

interest in attending rural-serving institutions of higher education.

(2) To increase enrollment rates of nontraditional students in degree programs at rural-serving institutions of higher education, which may include—

(A) programs to provide nontraditional students with counseling related to applying for postsecondary education, and Federal and State financial assistance for postsecondary education;

(B) community outreach initiatives to encourage nontraditional students to enroll in a rural-serving institution of higher education; and

(C) programs to improve the enrollment of nontraditional students in two-year degree programs and the transition of nontraditional students articulating from two-year degree programs to four-year degree programs.

(3) To create or strengthen academic programs at rural-serving institutions of higher education to prepare graduates to enter into high-need occupations in the regional and local economies.

(4) To provide additional career training to students of rural-serving institutions of higher education in fields relevant to the regional economy.

(g) Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 2009 and each of the five succeeding fiscal years.

(Pub. L. 89-329, title VIII, §861, as added Pub. L. 110-315, title VIII, §801, Aug. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 3423; amended Pub. L. 113-128, title V, §512(n)(6), July 22, 2014, 128 Stat. 1711; Pub. L. 114-95, title IX, §9215(oo)(12), Dec. 10, 2015, 129 Stat. 2180.)

AMENDMENTS

2015—Subsec. (c)(2)(A). Pub. L. 114-95 made technical amendment to reference in original act which appears in text as reference to section 7801 of this title.

2014—Subsec. (c)(1)(B). Pub. L. 113-128 substituted “local boards (as such term is defined in section 3102 of title 29)” for “local boards (as such term is defined in section 2801 of title 29)”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2015 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 114-95 effective Dec. 10, 2015, except with respect to certain noncompetitive programs and competitive programs, see section 5 of Pub. L. 114-95, set out as a note under section 6301 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2014 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 113-128 effective on the first day of the first full program year after July 22, 2014 (July 1, 2015), see section 506 of Pub. L. 113-128, set out as an Effective Date note under section 3101 of Title 29, Labor.

PART R—CAMPUS-BASED DIGITAL THEFT PREVENTION

§ 1161r. Campus-based digital theft prevention

(a) Program authority

From the amounts appropriated under subsection (d), the Secretary may make grants to

institutions of higher education, or consortia of such institutions, and enter into contracts with such institutions, consortia, and other organizations, to develop, implement, operate, improve, and disseminate programs of prevention, education, and cost-effective technological solutions, to reduce and eliminate the illegal downloading and distribution of intellectual property. Such grants or contracts may also be used for the support of higher education centers that will provide training, technical assistance, evaluation, dissemination, and associated services and assistance to the higher education community as determined by the Secretary and institutions of higher education.

(b) Awards

Grants and contracts shall be awarded under this section on a competitive basis.

(c) Applications

An institution of higher education or a consortium of such institutions that desires to receive a grant or contract under this section shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and containing or accompanied by such information as the Secretary may reasonably require by regulation.

(d) Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 2009 and each of the five succeeding fiscal years.

(Pub. L. 89-329, title VIII, §871, as added Pub. L. 110-315, title VIII, §801, Aug. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 3425.)

PART S—TRAINING FOR REALTIME WRITERS

§ 1161s. Program to promote training and job placement of realtime writers

(a) Authorization of grant program

(1) In general

From the amounts appropriated to carry out this section, the Secretary shall award grants, on a competitive basis, to eligible entities under paragraph (2) to promote training and placement of individuals, including individuals who have completed a court reporting training program, as realtime writers in order to meet the requirements for closed captioning of video programming set forth in section 613 of title 47 and the rules prescribed thereunder.

(2) Eligible entities

For purposes of this section, an eligible entity is a court reporting program that—

(A) has a curriculum capable of training realtime writers qualified to provide captioning services;

(B) is accredited by an accrediting agency or association recognized by the Secretary; and

(C) is participating in student aid programs under subchapter IV of this chapter and part C of subchapter I of chapter 34 of title 42.

(3) Priority in grants

In determining whether to make grants under this section, the Secretary shall give a