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## PART C—STUDIES

7671, 7672. Repealed.

**§ 7601. Definitions**

In this Act:

**(1) 1862 Institution**

The term “1862 Institution” means a college or university eligible to receive funds under the Act of July 2, 1862 (12 Stat. 503, chapter 130; 7 U.S.C. 301 et seq.).

**(2) 1890 Institution**

The term “1890 Institution” means a college or university eligible to receive funds under the Act of August 30, 1890 (26 Stat. 419, chapter 841; 7 U.S.C. 321 et seq.), including Tuskegee University.

**(3) 1994 Institution**

The term “1994 Institution” means 1 of the 1994 Institutions (as defined in section 532 of the Equity in Educational Land-Grant Status Act of 1994 (Public Law 103-382; 7 U.S.C. 301 note)) (as amended by section 251(a)).

**(4) Advisory Board**

The term “Advisory Board” means the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board established under section 3123 of this title.

**(5) Department**

The term “Department” means the Department of Agriculture.

**(6) Hispanic-serving agricultural colleges and universities**

The term “Hispanic-serving agricultural colleges and universities” has the meaning given the term in section 3103 of this title.

**(7) Secretary**

The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Agriculture.

(Pub. L. 105-185, § 2, June 23, 1998, 112 Stat. 525; Pub. L. 110-234, title VII, § 7129(c)(1), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1226; Pub. L. 110-246, § 4(a), title VII, § 7129(c)(1), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1988.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 105-185, June 23, 1998, 112 Stat. 523, as amended, known as the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note below and Tables.

Act of July 2, 1862, referred to in par. (1), is act July 2, 1862, ch. 130, 12 Stat. 503, popularly known as the “Morrill Act” and also as the “First Morrill Act”, which is classified generally to subchapter I (§ 301 et seq.) of chapter 13 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 301 of this title and Tables.

Act of August 30, 1890, referred to in par. (2), is act Aug. 30, 1890, ch. 841, 26 Stat. 417, as amended, popularly known as the Agricultural College Act of 1890 and also as the Second Morrill Act, which is classified generally to subchapter II (§ 321 et seq.) of chapter 13 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 321 of this title and Tables.

Section 251(a), referred to in par. (3), is section 251(a) of Pub. L. 105-185.

## CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 made identical amendments to this section. The amendments by Pub.

L. 110-234 were repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246.

## AMENDMENTS

2008—Pars. (6), (7). Pub. L. 110-246, § 7129(c)(1), added par. (6) and redesignated former par. (6) as (7).

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Amendment of this section and repeal of Pub. L. 110-234 by Pub. L. 110-246 effective May 22, 2008, the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-234, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as an Effective Date note under section 8701 of this title.

## SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 105-185, § 1(a), June 23, 1998, 112 Stat. 523, provided that: “This Act [see Tables for classification] may be cited as the ‘Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998’.”

## SUBCHAPTER I—PRIORITIES, SCOPE, REVIEW, AND COORDINATION OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH, EXTENSION, AND EDUCATION

**§ 7611. Standards for Federal funding of agricultural research, extension, and education****(a) In general**

The Secretary shall ensure that agricultural research, extension, or education activities described in subsection (b) address a concern that—

- (1) is a priority, as determined under section 7612(a) of this title; and
- (2) has national, multistate, or regional significance.

**(b) Application**

Subsection (a) applies to—

- (1) research activities conducted by the Agricultural Research Service; and
- (2) research, extension, or education activities administered, on a competitive basis, by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

(Pub. L. 105-185, title I, § 101, June 23, 1998, 112 Stat. 526; Pub. L. 110-234, title VII, § 7511(c)(29), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1270; Pub. L. 110-246, § 4(a), title VII, § 7511(c)(29), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2031.)

## CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 made identical amendments to this section. The amendments by Pub. L. 110-234 were repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246.

## AMENDMENTS

2008—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 110-246, § 7511(c)(29), substituted “National Institute of Food and Agriculture” for “Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service”.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Amendment of this section and repeal of Pub. L. 110-234 by Pub. L. 110-246 effective May 22, 2008, the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-234, except as otherwise provided, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as an Effective Date note under section 8701 of this title.

Amendment by section 7511(c)(29) of Pub. L. 110-246 effective Oct. 1, 2009, see section 7511(c) of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as a note under section 1522 of this title.

**§ 7612. Priority setting process****(a) Establishment**

Consistent with section 3101 of this title, the Secretary shall establish priorities for agricultural research, extension, and education activities conducted or funded by the Department.

**(b) Responsibilities of Secretary**

In establishing priorities for agricultural research, extension, and education activities conducted or funded by the Department, the Secretary shall solicit and consider input and recommendations from persons who conduct or use agricultural research, extension, or education.

**(c) Responsibilities of 1862, 1890, and 1994 Institutions and Hispanic-serving agricultural colleges and universities****(1) Process**

Effective October 1, 1999, to obtain agricultural research, extension, or education formula funds from the Secretary, each 1862 Institution, 1890 Institution, 1994 Institution, and Hispanic-serving agricultural college and university shall establish and implement a process for obtaining input from persons who conduct or use agricultural research, extension, or education concerning the use of the funds.

**(2) Regulations**

The Secretary shall promulgate regulations that prescribe—

(A) the requirements for an institution referred to in paragraph (1) to comply with paragraph (1); and

(B) the consequences for an institution of not complying with paragraph (1), which may include the withholding or redistribution of funds to which the institution may be entitled until the institution complies with paragraph (1).

**(d) Management principles**

To the maximum extent practicable, the Secretary shall ensure that federally supported and conducted agricultural research, extension, and education activities are accomplished in a manner that—

(1) integrates agricultural research, extension, and education functions to better link research to technology transfer and information dissemination activities;

(2) encourages regional and multistate programs to address relevant issues of common concern and to better leverage scarce resources; and

(3) achieves agricultural research, extension, and education objectives through multi-institutional and multifunctional approaches and by conducting research at facilities and institutions best equipped to achieve those objectives.

(Pub. L. 105–185, title I, § 102, June 23, 1998, 112 Stat. 526; Pub. L. 110–234, title VII, § 7129(c)(2), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1227; Pub. L. 110–246, § 4(a), title VII, § 7129(c)(2), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1988.)

## CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110–234 and Pub. L. 110–246 made identical amendments to this section. The amendments by Pub.

L. 110–234 were repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110–246.

## AMENDMENTS

2008—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 110–246, § 7129(c)(2), inserted “and Hispanic-serving agricultural colleges and universities” after “Institutions” in heading and substituted “1994 Institution, and Hispanic-serving agricultural college and university” for “and 1994 Institution” in par. (1).

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Amendment of this section and repeal of Pub. L. 110–234 by Pub. L. 110–246 effective May 22, 2008, the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110–234, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110–246, set out as an Effective Date note under section 8701 of this title.

**§ 7613. Relevance and merit of agricultural research, extension, and education funded by the Department****(a) Review of National Institute of Food and Agriculture****(1) Peer review of research grants**

The Secretary shall establish procedures that provide for scientific peer review of each agricultural research grant administered, on a competitive basis, by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture of the Department.

**(2) Relevance and merit review of research, extension, and education grants****(A) Establishment of procedures**

The Secretary shall establish procedures that provide for relevance and merit review of each agricultural research, extension, or education grant administered, on a competitive basis, by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

**(B) Consultation with Advisory Board**

The Secretary shall consult with the Advisory Board in establishing the merit review procedures on a continuous basis.

**(3) Consideration**

Peer and merit review procedures established under paragraphs (1) and (2) shall not take the offer or availability of matching funds into consideration.

**(b) Advisory Board review**

On an annual basis, the Advisory Board shall review—

(1) the relevance to the priorities established under section 7612(a) of this title of the funding of all agricultural research, extension, or education activities conducted or funded by the Department; and

(2) the adequacy of the funding.

**(c) Requests for proposals****(1) Review results**

As soon as practicable after the review is conducted under subsection (b) for a fiscal year, the Secretary shall consider the results of the review when formulating each request for proposals, and evaluating proposals, involving an agricultural research, extension, or education activity funded, on a competitive basis, by the Department.

**(2) Input**

In formulating a request for proposals described in paragraph (1) for a fiscal year, the