

gram Assistance Act”, see note set out under section 4081 of this title.

**§ 3902. Definitions**

For the purpose of this chapter—

(1) The term “area career and technical education school” has the same meaning given that term under section 2302(3) of this title.

(2) The term “Director” means the Director of the National Science Foundation.

(3) The term “elementary school” has the same meaning given that term under section 7801 of this title.

(4) The term “Governor” means the chief executive of a State.

(5) The term “Foundation” means the National Science Foundation.

(6) The term “institution of higher education” has the same meaning given that term by section 1001 of this title.

(7) The term “local educational agency” has the same meaning given that term under section 7801 of this title.

(8) The term “secondary school” has the same meaning given that term under section 198(a)(7)<sup>1</sup> of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

(9) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Education.

(10) The term “State” means each of the several States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

(11) The term “State agency for higher education” means the State board of higher education or other agency or officer primarily responsible for the State supervision of higher education, or, if there is no such officer or agency, an officer or agency designated for the purpose of this chapter<sup>1</sup> by the Governor or by State law.

(12) The term “State educational agency” has the meaning given that term under section 7801 of this title.

(Pub. L. 98-377, §3, Aug. 11, 1984, 98 Stat. 1267; Pub. L. 99-159, title II, §221, Nov. 22, 1985, 99 Stat. 897; Pub. L. 105-244, title I, §102(a)(6)(F), Oct. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1618; Pub. L. 107-110, title X, §1076(l)(1), Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 2092; Pub. L. 109-270, §2(d), Aug. 12, 2006, 120 Stat. 747.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 198 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, referred to in par. (8), is section 198 of Pub. L. 89-10, title I, as added by Pub. L. 95-561, title I, §101(a), Nov. 1, 1978, 92 Stat. 2198, which was classified to section 2854 of this title prior to the general amendment of Pub. L. 89-10 by Pub. L. 100-297, Apr. 28, 1988, 102 Stat. 140. For definition of “secondary school”, see section 7801 of this title.

This chapter, referred to in par. (11), was in the original “this title” and has been translated as if the reference was to “this Act” to reflect the probable intent of Congress inasmuch as this section is not part of a title of Pub. L. 98-377.

AMENDMENTS

2006—Par. (1). Pub. L. 109-270 substituted “area career and technical education school” for “area vocational

education school” and “section 2302(3) of this title.” for “section 2471(3) of this title..”

2002—Par. (3). Pub. L. 107-110, §1076(l)(1)(A), substituted “7801 of this title” for “198(a)(7) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965”.

Par. (7). Pub. L. 107-110, §1076(l)(1)(B), substituted “7801 of this title” for “198(a)(10) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965”.

Par. (12). Pub. L. 107-110, §1076(l)(1)(C), substituted “7801 of this title” for “198(a)(17) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965”.

1998—Par. (6). Pub. L. 105-244 substituted “section 1001” for “section 1141(a)”.

1985—Par. (1). Pub. L. 99-159 substituted reference to section 2471(3) of this title for reference to section 195(2) of the Vocational Education Act of 1965.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2002 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 107-110 effective Jan. 8, 2002, except with respect to certain noncompetitive programs and competitive programs, see section 5 of Pub. L. 107-110, set out as an Effective Date note under section 6301 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 105-244 effective Oct. 1, 1998, except as otherwise provided in Pub. L. 105-244, see section 3 of Pub. L. 105-244, set out as a note under section 1001 of this title.

TERMINATION OF TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

For termination of Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, see note set out preceding section 1681 of Title 48, Territories and Insular Possessions.

SUBCHAPTER I—NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING EDUCATION

**§ 3911. Congressional declaration of policy**

(a) The Congress declares that the science and engineering education responsibilities of the National Science Foundation are—

(1) to improve the quality of instruction in the fields of mathematics, science, and engineering;

(2) to support research, fellowships, teacher-faculty-business exchange programs in mathematics, science, and engineering;

(3) to improve the quality and availability of instrumentation for mathematics, science, and engineering instruction;

(4) to encourage partnerships in education between local and State education agencies, business and industry, colleges and universities, and cultural and professional institutions and societies; and

(5) to improve the quality of education at all levels in the fields of mathematics, science, and engineering.

(b) In exercising its responsibilities to strengthen scientific and engineering research potential and science and engineering education programs at all levels, the Foundation shall avoid undue concentration of support for research and education activities.

(Pub. L. 98-377, title I, §101, as added Pub. L. 99-159, title II, §201, Nov. 22, 1985, 99 Stat. 893.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 3911, Pub. L. 98-377, title I, §101, Aug. 11, 1984, 98 Stat. 1268, related to grants for teacher insti-

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.