

media, including the radio and print media, and be able to provide access to the clearing-house information through computer or telecommunications technology, as well as through the mails; and

(6) be able to provide examples, advice, and guidance to States, counties, cities, communities, antihunger groups, and local organizations regarding means of assisting individuals and communities to reduce reliance on government programs, reduce hunger, improve nutrition, and otherwise assist low-income individuals and communities become more self-sufficient.

**(c) Audits**

The Secretary shall establish fair and reasonable auditing procedures regarding the expenditures of funds to carry out this section.

**(d) Funding**

Out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the Secretary of the Treasury shall pay to the Secretary to provide to the organization selected under this section, to establish and maintain the information clearing-house, \$200,000 for each of fiscal years 1995 and 1996, \$150,000 for fiscal year 1997, \$100,000 for fiscal year 1998, \$166,000 for each of fiscal years 1999 through 2004, and \$250,000 for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2015. The Secretary shall be entitled to receive the funds and shall accept the funds, without further appropriation.

(June 4, 1946, ch. 281, §26, as added Pub. L. 103-448, title I, §123, Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4731; amended Pub. L. 105-336, title I, §§103(c)(2), 112, Oct. 31, 1998, 112 Stat. 3147, 3157; Pub. L. 108-265, title I, §128, June 30, 2004, 118 Stat. 767; Pub. L. 111-80, title VII, §749(f), Oct. 21, 2009, 123 Stat. 2132; Pub. L. 111-296, title IV, §409, Dec. 13, 2010, 124 Stat. 3260.)

AMENDMENTS

2010—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 111-296 substituted “2010 through 2015” for “2005 through 2010” in first sentence.

2009—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 111-80 substituted “2010” for “2009”.

2004—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 108-265, in first sentence, substituted “1998,” for “1998, and” and “through 2004, and \$250,000 for each of fiscal years 2005 through 2009” for “through 2003”.

1998—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 105-336 substituted “\$100,000 for fiscal year 1998, and \$166,000 for each of fiscal years 1999 through 2003” for “and \$100,000 for fiscal year 1998” in first sentence and inserted “, without further appropriation” before period at end of second sentence.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2010 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 111-296 effective Oct. 1, 2010, except as otherwise specifically provided, see section 445 of Pub. L. 111-296, set out as a note under section 1751 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 105-336 effective Oct. 1, 1998, see section 401 of Pub. L. 105-336, set out as a note under section 1755 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Oct. 1, 1994, see section 401 of Pub. L. 103-448, set out as an Effective Date of 1994 Amendment note under section 1755 of this title.

**§ 1769h. Repealed. Pub. L. 111-296, title IV, § 441(a)(14), Dec. 13, 2010, 124 Stat. 3264**

Section, act June 4, 1946, ch. 281, §27, as added Pub. L. 103-448, title I, §124, Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4732; amended Pub. L. 105-220, title IV, §414(d), Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1242; Pub. L. 105-336, title I, §113, Oct. 31, 1998, 112 Stat. 3157, related to accommodation of the special dietary needs of individuals with disabilities.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective Oct. 1, 2010, except as otherwise specifically provided, see section 445 of Pub. L. 111-296, set out as an Effective Date of 2010 Amendment note under section 1751 of this title.

**§ 1769i. Program evaluation**

**(a) Performance assessments**

**(1) In general**

Subject to the availability of funds made available under paragraph (3), the Secretary, acting through the Administrator of the Food and Nutrition Service, may conduct annual national performance assessments of the meal programs under this chapter and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.).

**(2) Components**

In conducting an assessment, the Secretary may assess—

- (A) the cost of producing meals and meal supplements under the programs described in paragraph (1); and
- (B) the nutrient profile of meals, and status of menu planning practices, under the programs.

**(3) Authorization of appropriations**

There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this subsection \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2004 and each subsequent fiscal year.

**(b) Certification improvements**

**(1) In general**

Subject to the availability of funds made available under paragraph (5), the Secretary, acting through the Administrator of the Food and Nutrition Service, shall conduct a study of the feasibility of improving the certification process used for the school lunch program established under this chapter.

**(2) Pilot projects**

In carrying out this subsection, the Secretary may conduct pilot projects to improve the certification process used for the school lunch program.

**(3) Components**

In carrying out this subsection, the Secretary shall examine the use of—

- (A) other income reporting systems;
- (B) an integrated benefit eligibility determination process managed by a single agency;
- (C) income or program participation data gathered by State or local agencies; and
- (D) other options determined by the Secretary.

**(4) Waivers**

**(A) In general**

Subject to subparagraph (B), the Secretary may waive such provisions of this chapter