

**§ 361g. Duties of Secretary; ascertainment of entitlement of State to funds; plans of work**

**(a) Duties of Secretary**

The Secretary of Agriculture is charged with the responsibility for the proper administration of sections 361a to 361i of this title, and is authorized and directed to prescribe such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out its provisions. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to furnish such advice and assistance as will best promote the purposes of said sections, including participation in coordination of research initiated under said sections by the State agricultural experiment stations, from time to time to indicate such lines of inquiry as to him seem most important, and to encourage and assist in the establishment and maintenance of cooperation by and between the several State agricultural experiment stations, and between the stations and the United States Department of Agriculture.

**(b) Ascertainment of entitlement**

On or before the first day of October in each year after the passage of sections 361a to 361i of this title, the Secretary of Agriculture shall ascertain as to each State whether it is entitled to receive its share of the annual appropriations for agricultural experiment stations under said sections and the amount which thereupon each is entitled, respectively, to receive.

**(c) Carryover**

**(1) In general**

The balance of any annual funds provided under sections 361a to 361i of this title to a State agricultural experiment station for a fiscal year that remains unexpended at the end of the fiscal year may be carried over for use during the following fiscal year.

**(2) Failure to expend full allotment**

**(A) In general**

If any unexpended balance carried over by a State is not expended by the end of the second fiscal year, an amount equal to the unexpended balance shall be deducted from the next succeeding annual allotment to the State.

**(B) Redistribution**

Federal funds that are deducted under subparagraph (A) for a fiscal year shall be redistributed by the Secretary in accordance with the formula set forth in section 361c(c) of this title to those States for which no deduction under subparagraph (A) has been taken for that fiscal year.

**(d) Plan of work required**

Before funds may be provided to a State under sections 361a to 361i of this title for any fiscal year, a plan of work to be carried out under sections 361a to 361i of this title shall be submitted by the proper officials of the State and shall be approved by the Secretary of Agriculture.

**(e) Requirements related to plan of work**

Each plan of work for a State required under subsection (d) of this section shall contain descriptions of the following:

(1) The critical short-term, intermediate, and long-term agricultural issues in the State and the current and planned research programs and projects targeted to address the issues.

(2) The process established to consult with users of agricultural research regarding the identification of critical agricultural issues in the State and the development of research programs and projects targeted to address the issues.

(3) The efforts made to identify and collaborate with other colleges and universities within the State, and within other States, that have a unique capacity to address the identified agricultural issues in the State and the extent of current and emerging efforts (including regional efforts) to work with those other institutions.

(4) The manner in which research and extension, including research and extension activities funded other than through formula funds, will cooperate to address the critical issues in the State, including the activities to be carried out separately, the activities to be carried out sequentially, and the activities to be carried out jointly.

**(f) Research protocols**

**(1) Development**

The Secretary of Agriculture shall develop protocols to be used to evaluate the success of multistate, multi-institutional, and multidisciplinary research activities and joint research and extension activities in addressing critical agricultural issues identified in the plans of work submitted under subsection (d) of this section.

**(2) Consultation**

The Secretary of Agriculture shall develop the protocols in consultation with the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board established under section 3123 of this title and land-grant colleges and universities.

**(g) Treatment of plans of work for other purposes**

To the maximum extent practicable, the Secretary shall consider a plan of work submitted under subsection (d) of this section to satisfy other appropriate Federal reporting requirements.

(Mar. 2, 1887, ch. 314, §7, 24 Stat. 441; Aug. 11, 1955, ch. 790, §1, 69 Stat. 673; Pub. L. 86-533, §1(22), June 29, 1960, 74 Stat. 249; Pub. L. 94-273, §3(2), Apr. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 376; Pub. L. 105-185, title I, §103(f)(2), title II, §202(b), June 23, 1998, 112 Stat. 528, 532; Pub. L. 107-171, title VII, §7202, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 437.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 379 of this title. See section 361h of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2002—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 107-171 added subsec. (c) and struck out heading and text of former subsec. (c). Text read as follows: “Whenever it shall appear to the Secretary of Agriculture from the annual statement of receipts and expenditures of funds by any State agricul-

tural experiment station that any portion of the preceding annual appropriation allotted to that station under sections 361a to 361i of this title remains unexpended, such amount shall be deducted from the next succeeding annual allotment to the State concerned.”

1998—Pub. L. 105-185, §202(b), inserted section catchline, designated existing provisions as subsecs. (a) to (c), inserted subsec. headings, and added subsecs. (d) to (g).

Pub. L. 105-185, §103(f)(2), struck out at end “If the Secretary of Agriculture shall withhold from any State any portion of the appropriations available for allotment, the facts and reasons therefor shall be reported to the President and the amount involved shall be kept separate in the Treasury until the close of the next Congress. If the next Congress shall not direct such sum to be paid, it shall be carried to surplus.”

1976—Pub. L. 94-273 substituted “October” for “July” in second par.

1960—Pub. L. 86-533 repealed provisions which required the Secretary of Agriculture to make a report to the Congress of the receipts, expenditures and work of the agricultural experiment stations in all the States under the provisions of sections 361a to 361i of this title.

1955—Act Aug. 11, 1955, amended section generally to prescribe the powers and duties of the Secretary of Agriculture, to provide for the determination of the amount of entitlement, to authorize deduction of unexpended balances, and to require reports. For provisions which stated that the relation of the college to the State was unaffected, see section 361h of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 202(b) of Pub. L. 105-185 effective Oct. 1, 1999, see section 202(c) of Pub. L. 105-185, set out as a note under section 344 of this title.

#### TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Functions of all officers, agencies, and employees of Department of Agriculture transferred, with certain exceptions, to Secretary of Agriculture by 1953 Reorg. Plan No. 2, §1, eff. June 4, 1953, 18 F.R. 3219, 67 Stat. 633, set out as a note under section 2201 of this title.

### § 361h. Relation of college or university to State unaffected; division of appropriations

Nothing in sections 361a to 361i of this title shall be construed to impair or modify the legal relation existing between any of the colleges or universities under whose direction State agricultural experiment stations have been established and the government of the States in which they are respectively located. States having agricultural experiment stations separate from such colleges or universities and established by law, shall be authorized to apply such benefits to research at stations so established by such States: *Provided*, That in any State in which more than one such college, university, or agricultural experiment station has been established the appropriations made pursuant to sections 361a to 361i of this title for such State shall be divided between such institutions as the legislature of such State shall direct.

(Mar. 2, 1887, ch. 314, §8, 24 Stat. 441; Aug. 11, 1955, ch. 790, §1, 69 Stat. 674.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 378 of this title.

#### AMENDMENTS

1955—Act Aug. 11, 1955, amended section generally to provide that the relation between the college and the

State is to be unaffected, and to require division of appropriations.

### § 361i. Power to amend, repeal, etc., reserved

The Congress may at any time, amend, suspend, or repeal any or all of the provisions of sections 361a to 361i of this title.

(Mar. 2, 1887, ch. 314, §9, 24 Stat. 442; Aug. 11, 1955, ch. 790, §1, 69 Stat. 674.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 368b of this title. The provisions of section 368b were eliminated from section 361i of this title.

#### AMENDMENTS

1955—Act Aug. 11, 1955, amended section generally to reserve the right to Congress to amend, suspend, or repeal any or all of the provisions of sections 361a to 361i of this title, and to strike out provisions which subjected grants of moneys to the legislative assent of the several States and Territories.

### §§ 362, 363. Transferred

#### CODIFICATION

Sections, act Mar. 2, 1887, ch. 314, §§1, 2, 24 Stat. 440, as amended, were transferred to sections 361a and 361b, respectively, of this title.

### § 364. Repealed. Aug. 11, 1955, ch. 790, § 2, 69 Stat. 675

Section, act Mar. 2, 1889, ch. 373, 25 Stat. 840, required all agricultural experiment stations to devote a portion of their work to the examination and classification of the soils of their respective States and Territories.

#### EXISTING RIGHTS AND LIABILITIES

Any rights or liabilities existing under this section as unaffected by repeal, see section 2 of act Aug. 11, 1955, set out as a note under former section 361 of this title.

### § 365. Transferred

#### CODIFICATION

Section, act Mar. 2, 1887, ch. 314, §4, 24 Stat. 441, as amended, was transferred to section 361d of this title. For provisions of section 365 of this title which related to issuance and free mailing by stations of bulletins or reports, see section 361f of this title.

### § 366. Repealed. Aug. 11, 1955, ch. 790, § 2, 69 Stat. 674

Section, acts Mar. 16, 1906, ch. 951, §3, 34 Stat. 63; Feb. 24, 1925, ch. 308, §3, 43 Stat. 971, provided for annual reports by agricultural experiment stations to governors.

#### EXISTING RIGHTS AND LIABILITIES

Any rights or liabilities existing under this section as unaffected by repeal, see section 2 of act Aug. 11, 1955, set out as a note under section 361 of this title.

### § 367. Omitted

#### CODIFICATION

Section was from act July 28, 1953, ch. 251, title I, 67 Stat. 207, the Department of Agriculture Appropriation Act, 1954, and authorized the Secretary of Agriculture to prescribe the form of the annual financial statement required from the agricultural experiment stations. See section 361e of this title. Similar provisions were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

July 5, 1952, ch. 574, title I, 66 Stat. 337.

Aug. 31, 1951, ch. 374, title I, 65 Stat. 228.

Sept. 6, 1950, ch. 896, ch. VI, title I, 64 Stat. 660.