

**§ 3020e. Nutrition education**

The Assistant Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture, shall conduct outreach and provide technical assistance to agencies and organizations that serve older individuals to assist such agencies and organizations to carry out integrated health promotion and disease prevention programs that—

- (1) are designed for older individuals; and
- (2) include—
  - (A) nutrition education;
  - (B) physical activity; and
  - (C) other activities to modify behavior and to improve health literacy, including providing information on optimal nutrient intake, through nutrition education and nutrition assessment and counseling, in accordance with section 3030g-21(2)(J) of this title.

(Pub. L. 89-73, title II, §214, as added Pub. L. 102-375, title II, §209, Sept. 30, 1992, 106 Stat. 1215; amended Pub. L. 103-171, §3(a)(13), Dec. 2, 1993, 107 Stat. 1990; Pub. L. 106-501, title VIII, §801(b)(5), Nov. 13, 2000, 114 Stat. 2292; Pub. L. 109-365, title II, §208, Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2537.)

**AMENDMENTS**

2006—Pub. L. 109-365 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The Assistant Secretary and the Secretary of Agriculture may provide technical assistance and appropriate material to agencies carrying out nutrition education programs in accordance with section 3030g-21(2)(J) of this title.”

2000—Pub. L. 106-501 substituted “3030g-21(2)(J)” for “3027(a)(13)(J)”.

1993—Pub. L. 103-171 substituted “Assistant Secretary” for “Commissioner”.

**§ 3020e-1. Pension counseling and information programs****(a) Definitions**

In this section:

**(1) Pension and other retirement benefits**

The term “pension and other retirement benefits” means private, civil service, and other public pensions and retirement benefits, including benefits provided under—

- (A) the Social Security program under title II of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 et seq.);
- (B) the railroad retirement program under the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 (45 U.S.C. 231 et seq.);
- (C) the government retirement benefits programs under the Civil Service Retirement System set forth in chapter 83 of title 5, the Federal Employees Retirement System set forth in chapter 84 of title 5, or other Federal retirement systems; or
- (D) employee pension benefit plans as defined in section 1002(2) of title 29.

**(2) Pension counseling and information program**

The term “pension counseling and information program” means a program described in subsection (b) of this section.

**(b) Program authorized**

The Assistant Secretary shall award grants to eligible entities to establish and carry out pen-

sion counseling and information programs that create or continue a sufficient number of pension assistance and counseling programs to provide outreach, information, counseling, referral, and other assistance regarding pension and other retirement benefits, and rights related to such benefits, to individuals in the United States.

**(c) Eligible entities**

The Assistant Secretary shall award grants under this section to—

- (1) State agencies or area agencies on aging; and
- (2) nonprofit organizations with a proven record of providing—
  - (A) services related to retirement of older individuals;
  - (B) services to Native Americans; or
  - (C) specific pension counseling.

**(d) Citizen advisory panel**

The Assistant Secretary shall establish a citizen advisory panel to advise the Assistant Secretary regarding which entities should receive grant awards under this section. Such panel shall include representatives of business, labor, national senior advocates, and national pension rights advocates. The Assistant Secretary shall consult such panel prior to awarding grants under this section.

**(e) Application**

To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, an entity shall submit an application to the Assistant Secretary at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Assistant Secretary may require, including—

- (1) a plan to establish a pension counseling and information program that—
  - (A) establishes or continues a State or area pension counseling and information program;
  - (B) serves a specific geographic area;
  - (C) provides counseling (including direct counseling and assistance to individuals who need information regarding pension and other retirement benefits) and information that may assist individuals in obtaining, or establishing rights to, and filing claims or complaints regarding, pension and other retirement benefits;
  - (D) provides information on sources of pension and other retirement benefits;
  - (E) establishes a system to make referrals for legal services and other advocacy programs;
  - (F) establishes a system of referral to Federal, State, and local departments or agencies related to pension and other retirement benefits;
  - (G) provides a sufficient number of staff positions (including volunteer positions) to ensure information, counseling, referral, and assistance regarding pension and other retirement benefits;
  - (H) provides training programs for staff members, including volunteer staff members, of pension and other retirement benefits programs;
  - (I) makes recommendations to the Administration, the Department of Labor and

other Federal, State, and local agencies concerning issues for older individuals related to pension and other retirement benefits; and

(J) establishes or continues an outreach program to provide information, counseling, referral and assistance regarding pension and other retirement benefits, with particular emphasis on outreach to women, minorities, older individuals residing in rural areas, low-income retirees, and older individuals with limited English proficiency; and

(2) an assurance that staff members (including volunteer staff members) have no conflict of interest in providing the services described in the plan described in paragraph (1).

**(f) Criteria**

The Assistant Secretary shall consider the following criteria in awarding grants under this section:

(1) Evidence of a commitment by the entity to carry out a proposed pension counseling and information program.

(2) The ability of the entity to perform effective outreach to affected populations, particularly populations with limited English proficiency and other populations that are identified as in need of special outreach.

(3) Reliable information that the population to be served by the entity has a demonstrable need for the services proposed to be provided under the program.

(4) The ability of the entity to provide services under the program on a statewide or regional basis.

**(g) Training and technical assistance program**

**(1) In general**

The Assistant Secretary shall award grants to eligible entities to establish training and technical assistance programs that shall provide information and technical assistance to the staffs of entities operating pension counseling and information programs described in subsection (b) of this section, and general assistance to such entities, including assistance in the design of program evaluation tools.

**(2) Eligible entities**

Entities that are eligible to receive a grant under this subsection include nonprofit private organizations with a record of providing national information, referral, and advocacy in matters related to pension and other retirement benefits.

**(3) Application**

To be eligible to receive a grant under this subsection, an entity shall submit an application to the Assistant Secretary at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Assistant Secretary may require.

**(h) Pension assistance hotline and intragency coordination**

**(1) Hotline**

The Assistant Secretary shall enter into agreements with other Federal agencies to establish and administer a national telephone hotline that shall provide information regard-

ing pension and other retirement benefits, and rights related to such benefits.

**(2) Content**

Such hotline described in paragraph (1) shall provide information for individuals (including individuals with limited English proficiency) seeking outreach, information, counseling, referral, and assistance regarding pension and other retirement benefits, and rights related to such benefits.

**(3) Agreements**

The Assistant Secretary may enter into agreements with the Secretary of Labor and the heads of other Federal agencies that regulate the provision of pension and other retirement benefits in order to carry out this subsection.

**(i) Report to Congress**

Not later than 30 months after November 13, 2000, the Assistant Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Education and the Workforce of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions of the Senate a report that—

(1) summarizes the distribution of funds authorized for grants under this section and the expenditure of such funds;

(2) summarizes the scope and content of training and assistance provided under a program carried out under this section and the degree to which the training and assistance can be replicated;

(3) outlines the problems that individuals participating in programs funded under this section encountered concerning rights related to pension and other retirement benefits; and

(4) makes recommendations regarding the manner in which services provided in programs funded under this section can be incorporated into the ongoing programs of State agencies, area agencies on aging, multipurpose senior centers and other similar entities.

**(j) Administrative expenses**

Of the funds appropriated under section 3020f of this title to carry out this section for a fiscal year, not more than \$100,000 may be used by the Administration for administrative expenses.

(Pub. L. 89-73, title II, §215, as added Pub. L. 106-501, title II, §202(5), Nov. 13, 2000, 114 Stat. 2231; amended Pub. L. 109-365, title II, §209, Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2537.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Social Security Act, referred to in subsec. (a)(1)(A), is act Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, 49 Stat. 620, as amended. Title II of the Act is classified generally to subchapter II (§401 et seq.) of chapter 7 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 1305 of this title and Tables.

The Railroad Retirement Act of 1974, referred to in subsec. (a)(1)(B), is act Aug. 29, 1935, ch. 812, as amended generally by Pub. L. 93-445, title I, §101, Oct. 16, 1974, 88 Stat. 1305, which is classified generally to subchapter IV (§231 et seq.) of chapter 9 of Title 45, Railroads. For further details and complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Codification note set out preceding section 231 of Title 45, section 231t of Title 45, and Tables.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 215 of Pub. L. 89-73 was renumbered section 216 and is classified to section 3020f of this title.

## AMENDMENTS

2006—Subsec. (e)(1)(J). Pub. L. 109-365, §209(1), substituted “, low-income retirees, and older individuals with limited English proficiency” for “and low income retirees”.

Subsec. (f)(2). Pub. L. 109-365, §209(2), added par. (2) and struck out former par. (2) which read as follows: “The ability of the entity to perform effective outreach to affected populations, particularly populations that are identified in need of special outreach.”

Subsec. (h)(2). Pub. L. 109-365, §209(3), inserted “(including individuals with limited English proficiency)” after “for individuals”.

**§ 3020f. Authorization of appropriations****(a) In general**

For purposes of carrying out this chapter, there are authorized to be appropriated for administration, salaries, and expenses of the Administration such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011.

**(b) Eldercare Locator Service**

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out section 3012(a)(24)<sup>1</sup> of this title (relating to the National Eldercare Locator Service) such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011.

**(c) Pension counseling and information programs**

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out section 3020e-1 of this title, such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011.

(Pub. L. 89-73, title II, §216, formerly §215, as added Pub. L. 102-375, title II, §210, Sept. 30, 1992, 106 Stat. 1215; amended Pub. L. 103-171, §3(a)(13), Dec. 2, 1993, 107 Stat. 1990; renumbered §216 and amended Pub. L. 106-501, title II, §§202(4), 205, Nov. 13, 2000, 114 Stat. 2231, 2234; Pub. L. 109-365, title II, §210, Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2538.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 3012(a)(24) of this title, referred to in subsec. (b), does not relate to the National Eldercare Locator Service. Provisions relating to that Service are found elsewhere in section 3012.

## AMENDMENTS

2006—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 109-365, §210(1), substituted “2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011.” for “2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 109-365, §210(2), substituted “years 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011” for “year 2001, and such sums as may be necessary for each of the 4 succeeding fiscal years”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 109-365, §210(2), substituted “years 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011” for “year 2001 and for each of the 4 succeeding fiscal years”.

2000—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 106-501, §205(1), in heading, substituted “In general” for “Administration”, and in text, inserted “administration, salaries, and expenses of” after “appropriated for” and substituted “2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005” for “1992, 1993, 1994, and 1995.”

Subsecs. (b), (c). Pub. L. 106-501, §205(2), added subsecs. (b) and (c) and struck out heading and text of former subsec. (b). Text read as follows: “There are authorized to be appropriated for salaries and expenses of the Administration on Aging—

“(1) \$17,000,000 for fiscal year 1992, \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 1993, \$24,000,000 for fiscal year 1994, and \$29,000,000 for fiscal year 1995; and

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

“(2) such additional sums as may be necessary for each such fiscal year to enable the Assistant Secretary to provide for not fewer than 300 full-time employees (or the equivalent thereof) in the Administration on Aging.”

1993—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 103-171 substituted “Assistant Secretary” for “Commissioner”.

## SUBCHAPTER III—GRANTS FOR STATE AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS ON AGING

## PART A—GENERAL PROVISIONS

**§ 3021. Purpose and program****(a) Congressional declaration of purpose**

(1) It is the purpose of this subchapter to encourage and assist State agencies and area agencies on aging to concentrate resources in order to develop greater capacity and foster the development and implementation of comprehensive and coordinated systems to serve older individuals by entering into new cooperative arrangements in each State with the persons described in paragraph (2), for the planning, and for the provision of, supportive services, and multipurpose senior centers, in order to—

(A) secure and maintain maximum independence and dignity in a home environment for older individuals capable of self care with appropriate supportive services;

(B) remove individual and social barriers to economic and personal independence for older individuals;

(C) provide a continuum of care for vulnerable older individuals; and

(D) secure the opportunity for older individuals to receive managed in-home and community-based long-term care services.

(2) The persons referred to in paragraph (1) include—

(A) State agencies and area agencies on aging;

(B) other State agencies, including agencies that administer home and community care programs;

(C) Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian organizations;

(D) the providers, including voluntary organizations or other private sector organizations, of supportive services, nutrition services, and multipurpose senior centers;

(E) organizations representing or employing older individuals or their families; and

(F) organizations that have experience in providing training, placement, and stipends for volunteers or participants who are older individuals (such as organizations carrying out Federal service programs administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service), in community service settings.

**(b) Administration of program**

(1) In order to effectively carry out the purpose of this subchapter, the Assistant Secretary shall administer programs under this subchapter through the Administration.

(2) In carrying out the provisions of this subchapter, the Assistant Secretary may request the technical assistance and cooperation of the Department of Education, the Department of Labor, the Department of Housing and Urban