

## PART 4—LAURA BUSH 21ST CENTURY LIBRARIANS

**§ 9165. Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program****(a) Purpose**

It is the purpose of this part to develop a diverse workforce of librarians by—

(1) recruiting and educating the next generation of librarians, including by encouraging middle or high school students and postsecondary students to pursue careers in library and information science;

(2) developing faculty and library leaders, including by increasing the institutional capacity of graduate schools of library and information science; and

(3) enhancing the training and professional development of librarians and the library workforce to meet the needs of their communities, including those needs relating to literacy and education, workforce development, lifelong learning, and digital literacy.

**(b) Activities**

From the amounts provided under section 9123(a)(2) of this title, the Director may enter into arrangements, including grants, contracts, cooperative agreements, and other forms of assistance, with libraries, library consortia and associations, institutions of higher education (as defined in section 1001 of this title), and other entities that the Director determines appropriate, for projects that further the purpose of this part, such as projects that—

(1) increase the number of students enrolled in nationally accredited graduate library and information science programs and preparing for careers of service in libraries;

(2) recruit future professionals, including efforts to attract promising middle school, high school, or postsecondary students to consider careers in library and information science;

(3) develop or enhance professional development programs for librarians and the library workforce;

(4) enhance curricula within nationally accredited graduate library and information science programs;

(5) enhance doctoral education in order to develop faculty to educate the future generation of library professionals and develop the future generation of library leaders; and

(6) conduct research, including research to support the successful recruitment and education of the next generation of librarians.

**(c) Evaluation**

The Director shall establish procedures for reviewing and evaluating projects supported under this part.

(Pub. L. 94-462, title II, §264, as added Pub. L. 111-340, title II, § 207, Dec. 22, 2010, 124 Stat. 3602.)

## SUBCHAPTER III—MUSEUM SERVICES

**§ 9171. Purpose**

It is the purpose of this subchapter—

(1) to encourage and support museums in carrying out their public service role of connecting the whole of society to the cultural,

artistic, historical, natural, and scientific understandings that constitute our heritage;

(2) to encourage and support museums in carrying out their educational role, as core providers of learning and in conjunction with schools, families, and communities;

(3) to encourage leadership, innovation, and applications of the most current technologies and practices to enhance museum services through international, national, regional, State, and local networks and partnerships;

(4) to assist, encourage, and support museums in carrying out their stewardship responsibilities to achieve the highest standards in conservation and care of the cultural, historic, natural, and scientific heritage of the United States to benefit future generations;

(5) to assist, encourage, and support museums in achieving the highest standards of management and service to the public, and to ease the financial burden borne by museums as a result of their increasing use by the public;

(6) to support resource sharing and partnerships among museums, libraries, schools, and other community organizations;

(7) to encourage and support museums as a part of economic development and revitalization in communities;

(8) to ensure museums of various types and sizes in diverse geographic regions of the United States are afforded attention and support; and

(9) to support efforts at the State level to leverage museum resources and maximize museum services.

(Pub. L. 94-462, title II, §272, formerly §271, as added Pub. L. 104-208, div. A, title I, §101(e) [title VII, §702], Sept. 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 3009-233, 3009-302; renumbered §272 and amended Pub. L. 108-81, title III, §§301, 306(1), Sept. 25, 2003, 117 Stat. 1000, 1002; Pub. L. 111-340, title III, §301, Dec. 22, 2010, 124 Stat. 3603.)

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 272 of Pub. L. 94-462 was renumbered section 273 and is classified to section 9172 of this title.

## AMENDMENTS

2010—Par. (3). Pub. L. 111-340, §301(1), inserted “through international, national, regional, State, and local networks and partnerships” after “services”.

Pars. (7) to (9). Pub. L. 111-340, §301(2)-(4), added pars. (7) to (9).

2003—Pub. L. 108-81, §301, amended section catchline and text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “It is the purpose of this subchapter—

“(1) to encourage and assist museums in their educational role, in conjunction with formal systems of elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education and with programs of nonformal education for all age groups;

“(2) to assist museums in modernizing their methods and facilities so that the museums are better able to conserve the cultural, historic, and scientific heritage of the United States; and

“(3) to ease the financial burden borne by museums as a result of their increasing use by the public.”

**§ 9172. Definitions**

As used in this subchapter:

**(1) Museum**

The term “museum” means a public or private nonprofit agency or institution organized