

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives. The progress report shall—

(A) describe progress made toward achieving the plan's goals;

(B) describe challenges and obstacles to achieving the plan's goals;

(C) update the plan to reflect changed circumstances or new developments; and

(D) make policy and legislative recommendations the Director believes are necessary and appropriate to achieve the goals of the plan.

(3) **PLAN DEVELOPMENT FUNDING.**—Such sums as may be necessary from the administrative expenses of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration shall be reserved by the Secretary of Transportation each year for the purpose of completing and updating the plan to improve the national intermodal transportation plan.

(g) **IMPACT MEASUREMENT METHODOLOGY; IMPACT REVIEW.**—The Director and the Director of the Bureau of Transportation Statistics shall jointly—

(1) develop, in consultation with the modal administrations, and State and local planning organizations, common measures to compare transportation investment decisions across the various modes of transportation; and

(2) formulate a methodology for measuring the impact of intermodal transportation on—

(A) the environment;

(B) public health and welfare;

(C) energy consumption;

(D) the operation and efficiency of the transportation system;

(E) congestion, including congestion at the Nation's ports; and

(F) the economy and employment.

(h) **ADMINISTRATIVE AND CLERICAL SUPPORT.**—The Director shall provide administrative and clerical support to the Intermodal Transportation Advisory Board.

(i) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Transportation such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 2006 through 2009 to carry out this chapter.

(Pub. L. 103–272, §1(d), July 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 850; Pub. L. 105–178, title V, §5109(b), June 9, 1998, 112 Stat. 440; Pub. L. 108–426, §4(c), Nov. 30, 2004, 118 Stat. 2425; Pub. L. 109–59, title IV, §4149, Aug. 10, 2005, 119 Stat. 1750; Pub. L. 110–244, title III, §301(k), June 6, 2008, 122 Stat. 1616.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

| <i>Revised Section</i> | <i>Source (U.S. Code)</i> | <i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i> |
|------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 5503 | 49:301 (note). | Dec. 18, 1991, Pub. L. 102–240, §5002(c), 105 Stat. 2158. |

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 6009(b) of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, referred to in subsec. (d)(1), is section 6009(b) of Pub. L. 102–240, which is set out as a note under section 508 of Title 23, Highways.

The date of enactment of the Motor Carrier Safety Reauthorization Act of 2005, referred to in subsec. (f)(2), is the date of enactment of title IV of Pub. L. 109–59, which was approved Aug. 10, 2005.

AMENDMENTS

2008—Subsec. (f)(2). Pub. L. 110–244, §301(k)(1), substituted “Motor Carrier Safety Reauthorization Act of 2005” for “Surface Transportation Safety Improvement Act of 2005” in introductory provisions.

Subsecs. (h), (i). Pub. L. 110–244, §301(k)(2), redesignated subsec. (h), relating to authorization of appropriations, as (i) and moved such subsec. to appear in proper order.

2005—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 109–59, §4149(1), inserted at end “Amounts reserved under section 5504(d) not awarded to States as grants may be used by the Director to provide technical assistance under this subsection.”

Subsecs. (f), (g). Pub. L. 109–59, §4149(2), (3), added subsecs. (f) and (g). Former subsec. (f) redesignated (h) relating to administrative and clerical support.

Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 109–59, §4149(3), added subsec. (h) relating to authorization of appropriations.

Pub. L. 109–59, §4149(2), redesignated subsec. (f) as (h) relating to administrative and clerical support.

2004—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 108–426 reenacted heading without change and amended text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The Secretary of Transportation shall establish in the Office of the Secretary an Office of Intermodalism.”

1998—Subsecs. (d) to (g). Pub. L. 105–178 redesignated subsecs. (e) to (g) as (d) to (f), respectively, and struck out heading and text of former subsec. (d). Text read as follows:

“(1) The Director shall develop, maintain, and disseminate intermodal transportation data through the Bureau of Transportation Statistics. The Director shall coordinate the collection of data for the data base with the States and metropolitan planning organizations. The data base shall include information on—

“(A) the volume of property and number of individuals carried in intermodal transportation by relevant classification;

“(B) patterns of movement of property and individuals in intermodal transportation by relevant classification by origin and destination; and

“(C) public and private investment in intermodal transportation facilities and services.

“(2) The Director shall make information from the data base available to the public.”

§ 5504. Model intermodal transportation plans

(a) **GRANTS.**—The Secretary of Transportation shall make grants to States to develop model State intermodal transportation plans that are consistent with the policy set forth in section 302(e) of this title. The model plans shall include systems for collecting data related to intermodal transportation.

(b) **DISTRIBUTION.**—The Secretary shall award grants to States under this section that represent a variety of geographic regions and transportation needs, patterns, and modes.

(c) **PLAN SUBMISSION.**—As a condition to a State receiving a grant under this section, the Secretary shall require that the State provide assurances that the State will submit to the Secretary a State intermodal transportation plan not later than 18 months after the date of receipt of the grant.

(d) **GRANT AMOUNTS.**—The Secretary shall reserve, from amounts deducted under section 104(a) of title 23, \$3,000,000 to make grants under this section. The total amount that a State may receive in grants under this section may not be more than \$500,000.

(Pub. L. 103–272, §1(d), July 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 850.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

| Revised Section | Source (U.S. Code) | Source (Statutes at Large) |
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| 5504 | 49:301 (note). | Dec. 18, 1991, Pub. L. 102-240, § 5003, 105 Stat. 2159. |

§ 5505. University transportation centers program

(a) UNIVERSITY TRANSPORTATION CENTERS PROGRAM.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION.—The Secretary shall make grants under this section to eligible nonprofit institutions of higher education to establish and operate university transportation centers.

(2) ROLE OF CENTERS.—The role of each university transportation center referred to in paragraph (1) shall be—

(A) to advance transportation expertise and technology in the varied disciplines that comprise the field of transportation through education, research, and technology transfer activities;

(B) to provide for a critical transportation knowledge base outside of the Department of Transportation; and

(C) to address critical workforce needs and educate the next generation of transportation leaders.

(b) COMPETITIVE SELECTION PROCESS.—

(1) APPLICATIONS.—To receive a grant under this section, a nonprofit institution of higher education shall submit to the Secretary an application that is in such form and contains such information as the Secretary may require.

(2) RESTRICTION.—A nonprofit institution of higher education or the lead institution of a consortium of nonprofit institutions of higher education, as applicable, that receives a grant for a national transportation center or a regional transportation center in a fiscal year shall not be eligible to receive as a lead institution or member of a consortium an additional grant in that fiscal year for a national transportation center or a regional transportation center.

(3) COORDINATION.—The Secretary shall solicit grant applications for national transportation centers, regional transportation centers, and Tier 1 university transportation centers with identical advertisement schedules and deadlines.

(4) GENERAL SELECTION CRITERIA.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided by this section, the Secretary shall award grants under this section in nonexclusive candidate topic areas established by the Secretary that address the research priorities identified in section 503 of title 23.

(B) CRITERIA.—The Secretary, in consultation as appropriate with the Administrators of the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration, shall select each recipient of a grant under this section through a competitive process based on the assessment of the Secretary relating to—

(i) the demonstrated ability of the recipient to address each specific topic area de-

scribed in the research and strategic plans of the recipient;

(ii) the demonstrated research, technology transfer, and education resources available to the recipient to carry out this section;

(iii) the ability of the recipient to provide leadership in solving immediate and long-range national and regional transportation problems;

(iv) the ability of the recipient to carry out research, education, and technology transfer activities that are multimodal and multidisciplinary in scope;

(v) the demonstrated commitment of the recipient to carry out transportation workforce development programs through—

- (I) degree-granting programs; and
- (II) outreach activities to attract new entrants into the transportation field;

(vi) the demonstrated ability of the recipient to disseminate results and spur the implementation of transportation research and education programs through national or statewide continuing education programs;

(vii) the demonstrated commitment of the recipient to the use of peer review principles and other research best practices in the selection, management, and dissemination of research projects;

(viii) the strategic plan submitted by the recipient describing the proposed research to be carried out by the recipient and the performance metrics to be used in assessing the performance of the recipient in meeting the stated research, technology transfer, education, and outreach goals; and

(ix) the ability of the recipient to implement the proposed program in a cost-efficient manner, such as through cost sharing and overall reduced overhead, facilities, and administrative costs.

(5) TRANSPARENCY.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall provide to each applicant, upon request, any materials, including copies of reviews (with any information that would identify a reviewer redacted), used in the evaluation process of the proposal of the applicant.

(B) REPORTS.—The Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Science, Space, and Technology of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate a report describing the overall review process under paragraph (3) that includes—

- (i) specific criteria of evaluation used in the review;
- (ii) descriptions of the review process; and
- (iii) explanations of the selected awards.

(6) OUTSIDE STAKEHOLDERS.—The Secretary shall, to the maximum extent practicable, consult external stakeholders such as the Transportation Research Board of the National Academy of Sciences to evaluate and competitively review all proposals.