

transition plan for the first fiscal year following July 31, 2018.

See 2018 Amendment notes below.

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter (as amended by the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006), referred to in text, is this chapter as amended by Pub. L. 109-270, Aug. 12, 2006, 120 Stat. 683.

The Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998, as in effect on the day before August 12, 2006, referred to in text, means Pub. L. 88-210, as amended, which was classified generally to this chapter, prior to being amended generally and renamed the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 by Pub. L. 109-270, §1(b), Aug. 12, 2006, 120 Stat. 683.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2303, Pub. L. 88-210, §4, as added Pub. L. 105-332, §1(b), Oct. 31, 1998, 112 Stat. 3082, related to transition provisions, prior to the general amendment of this chapter by Pub. L. 109-270.

Another prior section 2303, Pub. L. 101-392, §4, Sept. 25, 1990, 104 Stat. 758; Pub. L. 104-66, title I, §1041(f), Dec. 21, 1995, 109 Stat. 715, which related to the Interdepartmental Task Force on Vocational Education and Related Programs, was transferred to section 2308 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-224, §8(1), substituted “are necessary” for “the Secretary determines to be appropriate”.

Pub. L. 115-224, §8(2), substituted “as amended by the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act” for “as amended by the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006” and substituted “July 31, 2018” for “August 12, 2006” in two places.

Pub. L. 115-224, §8(3), substituted “Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 2006” for “Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 115-224 effective July 1, 2019, see section 4 of Pub. L. 115-224, set out as a note under section 2301 of this title.

§ 2304. Privacy

(a) GEPA

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to supersede the privacy protections afforded parents and students under section 444 of the General Education Provisions Act (20 U.S.C. 1232g).

(b) Prohibition on development of national database

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to permit the development of a national database of personally identifiable information on individuals receiving services under this chapter.

(Pub. L. 88-210, §5, as added Pub. L. 109-270, §1(b), Aug. 12, 2006, 120 Stat. 690.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2304, Pub. L. 88-210, §5, as added Pub. L. 105-332, §1(b), Oct. 31, 1998, 112 Stat. 3082, related to privacy, prior to the general amendment of this chapter by Pub. L. 109-270.

§ 2305. Limitation

All of the funds made available under this chapter shall be used in accordance with the requirements of this chapter.

(Pub. L. 88-210, §6, as added Pub. L. 109-270, §1(b), Aug. 12, 2006, 120 Stat. 690.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2305, Pub. L. 88-210, §6, as added Pub. L. 105-332, §1(b), Oct. 31, 1998, 112 Stat. 3082, related to limitation on use of funds, prior to the general amendment of this chapter by Pub. L. 109-270.

§ 2306. Special rule

In the case of a local community in which no employees are represented by a labor organization, for purposes of this chapter, the term “representatives of employees” shall be substituted for “labor organization”.

(Pub. L. 88-210, §7, as added Pub. L. 109-270, §1(b), Aug. 12, 2006, 120 Stat. 690.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2306, Pub. L. 88-210, §7, as added Pub. L. 105-332, §1(b), Oct. 31, 1998, 112 Stat. 3083, related to special rule, prior to the general amendment of this chapter by Pub. L. 109-270.

§ 2306a. Prohibitions

(a) Local control

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to authorize an officer or employee of the Federal Government to mandate, direct, or control a State, local educational agency, or school’s curriculum, program of instruction, or allocation of State or local resources, or mandate a State or any subdivision thereof to spend any funds or incur any costs not paid for under this chapter, except as required under sections 2322(b), 2391(b), and 2413 of this title.

(b) No preclusion of other assistance

Any State that declines to submit an application to the Secretary for assistance under this chapter shall not be precluded from applying for assistance under any other program administered by the Secretary.

(c) Prohibition on requiring Federal approval or certification of standards

Notwithstanding any other provision of Federal law, no State shall be required to have academic and career and technical content standards or student academic and career and technical achievement standards approved or certified by the Federal Government, in order to receive assistance under this chapter.

(d) Rule of construction

Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect the requirements under section 2323 of this title.

(e) Coherent and rigorous content

For the purposes of this chapter, coherent and rigorous content shall be determined by the State consistent with section 6311(b)(1) of this title.

(Pub. L. 88-210, §8, as added Pub. L. 109-270, §1(b), Aug. 12, 2006, 120 Stat. 690; amended Pub. L. 114-95, title IX, §9215(n)(2), Dec. 10, 2015, 129 Stat. 2169; Pub. L. 115-224, §9, title II, §201(b), July 31, 2018, 132 Stat. 1574, 1622.)

AMENDMENT OF SECTION

Pub. L. 115-224, §§4, 9, title II, §201(b), July 31, 2018, 132 Stat. 1564, 1574, 1622, made amend-

ments to this section, effective July 1, 2019. After July 1, 2019, this section will read as follows:

§ 2306a. Prohibitions

(a) Local control

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to authorize an officer or employee of the Federal Government—

(1) to condition or incentivize the receipt of any grant, contract, or cooperative agreement, or the receipt of any priority or preference under such grant, contract, or cooperative agreement, upon a State, local educational agency, eligible agency, eligible recipient, eligible entity, or school's adoption or implementation of specific instructional content, academic standards and assessments, curricula, or program of instruction (including any condition, priority, or preference to adopt the Common Core State Standards developed under the Common Core State Standards Initiative, any other academic standards common to a significant number of States, or any assessment, instructional content, or curriculum aligned to such standards);

(2) through grants, contracts, or other cooperative agreements, to mandate, direct, or control a State, local educational agency, eligible agency, eligible recipient, eligible entity, or school's specific instructional content, academic standards and assessments, curricula, or program of instruction (including any requirement, direction, or mandate to adopt the Common Core State Standards developed under the Common Core State Standards Initiative, any other academic standards common to a significant number of States, or any assessment, instructional content, or curriculum aligned to such standards); or

(3) except as required under sections 2322(b), 2391(b), and 2413 of this title—

(A) to mandate, direct, or control the allocation of State or local resources; or

(B) to mandate that a State or a political subdivision of a State spend any funds or incur any costs not paid for under this chapter.

(b) No preclusion of other assistance

Any State that declines to submit an application to the Secretary for assistance under this chapter shall not be precluded from applying for assistance under any other program administered by the Secretary.

(c) Prohibition on requiring Federal approval or certification of standards

Notwithstanding any other provision of Federal law, no State shall be required to have academic and career and technical content standards or student academic and career and technical achievement standards approved or certified by the Federal Government, in order to receive assistance under this chapter.

(d) Rule of construction

Nothing in this section affects the applicability of subchapter II of chapter 5, and chapter 7, of title 5 (commonly known as the "Administrative Procedure Act") or chapter 8 of title 5, commonly known as the "Congressional Review Act").

(e) Coherent and rigorous content

For the purposes of this chapter, coherent and rigorous content shall be determined by the State consistent with section 6311(b)(1) of this title.

(f) Congressional notice and comment

(1) Notice to Congress

Not less than 15 business days prior to issuing a notice of proposed rulemaking related to this chapter in the Federal Register, the Secretary shall provide to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate, the Committee on Education and the Workforce of the House of Representatives, and other relevant congressional committees, notice of the Secretary's intent to issue a notice of proposed rulemaking that shall include—

(A) a copy of the proposed regulation;

(B) the need to issue the regulation;

(C) a description of how the regulation is consistent with the scope of this chapter;

(D) the anticipated burden (including the time, cost, and paperwork burden) the regulation will impose on an eligible agency, institution, or recipient that may be impacted by the regulation, including the potential impact on rural areas;

(E) the anticipated benefits to an eligible agency, institution, or recipient that may be impacted by the regulation, including in rural areas; and

(F) any regulations that will be repealed when the new regulation is issued.

(2) Comment period for Congress

The Secretary shall—

(A) before issuing any notice of proposed rulemaking under this subsection, provide Congress with a comment period of 15 business days to make comments on the proposed regulation, beginning on the date that the Secretary provides the notice of intent to the appropriate committees of Congress under paragraph (1); and

(B) include and seek to address all comments submitted by members of Congress in the public rulemaking record for the regulation published in the Federal Register.

(3) Comment and review period; emergency situations

The comment and review period for any proposed regulation shall be not less than 60 days unless an emergency requires a shorter period, in which case the Secretary shall—

(A) designate the proposed regulation as an emergency with an explanation of the emergency in the notice to Congress under paragraph (1);

(B) publish the length of the comment and review period in such notice and in the Federal Register; and

(C) conduct immediately thereafter regional meetings to review such proposed regulation before issuing any final regulation.

See 2018 Amendment notes below.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 8 of Pub. L. 88-210 was classified to section 2307 of this title prior to the general amendment of this chapter by Pub. L. 109-270.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 115-224, §201(b), which made technical amendment to references in original Act which appeared in text as references to sections 2391(b) and 2413 of this title, could not be executed because of the intervening amendment by Pub. L. 115-224, §9(1),

which had already amended those references. See below.

Pub. L. 115-224, §9(1), substituted “Federal Government—” for “Federal Government to mandate, direct, or control a State, local educational agency, or school’s curriculum, program of instruction, or allocation of State or local resources, or mandate a State or any subdivision thereof to spend any funds or incur any costs not paid for under this chapter, except as required under sections 2322(b), 2391(b), and 2413 of this title.” and added pars. (1) to (3).

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 115-224, §9(2), amended subsec. (d) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect the requirements under section 2323 of this title.”

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 115-224, §9(3), added subsec. (f).

2015—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 114-95 substituted “section 6311(b)(1) of this title” for “section 6311(b)(1)(D) of this title”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 115-224 effective July 1, 2019, see section 4 of Pub. L. 115-224, set out as a note under section 2301 of this title.

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.

§ 2307. Authorization of appropriations

There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this chapter (other than sections 2324, 2327, and 2328 of this title, and subchapter II) such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2012.

(Pub. L. 88-210, §9, as added Pub. L. 109-270, §1(b), Aug. 12, 2006, 120 Stat. 691; amended Pub. L. 115-224, §10, July 31, 2018, 132 Stat. 1576.)

AMENDMENT OF SECTION

Pub. L. 115-224, §§4, 10, July 31, 2018, 132 Stat. 1564, 1576, provided that, effective July 1, 2019, this section is amended to read as follows:

§ 2307. Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this chapter (other than sections 2324 and 2327 of this title)—

- (1) \$1,229,568,538 for fiscal year 2019;*
- (2) \$1,246,782,498 for fiscal year 2020;*
- (3) \$1,264,237,452 for fiscal year 2021;*
- (4) \$1,281,936,777 for fiscal year 2022;*
- (5) \$1,299,883,892 for fiscal year 2023; and*
- (6) \$1,318,082,266 for fiscal year 2024.*

See 2018 Amendment note below.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2307, Pub. L. 88-210, §8, as added Pub. L. 105-332, §1(b), Oct. 31, 1998, 112 Stat. 3083, related to authorization of appropriations, prior to the general amendment of this chapter by Pub. L. 109-270.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-224 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this chapter (other than sections 2324, 2327, and 2328 of this title, and subchapter II) such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2012.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 115-224 effective July 1, 2019, see section 4 of Pub. L. 115-224, set out as a note under section 2301 of this title.

§ 2308. Interdepartmental Task Force on Vocational Education and Related Programs

(a) Establishment

There is established the Interdepartmental Task Force on Vocational Education and Related Programs (in this section referred to as the “Task Force”).

(b) Membership

The Task Force shall consist of the Secretary of Education, the Secretary of Labor, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and such other personnel of the Department of Education, the Department of Labor, and the Department of Health and Human Services as the Secretaries consider appropriate.

(c) Duties

The Task Force shall—

(1) examine principal data required for programs under the Adult Education Act, the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act, the Job Training Partnership Act, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 [29 U.S.C. 701 et seq.], and the Wagner-Peyser Act [29 U.S.C. 49 et seq.];

(2) examine possible common objectives, definitions, measures, and standards for such programs; and

(3) consider integration of research and development conducted with Federal assistance in the area of vocational education and related areas, including areas of emerging technologies.

(Pub. L. 101-392, §4, Sept. 25, 1990, 104 Stat. 758; Pub. L. 104-66, title I, §1041(f), Dec. 21, 1995, 109 Stat. 715.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Adult Education Act, referred to in subsec. (c)(1), was title III of Pub. L. 89-750, Nov. 3, 1966, 80 Stat. 1216, as amended, which was classified generally to chapter 30 (§1201 et seq.) of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105-220, title II, §251(a)(1), Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1079. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

The Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act, referred to in subsec. (c)(1), was Pub. L. 88-210, Dec. 18, 1963, 77 Stat. 403, as amended, which was classified generally to this chapter, prior to being amended generally and renamed the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 by Pub. L. 105-332, §1(b), Oct. 31, 1998, 112 Stat. 3076, and amended generally and renamed the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 by Pub. L. 109-270, §1(b), Aug. 12, 2006, 120 Stat. 683. For complete classification of Pub. L. 88-210 to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 2301 of this title and Tables.

The Job Training Partnership Act, referred to in subsec. (c)(1), is Pub. L. 97-300, Oct. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 1322, as amended, which was classified generally to chapter 19 (§1501 et seq.) of Title 29, Labor, and was repealed by Pub. L. 105-220, title I, §199(b)(2), (c)(2)(B), Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1059, effective July 1, 2000. Pursuant to former section 2940(b) of Title 29, references to a provision of the Job Training Partnership Act, effective Aug. 7, 1998, were deemed to refer to that provision or the corresponding provision of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, Pub. L. 105-220, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 936, and, effective July 1, 2000, were deemed to refer to the corresponding provision of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998. The Workforce Investment Act of 1998 was repealed by Pub. L. 113-128, title V, §§506, 511(a), July 22,