

(1) To recognize and address the unique educational needs of Alaska Natives.

(2) To recognize the role of Alaska Native languages and cultures in the educational success and long-term well-being of Alaska Native students.

(3) To integrate Alaska Native cultures and languages into education, develop Alaska Native students' positive identity, and support local place-based and culture-based curriculum and programming.

(4) To authorize the development, management, and expansion of effective supplemental educational programs to benefit Alaska Natives.

(5) To provide direction and guidance to appropriate Federal, State and local agencies to focus resources, including resources made available under this part, on meeting the educational needs of Alaska Natives.

(6) To ensure the maximum participation by Alaska Native educators and leaders in the planning, development, implementation, management, and evaluation of programs designed to serve Alaska Native students.

(Pub. L. 89-10, title VI, § 6303, formerly title VII, § 7303, as added Pub. L. 107-110, title VII, § 701, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1943; renumbered title VI, § 6303, and amended Pub. L. 114-95, title VI, §§ 6001(a), (b)(1), 6004(b), Dec. 10, 2015, 129 Stat. 2046, 2068.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 7543, Pub. L. 89-10, title VII, § 7303, as added Pub. L. 103-382, title I, § 101, Oct. 20, 1994, 108 Stat. 3739, related to withholding, prior to the general amendment of former subchapter VII of this chapter by Pub. L. 107-110.

A prior section 6303 of Pub. L. 89-10 was classified to section 7353 of this title, prior to the general amendment of former subchapter VI of this chapter by Pub. L. 107-110.

AMENDMENTS

2015—Par. (1), Pub. L. 114-95, § 6004(b)(1), inserted “and address” after “To recognize”.

Pars. (2) to (5), Pub. L. 114-95, § 6004(b)(2)–(5), added pars. (2) and (3), redesignated former pars. (2) and (4) as (4) and (5), respectively, substituted “, management, and expansion of effective supplemental educational programs to benefit Alaska Natives.” for “of supplemental educational programs to benefit Alaska Natives.” in par. (4), and struck out former par. (3) which read as follows: “To supplement existing programs and authorities in the area of education to further the purposes of this part.”

Par. (6), Pub. L. 114-95, § 6004(b)(6), added par. (6).

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.

§ 7544. Program authorized

(a) General authority

(1) Grants and contracts

The Secretary is authorized to make grants to, or enter into contracts with—

(A) Alaska Native organizations with experience operating programs that fulfill the purposes of this part;

(B) Alaska Native organizations that do not have the experience described in subparagraph (A) but are in partnership with—

(i) a State educational agency or a local educational agency; or
(ii) an Alaska Native organization that operates a program that fulfills the purposes of this part;

(C) an entity located in Alaska, and predominately governed by Alaska Natives, that does not meet the definition of an Alaska Native organization under this part but—

(i) has experience operating programs that fulfill the purposes of this part; and
(ii) is granted an official charter or sanction, as described in the definition of a tribal organization under section 5304 of title 25, from at least one Alaska Native tribe or Alaska Native organization to carry out programs that meet the purposes of this part.

(2) Mandatory activities

Activities provided through the programs carried out under this part shall include the following:

(A) The development and implementation of plans, methods, strategies, and activities to improve the educational outcomes of Alaska Natives.

(B) The collection of data to assist in the evaluation of the programs carried out under this part.

(3) Permissible activities

Activities provided through programs carried out under this part may include the following:

(A) The development of curricula and programs that address the educational needs of Alaska Native students, including the following:

(i) Curriculum materials that are culturally informed and reflect the cultural diversity, languages, history, or the contributions of Alaska Native people, including curricula intended to preserve and promote Alaska Native culture.

(ii) Instructional programs that make use of Alaska Native languages and cultures.

(iii) Networks that develop, test, and disseminate best practices and introduce successful programs, materials, and techniques to meet the educational needs of Alaska Native students in urban and rural schools.

(B) Training and professional development activities for educators, including the following:

(i) Pre-service and in-service training and professional development programs to prepare teachers to develop appreciation for, and understanding of, Alaska Native history, cultures, values, and ways of knowing and learning in order to effectively address the cultural diversity and unique needs of Alaska Native students and improve the teaching methods of educators.

(ii) Recruitment and preparation of Alaska Native teachers.

(iii) Programs that will lead to the certification and licensing of Alaska Native teachers, principals, other school leaders, and superintendents.

(C) Early childhood and parenting education activities designed to improve the school readiness of Alaska Native children, including—

(i) the development and operation of home visiting programs for Alaska Native preschool children, to ensure the active involvement of parents in their children's education from the earliest ages;

(ii) training, education, and support, including in-home visitation, for parents and caregivers of Alaska Native children to improve parenting and caregiving skills (including skills relating to discipline and cognitive development, reading readiness, observation, storytelling, and critical thinking);

(iii) family literacy services;

(iv) activities carried out under the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9831 et seq.);

(v) programs for parents and their infants, from the prenatal period of the infant through age 3;

(vi) early childhood education programs; and

(vii) native language immersion within early childhood education programs, Head Start, or preschool programs.

(D) The development and operation of student enrichment programs, including programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics that—

(i) are designed to prepare Alaska Native students to excel in such subjects;

(ii) provide appropriate support services to enable such students to benefit from the programs; and

(iii) include activities that recognize and support the unique cultural and educational needs of Alaska Native children and incorporate appropriately qualified Alaska Native elders and other tradition bearers.

(E) Research and data collection activities to determine the educational status and needs of Alaska Native children and adults and other such research and evaluation activities related to programs funded under this part.

(F) Activities designed to enable Alaska Native students served under this part to meet the challenging State academic standards or increase the graduation rates of Alaska Native students, such as—

(i) remedial and enrichment programs;

(ii) culturally based education programs, such as—

(I) programs of study and other instruction in Alaska Native history and ways of living to share the rich and diverse cultures of Alaska Natives among Alaska Native youth and elders, non-Native students and teachers, and the larger community;

(II) instructing Alaska Native youth in leadership, communication, and Alaska

Native culture, arts, history, and languages;

(III) intergenerational learning and internship opportunities to Alaska Native youth and young adults;

(IV) providing cultural immersion activities aimed at Alaska Native cultural preservation;

(V) native language instruction and immersion activities, including native language immersion nests or schools;

(VI) school-within-a-school model programs; and

(VII) preparation for postsecondary education and career planning; and

(iii) comprehensive school or community-based support services, including services that—

(I) address family instability and trauma; and

(II) improve conditions for learning at home, in the community, and at school.

(G) Student and teacher exchange programs, cross-cultural immersion programs, and culture camps designed to build mutual respect and understanding among participants.

(H) Education programs for at-risk urban Alaska Native students that are designed to improve academic proficiency and graduation rates, use strategies otherwise permissible under this part, and incorporate a strong data collection and continuous evaluation component.

(I) Strategies designed to increase the involvement of parents in their children's education.

(J) Programs and strategies that increase connections between and among schools, families, and communities, including positive youth-adult relationships, to—

(i) promote the academic progress and positive development of Alaska Native children and youth; and

(ii) improve conditions for learning at home, in the community, and at school.

(K) Career preparation activities to enable Alaska Native children and adults to prepare for meaningful employment, including programs providing tech-prep, mentoring, training, and apprenticeship activities.

(L) Support for the development and operational activities of regional vocational schools in rural areas of Alaska to provide students with necessary resources to prepare for skilled employment opportunities.

(M) Regional leadership academies that demonstrate effectiveness in building respect and understanding, and fostering a sense of Alaska Native identity in Alaska Native students to promote their pursuit of and success in completing higher education or career training.

(N) Other activities, consistent with the purposes of this part, to meet the educational needs of Alaska Native children and adults.

(b) Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$31,453,000 for each of fiscal years 2017 through 2020.

(Pub. L. 89-10, title VI, § 6304, formerly title VII, § 7304, as added Pub. L. 107-110, title VII, § 701, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1943; amended Pub. L. 108-11, title II, § 2504, Apr. 16, 2003, 117 Stat. 599; renumbered title VI, § 6304, and amended Pub. L. 114-95, title VI, §§ 6001(a), (b)(1), 6004(c), Dec. 10, 2015, 129 Stat. 2046, 2068; Pub. L. 115-224, title III, § 302(3), July 31, 2018, 132 Stat. 1623.)

AMENDMENT OF SUBSECTION (a)(3)(K)

Pub. L. 115-224, § 4, title III, § 302(3), July 31, 2018, 132 Stat. 1564, 1623, provided that, effective July 1, 2019, subsection (a)(3)(K) of this section is amended by striking out “tech-prep,” before “mentoring,”. See 2018 Amendment note below.

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Head Start Act, referred to in subsec. (a)(3)(C)(iv), is subchapter B (§ 635 et seq.) of chapter 8 of subtitle A of title VI of Pub. L. 97-35, Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 499, which is classified generally to subchapter II (§ 9831 et seq.) of chapter 105 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 9801 of Title 42 and Tables.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 7544, Pub. L. 89-10, title VII, § 7304, as added Pub. L. 103-382, title I, § 101, Oct. 20, 1994, 108 Stat. 3740, related to State allocations, prior to the general amendment of former subchapter VII of this chapter by Pub. L. 107-110.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Subsec. (a)(3)(K). Pub. L. 115-224 struck out “tech-prep,” before “mentoring,”.

2015—Pub. L. 114-95, § 6004(c), amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section related to program authorized, consisting of subsecs. (a) to (d).

2003—Subsec. (a)(2)(P). Pub. L. 108-11 substituted “operated by” for “such as”.

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.

§ 7545. Administrative provisions

Not more than 5 percent of funds provided to an award recipient under this part for any fiscal year may be used for administrative purposes.

(Pub. L. 89-10, title VI, § 6305, formerly title VII, § 7305, as added Pub. L. 107-110, title VII, § 701, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1946; renumbered title VI, § 6305, and amended Pub. L. 114-95, title VI, §§ 6001(a), (b)(1), 6004(d), Dec. 10, 2015, 129 Stat. 2046, 2071.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 7545, Pub. L. 89-10, title VII, § 7305, as added Pub. L. 103-382, title I, § 101, Oct. 20, 1994, 108 Stat. 3741, related to State applications, prior to the general amendment of former subchapter VII of this chapter by Pub. L. 107-110.

AMENDMENTS

2015—Pub. L. 114-95, § 6004(d), amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section set out various ad-

ministrative provisions relating to applications for grants and awards under this part, consisting of subsecs. (a) to (d).

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.

§ 7546. Definitions

In this part:

(1) Alaska Native

The term “Alaska Native” has the same meaning as the term “Native” has in section 1602(b) of title 43 and includes the descendants of individuals so defined.

(2) Alaska Native organization

The term “Alaska Native organization” means an organization that has or commits to acquire expertise in the education of Alaska Natives and is—

(A) an Indian tribe, as defined in section 5304 of title 25, that is an Indian tribe located in Alaska;

(B) a “tribal organization”, as defined in section 5304 of title 25, that is a tribal organization located in Alaska; or

(C) an organization listed in clauses (i) through (xii) of section 619(4)(B) of title 42, or the successor of an entity so listed.

(Pub. L. 89-10, title VI, § 6306, formerly title VII, § 7306, as added Pub. L. 107-110, title VII, § 701, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1946; renumbered title VI, § 6306, and amended Pub. L. 114-95, title VI, §§ 6001(a), (b)(1), 6004(e), Dec. 10, 2015, 129 Stat. 2046, 2071.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 7546, Pub. L. 89-10, title VII, § 7306, as added Pub. L. 103-382, title I, § 101, Oct. 20, 1994, 108 Stat. 3743, related to administrative provisions, prior to the general amendment of former subchapter VII of this chapter by Pub. L. 107-110.

Prior sections 7547 to 7602 were omitted in the general amendment of former subchapter VII of this chapter by Pub. L. 107-110.

Section 7547, Pub. L. 89-10, title VII, § 7307, as added Pub. L. 103-382, title I, § 101, Oct. 20, 1994, 108 Stat. 3743, related to uses of funds.

Section 7548, Pub. L. 89-10, title VII, § 7308, as added Pub. L. 103-382, title I, § 101, Oct. 20, 1994, 108 Stat. 3744, related to reports.

Section 7549, Pub. L. 89-10, title VII, § 7309, as added Pub. L. 103-382, title I, § 101, Oct. 20, 1994, 108 Stat. 3744, authorized appropriations.

Section 7571, Pub. L. 89-10, title VII, § 7401, as added Pub. L. 103-382, title I, § 101, Oct. 20, 1994, 108 Stat. 3744, related to release time.

Section 7572, Pub. L. 89-10, title VII, § 7402, as added Pub. L. 103-382, title I, § 101, Oct. 20, 1994, 108 Stat. 3744, related to acquisition or development of education technology.

Section 7573, Pub. L. 89-10, title VII, § 7403, as added Pub. L. 103-382, title I, § 101, Oct. 20, 1994, 108 Stat. 3744, related to notification of awards.

Section 7574, Pub. L. 89-10, title VII, § 7404, as added Pub. L. 103-382, title I, § 101, Oct. 20, 1994, 108 Stat. 3744, related to continued eligibility for grants.

Section 7575, Pub. L. 89-10, title VII, § 7405, as added Pub. L. 103-382, title I, § 101, Oct. 20, 1994, 108 Stat. 3744, related to coordination and reporting requirements.