

oversight of a program under the national service laws. In carrying out this section, and before executing any assignment of authority, the Corporation shall seek input from and consult Corporation employees, State Commissions, State educational agencies, and other interested stakeholders.

(b) Report

Not later than 2 years after the effective date of the Serve America Act, the Corporation shall submit a report to the authorizing committees describing the consultation process described in subsection (a), including the stakeholders consulted, the recommendation of stakeholders, and any actions taken by the Corporation under this section.

(Pub. L. 101-610, title I, §196B, as added Pub. L. 111-13, title I, §1708, Apr. 21, 2009, 123 Stat. 1548.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

For the effective date of the Serve America Act, referred to in subsec. (b), as Oct. 1, 2009, see section 6101(a) of Pub. L. 111-13, set out as an Effective Date of 2009 Amendment note under section 4950 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Oct. 1, 2009, see section 6101(a) of Pub. L. 111-13, set out as an Effective Date of 2009 Amendment note under section 4950 of this title.

§ 12651k. Study of involvement of veterans

(a) Study and report

The Corporation shall conduct a study and submit a report to the authorizing committees, not later than 3 years after the effective date of the Serve America Act, on—

- (1) the number of veterans serving in national service programs historically by year;
- (2) strategies being undertaken to identify the specific areas of need of veterans, including any goals set by the Corporation for veterans participating in the service programs;
- (3) the impact of the strategies described in paragraph (2) and the Veterans Corps on enabling greater participation by veterans in the national service programs carried out under the national service laws;
- (4) how existing programs and activities carried out under the national service laws could be improved to serve veterans, veterans service organizations, families of active-duty military, including gaps in services to veterans;
- (5) the extent to which existing programs and activities carried out under the national service laws are coordinated and recommendations to improve such coordination including the methods for ensuring the efficient financial organization of services directed towards veterans; and
- (6) how to improve utilization of veterans as resources and volunteers.

(b) Consultation

In conducting the studies and preparing the reports required under this subsection, the Corporation shall consult with veterans' service organizations, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, State veterans agencies, the Secretary of Defense, as appropriate, and other individuals and entities the Corporation considers appropriate.

(Pub. L. 101-610, title I, §196C, as added Pub. L. 111-13, title I, §1709, Apr. 21, 2009, 123 Stat. 1549.)

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Division H—Investment for Quality and Innovation

PRIOR PROVISIONS

This division is comprised of subtitle H, §§198-198C, 198H, 198K, 198O, 198P, and 198S, of title I of Pub. L. 101-610. A prior part H (§12653 et seq.), comprised of subtitle H, §§195-195O, of title I of Pub. L. 101-610, was renumbered subtitle E, §§151-166, of title I of Pub. L. 101-610 by Pub. L. 103-82, §104(b), and transferred to division E (§12611 et seq.) of this subchapter.

PART I—ADDITIONAL CORPORATION ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT NATIONAL SERVICE

§ 12653. Additional Corporation activities to support national service

(a) Methods of conducting activities

The Corporation may carry out this section directly (except as provided in subsection (g)) or through grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements with other entities.

(b) Innovation and quality improvement

The Corporation may undertake activities to address emergent needs through summer programs and other activities, and to support service-learning programs and national service programs, including—

- (1) programs, including programs for rural youth, under division B or C of this subchapter;
- (2) employer-based retiree programs;
- (3) intergenerational programs;
- (4) programs involving individuals with disabilities as participants providing service; and
- (5) programs sponsored by Governors.

(c) Conferences and materials

The Corporation may organize and hold conferences, and prepare and publish materials, to disseminate information and promote the sharing of information among programs for the purpose of improving the quality of programs and projects.

(d) Research

The Corporation may support research on national service, including service-learning.

(e) Youth leadership

The Corporation may support activities to enhance the ability of youth and young adults to play leadership roles in national service.

(f) National program identity

The Corporation may support the development and dissemination of materials, including training materials, and arrange for uniforms and insignia, designed to promote unity and shared