

Section 2937, Pub. L. 105-220, title I, §187, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1049, related to judicial review. See section 3247 of this title.

Provisions similar to those formerly contained in section 2937 were contained in section 1578 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105-220.

Section 2938, Pub. L. 105-220, title I, §188, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1049, related to requirements for non-discrimination. See section 3248 of this title.

Provisions similar to those formerly contained in section 2938 were contained in section 1577 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105-220.

Section 2939, Pub. L. 105-220, title I, §189, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1051; Pub. L. 105-277, div. A, §101(f) [title VIII, §401(13)], Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-337, 2681-411; Pub. L. 109-281, §2(c), Sept. 22, 2006, 120 Stat. 1181, contained administrative provisions. See section 3249 of this title.

Provisions similar to those formerly contained in section 2939 were contained in sections 1504, 1571, and 1579 to 1581 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105-220.

Section 2940, Pub. L. 105-220, title I, §190, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1054; Pub. L. 105-277, div. A, §101(f) [title VIII, §405(h)(1)], Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-337, 2681-435, related to references to prior acts.

Section 2941, Pub. L. 105-220, title I, §191, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1054, related to State legislative authority. See section 3251 of this title.

Provisions similar to those formerly contained in section 2941 were contained in sections 1536 and 1537 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105-220.

Section 2942, Pub. L. 105-220, title I, §192, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1054; Pub. L. 105-277, div. A, §101(f) [title VIII, §401(14)], Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-337, 2681-411, related to workforce flexibility plans. See section 3250 of this title.

Section 2943, Pub. L. 105-220, title I, §193, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1055; Pub. L. 109-289, div. B, title II, §20610, as added Pub. L. 110-5, §2, Feb. 15, 2007, 121 Stat. 30, related to transfer of Federal equity in State employment security real property to the States. See section 3252 of this title.

Section 2944, Pub. L. 105-220, title I, §194, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1056, related to continuation of State activities and policies. See section 3253 of this title.

Section 2945, Pub. L. 105-220, title I, §195, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1057, contained general program requirements. See section 3254(1) to (13) of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal 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 this title.

CHAPTER 31—ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

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§ 3001. Findings and purposes

(a) Findings

Congress finds the following:

(1) Over 54,000,000 individuals in the United States have disabilities, with almost half experiencing severe disabilities that affect their ability to see, hear, communicate, reason, walk, or perform other basic life functions.

(2) Disability is a natural part of the human experience and in no way diminishes the right of individuals to—

(A) live independently;

(B) enjoy self-determination and make choices;

(C) benefit from an education;

(D) pursue meaningful careers; and

(E) enjoy full inclusion and integration in the economic, political, social, cultural, and educational mainstream of society in the United States.

(3) Technology is one of the primary engines for economic activity, education, and innovation in the Nation, and throughout the world. The commitment of the United States to the development and utilization of technology is one of the main factors underlying the strength and vibrancy of the economy of the United States.

(4) As technology has come to play an increasingly important role in the lives of all persons in the United States, in the conduct of business, in the functioning of government, in the fostering of communication, in the conduct of commerce, and in the provision of education, its impact upon the lives of individuals with disabilities in the United States has been comparable to its impact upon the remainder of the citizens of the United States. Any development in mainstream technology will have profound implications for individuals with disabilities in the United States.

(5) Substantial progress has been made in the development of assistive technology devices, including adaptations to existing devices that facilitate activities of daily living that significantly benefit individuals with disabilities of all ages. These devices, including adaptations, increase involvement in, and reduce expenditures associated with, programs and activities that facilitate communication, ensure independent functioning, enable early childhood development, support educational achievement, provide and enhance employment options, and enable full participation in community living for individuals with disabilities. Access to such devices can also reduce expenditures associated with early childhood intervention, education, rehabilitation and training, health care, employment, residential living, independent living, recreation opportunities, and other aspects of daily living.

(6) Over the last 15 years, the Federal Government has invested in the development of comprehensive statewide programs of technology-related assistance, which have proven effective in assisting individuals with disabilities in accessing assistive technology devices and assistive technology services. This partnership between the Federal Government and the States provided an important service to individuals with disabilities by strengthening the capacity of each State to assist individuals with disabilities of all ages meet their assistive technology needs.

(7) Despite the success of the Federal-State partnership in providing access to assistive technology devices and assistive technology services, there is a continued need to provide information about the availability of assistive technology, advances in improving accessibility and functionality of assistive technology, and appropriate methods to secure and utilize