

(3) not later than 1 year after December 10, 2015, reduce the workforce of the Department by the number of full-time equivalent employees the Department identified under paragraph (2); and

(4) not later than 1 year after December 10, 2015, report to Congress on—

(A) the number of full-time equivalent employees associated with each program or project authorized under this chapter and administered by the Department;

(B) the number of full-time equivalent employees who were determined to be associated with eliminated or consolidated programs or projects described in paragraph (2);

(C) how the Secretary has reduced the number of full-time equivalent employees as described in paragraph (3);

(D) the average salary of the full-time equivalent employees described in subparagraph (B) whose positions were eliminated; and

(E) the average salary of the full-time equivalent employees who work on or administer a program or project authorized by the Department under this chapter, disaggregated by employee function within each such program or project.

(Pub. L. 89-10, title VIII, § 8205, as added Pub. L. 114-95, title VIII, § 8008, Dec. 10, 2015, 129 Stat. 2101.)

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

Prior sections 7831 to 7835 were omitted in the general amendment of former subchapter IX of this chapter by Pub. L. 107-110.

Section 7831, Pub. L. 89-10, title IX, § 9121, as added Pub. L. 103-382, title I, § 101, Oct. 20, 1994, 108 Stat. 3782, related to improvement of educational opportunities for Indian children.

Section 7832, Pub. L. 89-10, title IX, § 9122, as added Pub. L. 103-382, title I, § 101, Oct. 20, 1994, 108 Stat. 3784, related to professional development.

Section 7833, Pub. L. 89-10, title IX, § 9123, as added Pub. L. 103-382, title I, § 101, Oct. 20, 1994, 108 Stat. 3786, authorized fellowships for Indian students.

Section 7834, Pub. L. 89-10, title IX, § 9124, as added Pub. L. 103-382, title I, § 101, Oct. 20, 1994, 108 Stat. 3787; amended Pub. L. 105-244, title IX, § 901(d), Oct. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1828, related to gifted and talented Indian students.

Section 7835, Pub. L. 89-10, title IX, § 9125, as added Pub. L. 103-382, title I, § 101, Oct. 20, 1994, 108 Stat. 3789, related to grants to tribes for education administrative planning and development.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Section 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 an Effective Date of 2015 Amendment note under section 6301 of this title.

### PART C—COORDINATION OF PROGRAMS; CONSOLIDATED STATE AND LOCAL PLANS AND APPLICATIONS

#### § 7841. Purposes

The purposes of this part are—

(1) to improve teaching and learning by encouraging greater cross-program coordination, planning, and service delivery;

(2) to provide greater flexibility to State and local authorities through consolidated plans, applications, and reporting; and

(3) to enhance the integration of programs under this chapter with State and local programs.

(Pub. L. 89-10, title VIII, § 8301, formerly title IX, § 9301, as added Pub. L. 107-110, title IX, § 901, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1968; renumbered title VIII, § 8301, Pub. L. 114-95, title VIII, § 8001(a)(3), Dec. 10, 2015, 129 Stat. 2088, 2089.)

#### § 7842. Optional consolidated State plans or applications

##### (a) General authority

###### (1) Simplification

In order to simplify application requirements and reduce the burden for State educational agencies under this chapter, the Secretary, in accordance with subsection (b), shall establish procedures and criteria under which, after consultation with the Governor, a State educational agency may submit a consolidated State plan or a consolidated State application meeting the requirements of this section for—

(A) each of the covered programs in which the State participates; and

(B) such other programs as the Secretary may designate.

###### (2) Consolidated applications and plans

After consultation with the Governor, a State educational agency that submits a consolidated State plan or a consolidated State application under this section shall not be required to submit separate State plans or applications under any of the programs to which the consolidated State plan or consolidated State application under this section applies.

##### (b) Collaboration

###### (1) In general

In establishing criteria and procedures under this section, the Secretary shall collaborate with State educational agencies and, as appropriate, with other State agencies, local educational agencies, public and private agencies, organizations, and institutions, private schools, and representatives of parents, students, and teachers.

###### (2) Contents

Through the collaborative process described in paragraph (1), the Secretary shall establish, for each program under this chapter to which this section applies, the descriptions, information, assurances, and other material required to be included in a consolidated State plan or consolidated State application.

###### (3) Necessary materials

The Secretary shall require only descriptions, information, assurances (including assurances of compliance with applicable provisions regarding participation by private school children and teachers), and other materials that are absolutely necessary for the consideration of the consolidated State plan or consolidated State application.

(Pub. L. 89-10, title VIII, § 8302, formerly title IX, § 9302, as added Pub. L. 107-110, title IX, § 901, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1968; renumbered title VIII,

§ 8302, and amended Pub. L. 114-95, title VIII, §§ 8001(a)(3), 8009, Dec. 10, 2015, 129 Stat. 2088, 2089, 2102.)

#### AMENDMENTS

2015—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 114-95, § 8009, struck out “nonprofit” after “public and private”.

#### 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.

### § 7843. Consolidated reporting

#### (a) In general

In order to simplify reporting requirements and reduce reporting burdens, the Secretary shall establish procedures and criteria under which a State educational agency, in consultation with the Governor of the State, may submit a consolidated State annual report.

#### (b) Contents

The report shall contain information about the programs included in the report, including the performance of the State under those programs, and other matters as the Secretary determines are necessary, such as monitoring activities.

#### (c) Replacement

The report shall replace separate individual annual reports for the programs included in the consolidated State annual report.

(Pub. L. 89-10, title VIII, § 8303, formerly title IX, § 9303, as added Pub. L. 107-110, title IX, § 901, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1969; renumbered title VIII, § 8303, Pub. L. 114-95, title VIII, § 8001(a)(3), Dec. 10, 2015, 129 Stat. 2088, 2089.)

### § 7844. General applicability of State educational agency assurances

#### (a) Assurances

A State educational agency, in consultation with the Governor of the State, that submits a consolidated State plan or consolidated State application under this chapter, whether separately or under section 7842 of this title, shall have on file with the Secretary a single set of assurances, applicable to each program for which the plan or application is submitted, that provides that—

(1) each such program will be administered in accordance with all applicable statutes, regulations, program plans, and applications;

(2)(A) the control of funds provided under each such program and title to property acquired with program funds will be in a public agency, a<sup>1</sup> eligible private agency, institution, or organization, or an Indian tribe, if the law authorizing the program provides for assistance to those entities; and

(B) the public agency, eligible private agency, institution, or organization, or Indian tribe will administer those funds and property to the extent required by the authorizing law;

(3) the State will adopt and use proper methods of administering each such program, including—

(A) the enforcement of any obligations imposed by law on agencies, institutions, organizations, and other recipients responsible for carrying out each program;

(B) the correction of deficiencies in program operations that are identified through audits, monitoring, or evaluation; and

(C) the adoption of written procedures for the receipt and resolution of complaints alleging violations of law in the administration of the programs;

(4) the State will cooperate in carrying out any evaluation of each such program conducted by or for the Secretary or other Federal officials;

(5) the State will use such fiscal control and fund accounting procedures as will ensure proper disbursement of, and accounting for, Federal funds paid to the State under each such program;

(6) the State will—

(A) make reports to the Secretary as may be necessary to enable the Secretary to perform the Secretary’s duties under each such program; and

(B) maintain such records, provide such information to the Secretary, and afford such access to the records as the Secretary may find necessary to carry out the Secretary’s duties; and

(7) before the plan or application was submitted to the Secretary, the State afforded a reasonable opportunity for public comment on the plan or application and considered such comment.

#### (b) GEPA provision

Section 441 of the General Education Provisions Act [20 U.S.C. 1232d] shall not apply to programs under this chapter.

(Pub. L. 89-10, title VIII, § 8304, formerly title IX, § 9304, as added Pub. L. 107-110, title IX, § 901, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1969; renumbered title VIII, § 8304, and amended Pub. L. 114-95, title VIII, §§ 8001(a)(3), (b)(3), 8010, Dec. 10, 2015, 129 Stat. 2088, 2089, 2102.)

#### AMENDMENTS

2015—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 114-95, § 8001(b)(3), made technical amendment to reference in original act which appears in introductory provisions as reference to section 7842 of this title.

Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 114-95, § 8010, substituted “eligible” for “nonprofit” in subpars. (A) and (B).

#### 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.

### § 7845. Consolidated local plans or applications

#### (a) General authority

##### (1) Consolidated plan

A local educational agency receiving funds under more than one covered program may submit plans or applications to the State educational agency under those programs on a consolidated basis.

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be “an”.