

AMENDMENTS

2015—Pub. L. 114-95 amended section generally. Prior to amendment section authorized appropriations for fiscal years 2002 to 2007.

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.

PART C—EXPANDING OPPORTUNITY THROUGH QUALITY CHARTER SCHOOLS

CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 114-95, title IV, § 4001(b)(2)(A)–(D)(ii), Dec. 10, 2015, 129 Stat. 1967, redesignated part B (§ 7221 et seq.) of subchapter V of this chapter as part C of this subchapter, substituted “Expanding Opportunity Through Quality Charter Schools” for “Public Charter Schools” in part heading, and struck out subpart 1 heading.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior part C of title IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, comprising part C (§ 7181 et seq.) of this subchapter, was redesignated subpart 5 of part F of title VIII of the Act and transferred to subpart 5 (§ 7971 et seq.) of part F of subchapter VIII of this chapter by Pub. L. 114-95, title IV, § 4001(a)(4)(A)–(C)(i), title VIII, § 8001(a)(9), (b)(1), Dec. 10, 2015, 129 Stat. 1966, 2088, 2089.

§ 7221. Purpose

It is the purpose of this part to—

- (1) improve the United States education system and education opportunities for all people in the United States by supporting innovation in public education in public school settings that prepare students to compete and contribute to the global economy and a stronger Nation;
- (2) provide financial assistance for the planning, program design, and initial implementation of charter schools;
- (3) increase the number of high-quality charter schools available to students across the United States;
- (4) evaluate the impact of charter schools on student achievement, families, and communities, and share best practices between charter schools and other public schools;
- (5) encourage States to provide support to charter schools for facilities financing in an amount more nearly commensurate to the amount States typically provide for traditional public schools;
- (6) expand opportunities for children with disabilities, English learners, and other traditionally underserved students to attend charter schools and meet the challenging State academic standards;
- (7) support efforts to strengthen the charter school authorizing process to improve performance management, including transparency, oversight and monitoring (including financial audits), and evaluation of such schools; and
- (8) support quality, accountability, and transparency in the operational performance of all authorized public chartering agencies, including State educational agencies, local educational agencies, and other authorizing entities.

(Pub. L. 89-10, title IV, § 4301, as added Pub. L. 114-95, title IV, § 4301(1), Dec. 10, 2015, 129 Stat. 1993.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 7221, Pub. L. 89-10, title IV, § 4301, formerly title V, § 5201, as added Pub. L. 107-110, title V, § 501, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1788; renumbered title IV, § 4301, Pub. L. 114-95, title IV, § 4001(b)(2)(A), (B), (D)(iii), Dec. 10, 2015, 129 Stat. 1967, related to purpose of former subpart 1 of part B of subchapter V of this chapter, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 114-95, § 5, title IV, § 4301(1), Dec. 10, 2015, 129 Stat. 1806, 1993, effective Dec. 10, 2015, except with respect to certain noncompetitive programs and competitive programs.

A prior section 4301 of Pub. L. 89-10 was renumbered section 8571, and is classified to section 7971 of this title.

Another prior section 4301 of Pub. L. 89-10 was classified to section 3081 of this title, prior to the general amendment of Pub. L. 89-10 by Pub. L. 103-382.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section 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 an Effective Date of 2015 Amendment note under section 6301 of this title.

§ 7221a. Program authorized

(a) In general

The Secretary may carry out a charter school program that supports charter schools that serve early childhood, elementary school, or secondary school students by—

- (1) supporting the startup of new charter schools, the replication of high-quality charter schools, and the expansion of high-quality charter schools;
- (2) assisting charter schools in accessing credit to acquire and renovate facilities for school use; and
- (3) carrying out national activities to support—
 - (A) the activities described in paragraph (1);
 - (B) the dissemination of best practices of charter schools for all schools;
 - (C) the evaluation of the impact of the charter school program under this part on schools participating in such program; and
 - (D) stronger charter school authorizing practices.

(b) Funding allotment

From the amount made available under section 7221j of this title for a fiscal year, the Secretary shall—

- (1) reserve 12.5 percent to support charter school facilities assistance under section 7221c of this title;
- (2) reserve 22.5 percent to carry out national activities under section 7221d of this title; and
- (3) use the remaining amount after the reservations under paragraphs (1) and (2) to carry out section 7221b of this title.

(c) Prior grants and subgrants

The recipient of a grant or subgrant under part B of title V (as such part was in effect on the day before December 10, 2015) shall continue to receive funds in accordance with the terms and conditions of such grant or subgrant.