

(2) Whenever the Secretary determines that there is a pattern of complaints from any State in any fiscal year, the Secretary shall conduct an investigation of the use of funds received under this subchapter by such State in order to ensure compliance with the provisions of this subchapter.

(3) The Comptroller General of the United States may conduct an investigation of the use of funds received under this subchapter by a State in order to ensure compliance with the provisions of this subchapter.

**(c) Inspection of books, documents, etc.**

Pursuant to an investigation conducted under subsection (b) of this section, a State shall make appropriate books, documents, papers, and records available to the Secretary or the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives, for examination, copying, or mechanical reproduction on or off the premises of the appropriate entity upon a reasonable request therefor.

**(d) Request for information not readily available**

In conducting any investigation under subsection (b), the Secretary may not request any information not readily available to such State or require that any information be compiled, collected, or transmitted in any new form not already available.

(Pub. L. 97-35, title XXVI, §2608, Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 901; Pub. L. 98-558, title VI, §608, Oct. 30, 1984, 98 Stat. 2893; Pub. L. 101-501, title VII, §708, Nov. 3, 1990, 104 Stat. 1261.)

AMENDMENTS

1990—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 101-501 substituted “in writing in no more than 60 days to matters raised in” for “in an expeditious and speedy manner to”.

1984—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 98-558 substituted “the Secretary” for “he” before “shall conduct”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1990 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 101-501 effective Oct. 1, 1990, see section 1001(a) of Pub. L. 101-501, set out as a note under section 8621 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1984 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 98-558 effective Oct. 30, 1984, see section 609(a) of Pub. L. 98-558 set out as a note under section 8621 of this title.

**§ 8628. Limitation on use of grants for construction**

Grants made under this subchapter may not be used by the State, or by any other person with which the State makes arrangements to carry out the purposes of this subchapter, for the purchase or improvement of land, or the purchase, construction, or permanent improvement (other than low-cost residential weatherization or other energy-related home repairs) of any building or other facility.

(Pub. L. 97-35, title XXVI, §2609, Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 902.)

**§ 8628a. Technical assistance, training, and compliance reviews**

(a) Of the amounts appropriated under section 8621(b) of this title for any fiscal year, not more

than \$300,000 of such amounts may be reserved by the Secretary—

(1) to—

(A) make grants to State and public agencies and private nonprofit organizations; or

(B) enter into contracts or jointly financed cooperative arrangements or interagency agreements with States and public agencies (including Federal agencies) and private nonprofit organizations;

to provide for training and technical assistance related to the purposes of this subchapter, including collection and dissemination of information about programs and projects assisted under this subchapter, and ongoing matters of regional or national significance that the Secretary finds would assist in the more effective provision of services under this subchapter; or

(2) to conduct onsite compliance reviews of programs supported under this subchapter.

(b) No provision of this section shall be construed to prevent the Secretary from making a grant pursuant to subsection (a) to one or more private nonprofit organizations that apply jointly with a business concern to receive such grant.

(Pub. L. 97-35, title XXVI, §2609A, as added Pub. L. 99-425, title V, §505(a), Sept. 30, 1986, 100 Stat. 975; amended Pub. L. 103-252, title III, §311(a)(3), May 18, 1994, 108 Stat. 661; Pub. L. 105-285, title III, §309, Oct. 27, 1998, 112 Stat. 2759.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This subchapter, the first and second time appearing in subsec. (a)(1), was in the original “this subtitle” which was translated as “this title”, meaning title XXVI of Pub. L. 97-35, as the probable intent of Congress.

AMENDMENTS

1998—Pub. L. 105-285, §309(b), substituted “Technical assistance, training, and compliance reviews” for “Technical assistance and training” as section catchline.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 105-285, §309(a), substituted “\$300,000” for “\$250,000” in introductory provisions, designated existing provisions as par. (1) and inserted “to—”, redesignated former par. (1) as subpar. (A), realigned margin, and substituted “make grants” for “to make grants”, redesignated former par. (2) as subpar. (B), realigned margin, substituted “enter into” for “to enter into” and inserted “or interagency agreements” after “cooperative arrangements” and “(including Federal agencies)” after “public agencies”, realigned margin of concluding provisions and substituted “; or” for period at end, and added par. (2).

1994—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 103-252 substituted “\$250,000” for “\$500,000” in introductory provisions.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1994 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 103-252 effective Oct. 1, 1994, see section 314 of Pub. L. 103-252, set out as a note under section 8621 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Oct. 1, 1986, see section 1001 of Pub. L. 99-425, set out as an Effective Date of 1986 Amendment note under section 8621 of this title.

**§ 8629. Studies and reports**

(a) The Secretary, after consultation with the Secretary of Energy, shall provide for the collection of data, including—