquisition Regulation and each Federal department or agency shall revise the Federal procurement policies and directives under the control of the department or agency to incorporate those standards. Not later than 6 months after the Access Board revises any standards required under paragraph (2), the Council shall revise the Federal Acquisition Regulation and each appropriate Federal department or agency shall revise the procurement policies and directives, as necessary, to incorporate the revisions.

#### (4) Acquisition planning

In the event that a Federal department or agency determines that compliance with the standards issued by the Access Board under paragraph (2) relating to procurement imposes an undue burden, the documentation by the department or agency supporting the procure-