

(Pub. L. 100-570, title II, §205, Oct. 31, 1988, 102 Stat. 2877.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 101 of this Act, referred to in text, is section 101 of Pub. L. 100-570, title I, Oct. 31, 1988, 102 Stat. 2865, which is not classified to the Code.

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Academic Research Facilities Modernization Act of 1988, and also as part of the National Science Foundation Authorization Act of 1988, and not as part of the National Science Foundation Act of 1950 which comprises this chapter.

§ 1862e. Evaluations of research centers

In carrying out performance reviews of research centers by the Foundation, the Director shall take such action as may be necessary, consistent with the merit review process of the Foundation, to ensure that—

- (1) members of review panels are free from any conflict of interest; and
- (2) the conditions of each award to such centers have been fulfilled.

(Pub. L. 100-570, title I, §109, Oct. 31, 1988, 102 Stat. 2869.)

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Section was enacted as part of the National Science Foundation Authorization Act of 1988, and not as part of the National Science Foundation Act of 1950 which comprises this chapter.

§ 1862f. Research center consortia

In Foundation programs making grants to research centers, the Director shall encourage the formation of consortia that include research universities, two-year and four-year colleges, and the private sector.

(Pub. L. 100-570, title I, §110, Oct. 31, 1988, 102 Stat. 2869.)

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§ 1862g. Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research

(a) The Director shall operate an Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research, the purpose of which is to assist those States that—

- (1) historically have received relatively little Federal research and development funding; and
- (2) have demonstrated a commitment to develop their research bases and improve science and engineering research and education programs at their universities and colleges.

(b) A State which has received an initial award under such Program, whether or not the award was received before or after October 31, 1988, shall be eligible for up to 5 years of additional support under the program¹ if that State provides assurances of new matching funds and

¹ So in original. Probably should be capitalized.

submits an acceptable new plan for using Program funds and matching funds to build the research capabilities of the State.

(Pub. L. 100-570, title I, §113, Oct. 31, 1988, 102 Stat. 2870.)

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PLANNING GRANTS

Pub. L. 107-368, §26, Dec. 19, 2002, 116 Stat. 3067, provided that: "The Director is authorized to accept planning proposals from applicants who are within .075 percentage points of the current eligibility level for the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research. Such proposals shall be reviewed by the Foundation to determine their merit for support under the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research or any other appropriate program."

[For definitions of terms used in section 26 of Pub. L. 107-368, set out above, see section 4 of Pub. L. 107-368, set out as a note under section 1862n of this title.]

§ 1862h. Congressional statement of findings and declaration of purposes respecting scientific and technical education and training**(a) Findings**

The Congress finds that—

- (1) the position of the United States in the world economy faces great challenges from highly trained foreign competition;
- (2) the workforce of the United States must be better prepared for the technologically advanced, competitive, global economy;
- (3) the improvement of our work force's productivity and our international economic position depend upon the strengthening of our educational efforts in science, mathematics, and technology, especially at the associate-degree level;
- (4) shortages of scientifically and technically trained workers in a wide variety of fields will best be addressed by collaboration among the Nation's associate-degree-granting colleges and private industry to produce skilled, advanced technicians; and
- (5) the National Science Foundation's traditional role in developing model curricula, disseminating instructional materials, enhancing faculty development, and stimulating partnerships between educational institutions and industry, makes an enlarged role for the Foundation in scientific and technical education and training particularly appropriate.

(b) Purposes

It is the purpose of sections 1862h to 1862j of this title to—

- (1) improve science and technical education at associate-degree-granting colleges;
- (2) improve secondary school and post-secondary curricula in mathematics and science;
- (3) improve the educational opportunities of postsecondary students by creating comprehensive articulation agreements and planning between 2-year and 4-year institutions; and
- (4) promote outreach to secondary schools to improve mathematics and science instruction.