

“(2) DISPOSAL.—Property at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center or the National Agricultural Library that is leased pursuant to this section shall not be considered to be disposed of by sale, lease, rental, excessing, or surplus for purposes of section 523 of Public Law 100-202 (101 Stat. 1329-417).

“(d) ADMINISTRATION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this section [June 18, 2008], the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate a report that describes detailed management objectives and performance measurements by which the Secretary intends to evaluate the success of the program under this section.

“(2) REPORTS.—Not later than September 30, 2021, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate a report describing the implementation of the program under this section, including—

“(A) a copy of each lease entered into pursuant to this section; and

“(B) an assessment by the Secretary of the success of the program using the management objectives and performance measurements developed by the Secretary.”

[Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 enacted identical provisions. Pub. L. 110-234 was repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as a note under section 8701 of this title.]

### § 3125a-1. Agricultural and food law research, legal tools, and information

#### (a) Partnerships

The Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the National Agricultural Library, shall support the dissemination of objective, scholarly, and authoritative agricultural and food law research, legal tools, and information by entering into cooperative agreements with institutions of higher education (as defined in section 1001 of title 20) that on February 7, 2014, are carrying out objective programs for research, legal tools, and information in agricultural and food law.

#### (b) Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2014 and each fiscal year thereafter.

(Pub. L. 113-79, title VII, § 7603, Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 911.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Agricultural Act of 2014, and not as part of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 which comprises this chapter.

### § 3125b. National Rural Information Center Clearinghouse

#### (a) Establishment

The Secretary shall establish, within the National Agricultural Library, in coordination with the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, a National Rural Information Center Clearinghouse (in this section referred to as the “Clearinghouse”) to perform the functions specified in subsection (b).

#### (b) Functions

The Clearinghouse shall provide and distribute information and data to any industry, organiza-

tion, or Federal, State, or local government entity, on request, about programs and services provided by Federal, State, and local agencies and private nonprofit organizations and institutions under which individuals residing in, or organizations and State and local government entities operating in, a rural area may be eligible for any kind of assistance, including job training, education, health care, and economic development assistance, and emotional and financial counseling. To the extent possible, the National Agricultural Library shall use telecommunications technology to disseminate information to rural areas.

#### (c) Federal agencies

On request of the Secretary, the head of a Federal agency shall provide to the Clearinghouse such information as the Secretary may request to enable the Clearinghouse to carry out subsection (b).

#### (d) State and local agencies and nonprofit organizations

The Secretary shall request State and local governments and private nonprofit organizations and institutions to provide to the Clearinghouse such information as such agencies and organizations may have about any program or service of such agencies, organizations, and institutions under which individuals residing in a rural area may be eligible for any kind of assistance, including job training, educational, health care, and economic development assistance, and emotional and financial counseling.

#### (e) Limitation on authorization of appropriations

To carry out this section, there are authorized to be appropriated \$500,000 for each of the fiscal years 1991 through 2023.

(Pub. L. 101-624, title XXIII, § 2381, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4049; Pub. L. 104-127, title VIII, § 842, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1170; Pub. L. 105-185, title III, § 301(b)(3), June 23, 1998, 112 Stat. 563; Pub. L. 107-171, title VII, § 7101, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 431; Pub. L. 110-234, title VII, §§ 7212, 7511(c)(9), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1242, 1268; Pub. L. 110-246, § 4(a), title VII, §§ 7212, 7511(c)(9), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2003, 2029; Pub. L. 113-79, title VII, § 7217, Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 887; Pub. L. 115-334, title VII, § 7215, Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4814.)

#### CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 made identical amendments to this section. The amendments by Pub. L. 110-234 were repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246.

Section was enacted as part of the Rural Economic Development Act of 1990, and also as part of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990, and not as part of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 which comprises this chapter.

#### AMENDMENTS

2018—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 115-334 substituted “2023” for “2018”.

2014—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 113-79 substituted “2018” for “2012”.

2008—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 110-246, § 7511(c)(9), substituted “National Institute of Food and Agriculture” for “Extension Service”.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 110-246, § 7212, substituted “2012” for “2007”.