

workforce consistent with any applicable State or local workforce investment strategy, promotes the use of technology in economic development (including access to high-speed telecommunications)," after "access."

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 108-373, §302(b), designated existing provisions as par. (1), inserted heading, and added par. (2).

#### SUBCHAPTER IV—ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS

##### § 3171. Designation of economic development districts

###### (a) In general

In order that economic development projects of broad geographic significance may be planned and carried out, the Secretary may designate appropriate economic development districts in the United States, with the concurrence of the States in which the districts will be wholly or partially located, if—

- (1) the proposed district is of sufficient size or population, and contains sufficient resources, to foster economic development on a scale involving more than a single area described in section 3161(a) of this title;
- (2) the proposed district contains at least 1 area described in section 3161(a) of this title; and
- (3) the proposed district has a comprehensive economic development strategy that—
  - (A) contains a specific program for intra-district cooperation, self-help, and public investment; and
  - (B) is approved by each affected State and by the Secretary.

###### (b) Authorities

The Secretary may, under regulations promulgated by the Secretary—

- (1) invite the States to determine boundaries for proposed economic development districts;
- (2) cooperate with the States—
  - (A) in sponsoring and assisting district economic planning and economic development groups; and
  - (B) in assisting the district groups in formulating comprehensive economic development strategies for districts; and
- (3) encourage participation by appropriate local government entities in the economic development districts.

(Pub. L. 89-136, title IV, §401, as added Pub. L. 105-393, title I, §102(a), Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3608.)

###### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 3171, Pub. L. 89-136, title IV, §403, Aug. 26, 1965, 79 Stat. 562; Pub. L. 91-304, §1(d), July 6, 1970, 84 Stat. 375; Pub. L. 92-65, title I, §108, Aug. 5, 1971, 85 Stat. 167; Pub. L. 93-46, §4, June 18, 1973, 87 Stat. 96; Pub. L. 93-423, §7, Sept. 27, 1974, 88 Stat. 1161; Pub. L. 94-487, title I, §115, Oct. 12, 1976, 90 Stat. 2335; Pub. L. 96-506, §1(7), Dec. 8, 1980, 94 Stat. 2745; Pub. L. 97-35, title XVIII, §1821(a)(6), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 766, authorized Secretary to designate economic development districts and centers, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105-393, §102(a).

A prior section 401 of Pub. L. 89-136 was classified to section 3161 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105-393, §102(a).

##### § 3172. Termination or modification of economic development districts

The Secretary shall, by regulation, promulgate standards for the termination or modification of the designation of economic development districts.

(Pub. L. 89-136, title IV, §402, as added Pub. L. 105-393, title I, §102(a), Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3609.)

###### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 3172, Pub. L. 89-136, title IV, §404, as added Pub. L. 93-423, §8, Sept. 27, 1974, 88 Stat. 1162; amended Pub. L. 94-487, title I, §116, Oct. 12, 1976, 90 Stat. 2335; Pub. L. 96-506, §1(8), Dec. 8, 1980, 94 Stat. 2745; Pub. L. 97-35, title XVIII, §1821(a)(7), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 766, authorized additional appropriations for Indian economic development, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105-393, §102(a).

A prior section 402 of Pub. L. 89-136 was classified to section 3162 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105-393, §102(a).

##### § 3173. Repealed. Pub. L. 108-373, title IV, § 401(a), Oct. 27, 2004, 118 Stat. 1767

Section, Pub. L. 89-136, title IV, §403, as added Pub. L. 105-393, title I, §102(a), Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3609, related to incentives for projects in economic development districts.

###### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 3173, Pub. L. 89-136, title IV, §405, as added Pub. L. 94-487, title I, §117, Oct. 12, 1976, 90 Stat. 2335, directed furnishing of unemployment rate information by either Federal Government or State, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105-393, §102(a).

A prior section 403 of Pub. L. 89-136 was classified to section 3171 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105-393, §102(a).

##### § 3174. Provision of comprehensive economic development strategies to Regional Commissions

If any part of an economic development district is in a region covered by 1 or more of the Regional Commissions, the economic development district shall ensure that a copy of the comprehensive economic development strategy of the district is provided to the affected Regional Commission.

(Pub. L. 89-136, title IV, §404, as added Pub. L. 105-393, title I, §102(a), Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3609; amended Pub. L. 108-373, title IV, §402(a), Oct. 27, 2004, 118 Stat. 1768.)

###### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 404 of Pub. L. 89-136 was classified to section 3172 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105-393, §102(a).

###### AMENDMENTS

2004—Pub. L. 108-373 amended section catchline and text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: "If any part of an economic development district is in the Appalachian region (as defined in section 403 of the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965 (40 U.S.C. App.)), the economic development district shall ensure that a copy of the comprehensive economic development strategy of the district is provided to the Appalachian Regional Commission established under that Act."

**§ 3175. Assistance to parts of economic development districts not in eligible areas**

Notwithstanding section 3161 of this title, the Secretary may provide such assistance as is available under this chapter for a project in a part of an economic development district that is not in an area described in section 3161(a) of this title, if the project will be of a substantial direct benefit to an area described in section 3161(a) of this title that is located in the district.

(Pub. L. 89-136, title IV, §405, as added Pub. L. 105-393, title I, §102(a), Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3609.)

**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior section 405 of Pub. L. 89-136 was classified to section 3173 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105-393, §102(a).

Prior sections 3181 to 3190 were repealed by Pub. L. 97-35, title XVIII, §1821(a)(8), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 766, effective Sept. 30, 1981.

Section 3181, Pub. L. 89-136, title V, §501, Aug. 26, 1965, 79 Stat. 564; Pub. L. 91-123, title II, §202, Nov. 25, 1969, 83 Stat. 216; Pub. L. 94-188, title II, §209(a), Dec. 31, 1975, 89 Stat. 1091, related to designation, etc., of economic development regions.

Section 3182, Pub. L. 89-136, title V, §502, Aug. 26, 1965, 79 Stat. 564; Pub. L. 94-188, title II, §§208, 209(b), Dec. 31, 1975, 89 Stat. 1091, related to establishment, membership, etc., of regional commissions.

Section 3183, Pub. L. 89-136, title V, §503, Aug. 26, 1965, 79 Stat. 565; Pub. L. 90-103, title II, §201, Oct. 11, 1967, 81 Stat. 266; Pub. L. 93-423, §9(a), Sept. 27, 1974, 88 Stat. 1162, set forth functions of Commissions.

Section 3184, Pub. L. 89-136, title V, §504, Aug. 26, 1965, 79 Stat. 566, set out program development criteria.

Section 3185, Pub. L. 89-136, title V, §505, Aug. 26, 1965, 79 Stat. 566; Pub. L. 90-103, title II, §202, Oct. 11, 1967, 81 Stat. 266; Pub. L. 91-123, title II, §203, Nov. 25, 1969, 83 Stat. 216; Pub. L. 93-423, §9(b), Sept. 27, 1974, 88 Stat. 1162; Pub. L. 94-273, §2(25), Apr. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 376, set out provisions relating to technical and planning assistance to regional commissions.

Section 3186, Pub. L. 89-136, title V, §506, Aug. 26, 1965, 79 Stat. 567; Pub. L. 91-123, title II, §204, Nov. 25, 1969, 83 Stat. 217, related to administrative powers of regional commissions and headquarters of Federal co-chairman.

Section 3187, Pub. L. 89-136, title V, §507, Aug. 26, 1965, 79 Stat. 568, related to information procurement.

Section 3188, Pub. L. 89-136, title V, §508, Aug. 26, 1965, 79 Stat. 568, related to personal financial interests of commission personnel.

Section 3188a, Pub. L. 89-136, title V, §509, as added Pub. L. 90-103, title II, §203, Oct. 11, 1967, 81 Stat. 266; amended Pub. L. 91-123, title II, §205, Nov. 25, 1969, 83 Stat. 217; Pub. L. 91-258, title I, §52(b)(2), May 21, 1970, 84 Stat. 235; Pub. L. 92-65, title I, §109, Aug. 5, 1971, 85 Stat. 167; Pub. L. 93-46, §5, June 18, 1973, 87 Stat. 97; Pub. L. 93-423, §9(c), Sept. 27, 1974, 88 Stat. 1162; Pub. L. 94-188, title II, §202, Dec. 31, 1975, 89 Stat. 1087; Pub. L. 94-487, title I, §§118, 119, Oct. 12, 1976, 90 Stat. 2335, 2336; Pub. L. 96-506, §1(9), Dec. 8, 1980, 94 Stat. 2745, related to supplements to Federal grant-in-aid programs.

Section 3189, Pub. L. 89-136, title V, §510, formerly §509, Aug. 26, 1965, 79 Stat. 569; renumbered §510, Pub. L. 90-103, title II, §203, Oct. 11, 1967, 81 Stat. 266; Pub. L. 94-273, §25, Apr. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 380, related to annual reports to Congress.

Section 3190, Pub. L. 89-136, title V, §511, as added Pub. L. 91-123, title II, §206, Nov. 25, 1969, 83 Stat. 218; amended Pub. L. 93-423, §9(d), Sept. 27, 1974, 88 Stat. 1162, required coordination of activities between Secretary and Federal cochairmen in grants and loans.

**SUBCHAPTER V—ADMINISTRATION**

**§ 3191. Assistant Secretary for Economic Development**

**(a) In general**

The Secretary shall carry out this chapter through an Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

**(b) Compensation**

The Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development shall be compensated at the rate payable for level IV of the Executive Schedule under section 5315 of title 5.

**(c) Duties**

The Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development shall carry out such duties as the Secretary shall require and shall serve as the administrator of the Economic Development Administration of the Department.

(Pub. L. 89-136, title V, §501, as added Pub. L. 105-393, title I, §102(a), Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3610.)

**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior section 3191, Pub. L. 89-136, title V, §512, as added Pub. L. 91-123, title II, §206, Nov. 25, 1969, 83 Stat. 218; amended Pub. L. 92-65, title I, §110, Aug. 5, 1971, 85 Stat. 167, related to Federal Field Committee for Development Planning in Alaska, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 97-35, title XVIII, §1821(a)(8), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 766, effective Sept. 30, 1981.

A prior section 501 of Pub. L. 89-136 was classified to section 3181 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 97-35, §1821(a)(8).

**§ 3192. Economic development information clearinghouse**

In carrying out this chapter, the Secretary shall—

(1) maintain a central information clearinghouse on the Internet with—

(A) information on economic development, economic adjustment, disaster recovery, defense conversion, and trade adjustment programs and activities of the Federal Government;

(B) links to State economic development organizations; and

(C) links to other appropriate economic development resources;

(2) assist potential and actual applicants for economic development, economic adjustment, disaster recovery, defense conversion, and trade adjustment assistance under Federal and State laws in locating and applying for the assistance;

(3) assist areas described in section 3161(a) of this title and other areas by providing to interested persons, communities, industries, and businesses in the areas any technical information, market research, or other forms of assistance, information, or advice that would be useful in alleviating or preventing conditions of excessive unemployment or underemployment in the areas; and

(4) obtain appropriate information from other Federal agencies needed to carry out the duties under this chapter.