

ient any person determined by the Attorney General to be liable to the recipient for the costs of any activities undertaken by the recipient under such section.

(2) The proceeds from any judgment recovered in any suit brought by the United States under paragraph (1) (or, if the recipient files a similar suit on its own behalf, the proceeds from a judgment recovered by the recipient in such suit) shall be used to repay to the United States, by deposit in the Asbestos Trust Fund established by section 4022 of this title, to the extent that the proceeds are sufficient to provide for such repayment, an amount equal to the sum of—

(A) the amount (i) outstanding on any loan and (ii) of any grant made to the recipient; and

(B) an amount equal to the interest which would have been charged on such loan were the loan made by a commercial lender at prevailing interest rates (as determined by the Administrator).

(b) Expeditious recovery

The Attorney General shall, where appropriate, proceed in an expeditious manner to recover the amounts expended by the United States to carry out this subchapter from the persons identified by the Attorney General as being liable for such costs.

(Pub. L. 98-377, title V, § 508, Aug. 11, 1984, 98 Stat. 1293; Pub. L. 101-637, §§ 9, 14(a)(8), (b)(10), (11), (c)(5), Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4592, 4594-4596.)

AMENDMENTS

1990—Pub. L. 101-637, § 14(a)(8), inserted section catchline.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 101-637, § 14(b)(10), inserted heading.

Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 101-637, § 14(c)(5), substituted “section” for “sections” after “such”.

Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 101-637, § 9, inserted “by deposit in the Asbestos Trust Fund established by section 4022 of this title,” after “repay to the United States.”

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 101-637, § 14(b)(11), inserted heading.

§ 4018. Employee protection

No State or local educational agency receiving assistance under this subchapter may discharge any employee or otherwise discriminate against any employee with respect to the employee's compensation, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment because the employee has brought to the attention of the public information concerning any asbestos problem in the school buildings within the jurisdiction of such agency.

(Pub. L. 98-377, title V, § 509, Aug. 11, 1984, 98 Stat. 1294; Pub. L. 101-637, § 14(a)(9), Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4594.)

AMENDMENTS

1990—Pub. L. 101-637 inserted section catchline.

§ 4019. Affect on rights under other laws

Except as otherwise provided in section 4017 of this title, nothing in this subchapter shall—

(1) affect the right of any party to seek legal redress in connection with the purchase or installation of asbestos materials in schools or any claim of disability or death related to exposure to asbestos in a school setting; or

(2) affect the rights of any party under any other law.

(Pub. L. 98-377, title V, § 510, Aug. 11, 1984, 98 Stat. 1294; Pub. L. 101-637, § 14(a)(10), Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4594.)

AMENDMENTS

1990—Pub. L. 101-637 inserted section catchline.

§ 4020. Definitions

For purposes of this subchapter:

(1) The term “asbestos” means—

(A) chrysotile, amosite, or crocidolite; or
(B) in fibrous form, tremolite, anthophyllite, or actinolite.

(2) The term “Attorney General” means the Attorney General of the United States.

(3) The term “threat” or “hazard” means that an asbestos material is friable or easily damaged, or within reach of students or employees or otherwise susceptible to damage (including damage from water, vibration, or air circulation) which could result in the dispersal of asbestos fibers into the school environment.

(4) The term “local educational agency” means—

(A) any local educational agency as defined in section 7801 of this title; and

(B) the governing authority of any non-profit elementary or secondary school.

(5) The term “nonprofit elementary or secondary school” means—

(A) any elementary school or secondary school as defined in section 7801 of this title owned and operated by one or more non-profit corporations or associations no part of the net earnings of which inures, or may lawfully inure, to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual; and

(B) any school of any agency of the United States.

(6) The term “school buildings” means—

(A) structures suitable for use as classrooms, laboratories, libraries, school eating facilities, or facilities used for the preparation of food;

(B) any gymnasium or other facility which is specially designed for athletic or recreational activities for an academic course in physical education;

(C) other facilities used for the instruction of students, for research, or for the administration of educational or research programs; and

(D) maintenance, storage, or utility facilities essential to the operation of the facilities described in subparagraphs (A) through (C) of this paragraph.

(7) The term “Administrator” means the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, or the Administrator's designee.

(8) The term “State” means each of the several States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

(9) The term “response action” has the meaning given such term by section 2642(11) of title 15.

(Pub. L. 98-377, title V, §511, Aug. 11, 1984, 98 Stat. 1294; Pub. L. 101-637, §§10, 14(a)(11), (c)(6), Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4592, 4594, 4596; Pub. L. 103-382, title III, §394(c), Oct. 20, 1994, 108 Stat. 4027; Pub. L. 107-110, title X, §1076(l)(2), Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 2092; Pub. L. 114-95, title IX, §9215(dd)(2), Dec. 10, 2015, 129 Stat. 2173.)

AMENDMENTS

2015—Par. (4)(A). Pub. L. 114-95, §9215(dd)(2)(A), added subpar. (A) and struck out former subpar. (A) which read as follows: “any local educational agency as defined in section 7801 of this title; and”.

Par. (5)(A). Pub. L. 114-95, §9215(dd)(2)(B), added subpar. (A) and struck out former subpar. (A) which read as follows: “any elementary or secondary school as defined in section 7801 of this title owned and operated by one or more nonprofit corporations or associations no part of the net earnings of which inures, or may lawfully inure, to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual; and”.

2002—Par. (4)(A). Pub. L. 107-110, §1076(l)(2)(A), which directed amendment of subpar. (A) by substituting in the original “9101” for “198(a)(10)”, was executed by substituting “section 7801 of this title” for “section 8801 of this title”, to reflect the probable intent of Congress and prior amendment by Pub. L. 103-382, §394(c)(1), which had substituted “14101” for “198(a)(10)” in the original. See 1994 Amendment note below.

Par. (5)(A). Pub. L. 107-110, §1076(l)(2)(B), which directed amendment of subpar. (A) by substituting in the original “9101” for “198(a)(7)”, was executed by substituting “section 7801 of this title” for “section 8801 of this title”, to reflect the probable intent of Congress and prior amendment by Pub. L. 103-382, §394(c)(2), which had substituted “14101” for “198(a)(7)” in the original. See 1994 Amendment note below.

1994—Par. (4)(A). Pub. L. 103-382, §394(c)(1), substituted “section 8801 of this title” for “section 198(a)(10) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965”.

Par. (5)(A). Pub. L. 103-382, §394(c)(2), substituted “section 8801 of this title” for “section 198(a)(7) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965”.

1990—Pub. L. 101-637, §14(a)(11), (c)(6)(A), inserted section catchline and substituted “this subchapter:” for “this subchapter—”.

Pars. (1), (2). Pub. L. 101-637, §14(c)(6)(B), (C), substituted “The” for “the” at beginning and a period for semicolon at end.

Par. (3). Pub. L. 101-637, §§10(1), 14(c)(6)(B)–(D), substituted “The” for “the” at beginning and a period for semicolon at end, struck out “each” before “reach of students”, and inserted “, vibration,” after “damage from water”.

Par. (4). Pub. L. 101-637, §14(c)(6)(B), (C), substituted “The” for “the” at beginning and a period for semicolon at end.

Par. (5). Pub. L. 101-637, §14(c)(6)(E), which directed the insertion of “secondary” before “school”, was executed by making the insertion in the introductory provisions to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

Pub. L. 101-637, §14(c)(6)(B), (C), substituted “The” for “the” at beginning and a period for semicolon at end.

Pars. (6), (7). Pub. L. 101-637, §14(c)(6)(B), (C), substituted “The” for “the” at beginning and a period for semicolon at end.

Par. (8). Pub. L. 101-637, §14(c)(6)(B), substituted “The” for “the” at beginning.

Par. (9). Pub. L. 101-637, §10(2), added par. (9).

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.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2002 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 107-110 effective Jan. 8, 2002, except with respect to certain noncompetitive programs and competitive programs, see section 5 of Pub. L. 107-110, set out as an Effective Date note under section 6301 of this title.

TERMINATION OF TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

For termination of Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, see note set out preceding section 1681 of Title 48, Territories and Insular Possessions.

§ 4021. Authorization

(a) Amount; availability until expended

(1) There are hereby authorized to be appropriated for the asbestos abatement program not more than \$200,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, and 1995. In addition, for such purposes and for each of such fiscal years there are authorized to be appropriated out of the Asbestos Trust Fund established by section 4022 of this title such sums as are contained in such trust fund in each of such fiscal years.

(2) The sums appropriated under this subchapter shall remain available until expended.

(b) Minimum State amount; fiscal year obligation requirement; reserved funds for administration and asbestos abatement oriented program expenditures; appropriations out of Asbestos Trust Fund

(1) A State with qualified applicants shall receive no less than one-half of 1 per centum of the sums appropriated under this subchapter or the total of the amounts requested by such applicants, whichever is less. Those amounts available in each fiscal year under this paragraph shall be obligated before the end of that fiscal year. For the purposes of this paragraph the term “State” means each of the several States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Bureau of Indian Affairs and, taken together, Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

(2) Of those sums appropriated for the implementation of this subchapter, not more than 5 percent may be reserved during each fiscal year for the administration of this subchapter and for programs including (but not limited to) the following:

(A) The establishment of training centers for contractors, engineers, school employees, parents, and other personnel to provide instruction, in accordance with title II of the Toxic Substances Control Act (15 U.S.C. 2641 et seq.), on asbestos assessment and abatement.

(B) The development and dissemination of abatement guidance documents to assist in evaluation of potential hazards and the determination of proper abatement programs.

(C) The development of rules and regulations regarding inspection, reporting, and record-keeping.

(D) The development of a comprehensive testing and technical assistance program.

(3) Of those sums appropriated for any fiscal year for the implementation of this subchapter,