

facilitating prompt, thorough review of cases, and interviewing appropriate parties in order to make recommendations on what would be in the best interests of the child.

(3) In awarding grants under this section, the Administrator shall ensure that grants are distributed to localities that have no existing court-appointed special advocate program and to programs in need of expansion.

(d) Background checks

State and local Court Appointed Special Advocate programs are authorized to request fingerprint-based criminal background checks from the Federal Bureau of Investigation's criminal history database for prospective volunteers. The requesting program is responsible for the reasonable costs associated with the Federal records check.

(e) Reporting

An organization that receives a grant under this section for a fiscal year shall submit to the Administrator a report regarding the use of the grant for the fiscal year, including a discussion of outcome performance measures (which shall be established by the Administrator) to determine the effectiveness of the programs of the organization in meeting the needs of children in the child welfare system.

(Pub. L. 101-647, title II, §217, Nov. 29, 1990, 104 Stat. 4794; Pub. L. 107-273, div. C, title II, §12221(b)(1)(C), Nov. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 1894; Pub. L. 109-162, title I, §112(c), Jan. 5, 2006, 119 Stat. 2986; Pub. L. 113-4, title I, §106(2), Mar. 7, 2013, 127 Stat. 77.)

AMENDMENTS

2013—Subsec. (c)(2)(A). Pub. L. 113-4, §106(2)(A), substituted “Standards for Programs” for “Code of Ethics”.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 113-4, §106(2)(B), added subsec. (e).
2006—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 109-162, §112(c)(1), substituted “to initiate, sustain, and expand” for “to expand”.

Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 109-162, §112(c)(2)(A), substituted “subsection (a) of this section—” for “subsection (a) of this section”, inserted subpar. (A) designation before “shall be”, and substituted “(B) may be” for “(2) may be” and “to initiate, sustain, and expand” for “to initiate or expand”.

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 109-162, §112(c)(2)(B), substituted “(1)(A)” for “(1)(a)” and “to initiate, sustain, and expand” for “to initiate and to expand”.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 109-162, §112(c)(3), added subsec. (d).

2002—Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 107-273 substituted “sections 5673 and 5676 of this title” for “sections 5665a, 5673, and 5676 of this title”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2013 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 113-4 not effective until the beginning of the fiscal year following Mar. 7, 2013, see section 4 of Pub. L. 113-4, set out as a note under section 2261 of Title 18, Crimes and Criminal Procedure.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2002 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 107-273 effective on the first day of the first fiscal year that begins after Nov. 2, 2002, and applicable only with respect to fiscal years beginning on or after the first day of the first fiscal year that begins after Nov. 2, 2002, see section 12223 of Pub. L. 107-273, as amended, set out as a note under section 5601 of this title.

§ 13013a. Report

(a) Report required

Not later than December 31, 2006, the Inspector General of the Department of Justice shall submit to Congress a report on the types of activities funded by the National Court-Appointed Special Advocate Association and a comparison of outcomes in cases where court-appointed special advocates are involved and cases where court-appointed special advocates are not involved.

(b) Elements of report

The report submitted under subsection (a) of this section shall include information on the following:

(1) The types of activities the National Court-Appointed Special Advocate Association has funded since 1993.

(2) The outcomes in cases where court-appointed special advocates are involved as compared to cases where court-appointed special advocates are not involved, including—

(A) the length of time a child spends in foster care;

(B) the extent to which there is an increased provision of services;

(C) the percentage of cases permanently closed; and

(D) achievement of the permanent plan for reunification or adoption.

(Pub. L. 101-647, title II, §218, as added Pub. L. 109-162, title I, §112(d)(2), Jan. 5, 2006, 119 Stat. 2986.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 218 of Pub. L. 101-647 was renumbered section 219 and is classified to section 13014 of this title.

§ 13014. Authorization of appropriations

(a) Authorization

There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this subchapter \$12,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2014 through 2018.

(b) Limitation

No funds are authorized to be appropriated for a fiscal year to carry out this subchapter unless the aggregate amount appropriated to carry out title II of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5611 et seq.) for such fiscal year is not less than the aggregate amount appropriated to carry out such title for the preceding fiscal year.

(c) Prohibition on lobbying

No funds authorized under this subchapter may be used for lobbying activities in contravention of OMB Circular No. A-122.

(Pub. L. 101-647, title II, §219, formerly §218, Nov. 29, 1990, 104 Stat. 4796; Pub. L. 103-322, title IV, §40156(a)(1), Sept. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 1922; Pub. L. 106-386, div. B, title III, §1302(a), Oct. 28, 2000, 114 Stat. 1511; renumbered §219 and amended Pub. L. 109-162, title I, §112(d)(1), (e), Jan. 5, 2006, 119 Stat. 2986; Pub. L. 113-4, title I, §106(3), Mar. 7, 2013, 127 Stat. 77.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, referred to in subsec. (b), is Pub. L. 93-415,