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mental organizations, including organizations with experience in the delivery of services to persons who are the subject of trafficking in persons.

# (c) Limitation on Federal share

The Federal share of a grant made under this section may not exceed 75 percent of the total costs of the projects described in the application submitted.

# (d) No limitation on section 14044a grant applications

An entity that applies for a grant under section 14044a of this title is not prohibited from also applying for a grant under this section.

# (e) Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Attorney General to carry out this section \$10,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2014 through 2017.

#### (f) GAO evaluation and report

Not later than 30 months after March 7, 2013, the Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a study of and submit to Congress a report evaluating the impact of this section on—

(1) the ability of law enforcement personnel to identify victims of severe forms of trafficking in persons and investigate and prosecute cases against offenders, including offenders who engage in the purchasing of commercial sex acts with a minor; and

(2) recommendations, if any, regarding any legislative or administrative action the Comptroller General determines appropriate to improve the ability described in paragraph (1).

(Pub. L. 109-164, title II, §204, Jan. 10, 2006, 119 Stat. 3571; Pub. L. 110-457, title III, §302(5), Dec. 23, 2008, 122 Stat. 5087; Pub. L. 113-4, title XII, §1242, Mar. 7, 2013, 127 Stat. 153.)

## CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2005, and not as part of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 which enacted this chapter.

#### Amendments

2013—Subsec. (a)(1)(A). Pub. L. 113-4, §1242(1)(A), struck out ", which involve United States citizens, or aliens admitted for permanent residence, and" after "related offenses".

Subsec. (a)(1)(B) to (E). Pub. L. 113–4, 1242(1)(B)-(D), added subpar. (B), redesignated former subpars. (B) to (D) as (C) to (E), respectively, and in subpar. (C) inserted "and prioritize the investigations and prosecutions of those cases involving minor victims" after "commercial sex acts".

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 113–4, 1242(3), added subsec. (d). Former subsec. (d) redesignated (e).

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 113-4, \$1242(2), (4), redesignated subsec. (d) as (e) and substituted "\$10,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2014 through 2017" for "\$20,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2008 through 2011".

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 113-4, §1242(5), added subsec. (f).

2008—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 110-457 substituted "\$20,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2008 through 2011" for "\$25,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2006 and 2007".

# §14044d. Senior Policy Operating Group

Each Federal department or agency involved in grant activities related to combatting trafficking or providing services to persons subjected to trafficking inside the United States shall apprise the Senior Policy Operating Group established by section  $105(f)^1$  of the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7103(f)), under the procedures established by the Senior Policy Operating Group, of such activities of the department or agency to ensure that the activities are consistent with the purposes of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7101 et seq.).

(Pub. L. 109-164, title II, §206, Jan. 10, 2006, 119 Stat. 3571; Pub. L. 110-457, title II, §233, Dec. 23, 2008, 122 Stat. 5074.)

#### References in Text

Section 105(f) of the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000, referred to in text, was redesignated 105(g) of the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000 by Pub. L. 113-4, title XII, §1201(3), Mar. 7, 2013, 127 Stat. 136.

The Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, referred to in text, is div. A of Pub. L. 106-386, Oct. 28, 2000, 114 Stat. 1466, which is classified principally to chapter 78 (§7101 et seq.) of Title 22, Foreign Relations and Intercourse. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 7101 of Title 22 and Tables.

#### CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2005, and not as part of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 which enacted this chapter.

#### Amendments

2008—Pub. L. 110-457 struck out ", as the department or agency determines appropriate," before "apprise the Senior Policy Operating Group".

# §14044e. Definitions

In this part:

#### (1) Severe forms of trafficking in persons

The term "severe forms of trafficking in persons" has the meaning given the term in section 7102(9) of title 22.

# (2) Sex trafficking

The term 'sex trafficking' has the meaning given the term in section 7102(10) of title 22.

#### (3) Commercial sex act

The term "commercial sex act" has the meaning given the term in section 7102(4) of title 22.

(Pub. L. 109–164, title II, §207, Jan. 10, 2006, 119 Stat. 3572; Pub. L. 113–4, title XII, §1212(b)(2)(C), Mar. 7, 2013, 127 Stat. 144.)

#### References in Text

This part, referred to in text, was in the original "this title", meaning title II of Pub. L. 109-164, Jan. 10, 2006, 119 Stat. 3567, which enacted sections 14044 to 14044e of this title and amended sections 7103 and 7104 of Title 22, Foreign Relations and Intercourse. For complete classification of title II to the Code, see Tables.

#### CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2005, and not as

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>See References in Text note below.

part of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 which enacted this chapter.

#### Amendments

2013—Par. (1). Pub. L. 113-4, §1212(b)(2)(C)(i), substituted "section 7102(9)" for "section 7102(8)".

Par. (2). Pub. L. 113-4, §1212(b)(2)(C)(ii), substituted "section 7102(10)" for "section 7102(9)". Par. (3) Pub. L. 113-4, §1212(b)(2)(C)(iii), substituted

Par. (3). Pub. L. 113-4, §1212(b)(2)(C)(iii), substituted "section 7102(4)" for "section 7102(3)".

# §14044f. Grants for law enforcement training programs

## (a) Definitions

In this section:

#### (1) Act of trafficking

The term "act of trafficking" means an act or practice described in paragraph (9) of section 7102 of title 22.

# (2) Eligible entity

The term "eligible entity" means a State or a local government.

# (3) State

The term "State" means any State of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, the United States Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, and any other territory or possession of the United States.

# (4) Victim of trafficking

The term "victim of trafficking" means a person subjected to an act of trafficking.

# (b) Grants authorized

The Attorney General may award grants to eligible entities to provide training to State and local law enforcement personnel to identify and protect victims of trafficking.

#### (c) Use of funds

A grant awarded under this section shall be used to—

(1) train law enforcement personnel to identify and protect victims of trafficking, including training such personnel to utilize Federal, State, or local resources to assist victims of trafficking;

(2) train law enforcement or State or local prosecutors to identify, investigate, or prosecute acts of trafficking; or

(3) train law enforcement or State or local prosecutors to utilize laws that prohibit acts of trafficking and to assist in the development of State and local laws to prohibit acts of trafficking.

#### (d) Restrictions

## (1) Administrative expenses

An eligible entity that receives a grant under this section may use not more than 5 percent of the total amount of such grant for administrative expenses.

# (2) Nonexclusivity

Nothing in this section may be construed to restrict the ability of an eligible entity to apply for or obtain funding from any other source to carry out the training described in subsection (c).

# (e) Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated \$10,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to carry out the provisions of this section.

(Pub. L. 109-162, title I, §111, Jan. 5, 2006, 119 Stat. 2984; Pub. L. 113-4, title XII, §1212(b)(2)(D), Mar. 7, 2013, 127 Stat. 144.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005, and not as part of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 which enacted this chapter.

## Amendments

2013—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 113-4 substituted "paragraph (9)" for "paragraph (8)".

#### §14044g. Combat Human Trafficking Act

## (a) Short title

This section may be cited as the "Combat Human Trafficking Act of 2015".

# (b) Definitions

In this section:

# (1) Commercial sex act; severe forms of trafficking in persons; state; task force

The terms "commercial sex act", "severe forms of trafficking in persons", "State", and "Task Force" have the meanings given those terms in section 7102 of title 22.

# (2) Covered offender

The term "covered offender" means an individual who obtains, patronizes, or solicits a commercial sex act involving a person subject to severe forms of trafficking in persons.

# (3) Covered offense

The term "covered offense" means the provision, obtaining, patronizing, or soliciting of a commercial sex act involving a person subject to severe forms of trafficking in persons.

#### (4) Federal law enforcement officer

The term "Federal law enforcement officer" has the meaning given the term in section 115 of title 18.

#### (5) Local law enforcement officer

The term "local law enforcement officer" means any officer, agent, or employee of a unit of local government authorized by law or by a local government agency to engage in or supervise the prevention, detection, investigation, or prosecution of any violation of criminal law.

## (6) State law enforcement officer

The term "State law enforcement officer" means any officer, agent, or employee of a State authorized by law or by a State government agency to engage in or supervise the prevention, detection, investigation, or prosecution of any violation of criminal law.

# (c) Department of Justice training and policy for law enforcement officers, prosecutors, and judges

#### (1) Training

#### (A) Law enforcement officers

The Attorney General shall ensure that each anti-human trafficking program oper-