1996—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 104–127, §§ 852(b)(4)(A), 853(b)(5)(A), substituted ''the Advisory Board'' for ''the Joint Council, the Advisory Board, or the Technology Board''.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 104–127, § 853(b)(5)(B), struck out ''and the Technology Board'' before ''shall serve without''.

Pub. L. 104–127, § 852(b)(4)(B), which directed substitution of ''Advisory Board'' for ''Joint Council, Advisory Board,'' could not be executed because those words did not appear in text.

1994—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 103–354 struck out subsec. (d) which read as follows: ''The President shall appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture who shall perform such duties as are necessary to carry out this chapter and who shall receive compensation at the rate now or hereafter prescribed by law for Assistant Secretaries of Agriculture.''

1990—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 101–624, § 1605(b)(2)(A), substituted '', the Advisory Board, or the Technology Board'' for ''or the Advisory Board''.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 101–624, § 1605(b)(2)(B), substituted '', the Advisory Board, and the Technology Board'' for ''and Advisory Board''.

Subsecs. (d), (e). Pub. L. 101–624, § 1605(b)(2)(C), redesignated subsec. (e) as (d) and struck out former subsec. (d) which read as follows: ''The Subcommittee on Food, Agricultural, and Forestry Research, the Joint Council, and the Advisory Board shall improve communication and interaction among themselves and with others in the agricultural science and education system through such mechanisms as the exchange of reports, joint meetings, and the use of liaison representatives.''

1981—Subsecs. (c) to (e). Pub. L. 97–98 added subsecs. (c) to (e).

<center>EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1981 AMENDMENT</center>

Amendment by Pub. L. 97–98 effective Dec. 22, 1981, see section 1801 of Pub. L. 97–98, set out as an Effective Date note under section 4301 of this title.

<center>EFFECTIVE DATE</center>

Section effective Oct. 1, 1977, see section 1901 of Pub. L. 95–113, set out as an Effective Date of 1977 Amendment note under section 1307 of this title.

## § 3129. Accountability

### (a) Review of information technology systems

The Secretary shall conduct a comprehensive review of state-of-the-art information technology systems that are available for use in developing the system required by subsection (b).

### (b) Monitoring and evaluation system

The Secretary shall develop and carry out a system to monitor and evaluate agricultural research and extension activities conducted or supported by the Department of Agriculture that will enable the Secretary to measure the impact and effectiveness of research, extension, and education programs according to priorities, goals, and mandates established by law. In developing the system, the Secretary shall incorporate information transfer technologies to optimize public access to research information.

### (c) Consistency with other requirements

The Secretary shall develop and implement the system in a manner consistent with the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (Public Law 103–62; 107 Stat. 285) and amendments made by the Act.

### (d) Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out this section.

(Pub. L. 95–113, title XIV, § 1413A, as added Pub. L. 104–127, title VIII, § 804, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1160.)

<center>REFERENCES IN TEXT</center>

The Government Performance and Results Act of 1993, referred to in subsec. (c), is Pub. L. 103–62, Aug. 3, 1993, 107 Stat. 285, which enacted section 306 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, sections 1115 to 1119, 9703, and 9704 of Title 31, Money and Finance, and sections 2801 to 2805 of Title 39, Postal Service, amended section 1105 of Title 31, and enacted provisions set out as notes under sections 1101 and 1115 of Title 31. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title of 1993 Amendment note set out under section 1101 of Title 31 and Tables.

<center>PRIOR PROVISIONS</center>

A prior section 3129, Pub. L. 95–113, title XIV, § 1413A, as added Pub. L. 96–294, title II, § 255(a), June 30, 1980, 94 Stat. 707, provided for biomass energy educational and technical assistance programs, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 101–624, title XVI, § 1601(f)(1)(C), Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3704.

## § 3129a. Federal Advisory Committee Act exemption for competitive research, extension, and education programs

The Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) and title XVIII of this Act [7 U.S.C. 2281 et seq.] shall not apply to any committee, board, commission, panel, or task force, or similar entity, created solely for the purpose of reviewing applications or proposals requesting funding under any competitive research, extension, or education program carried out by the Secretary.

(Pub. L. 95–113, title XIV, § 1413B, as added Pub. L. 104–127, title VIII, § 804, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1160.)

<center>REFERENCES IN TEXT</center>

The Federal Advisory Committee Act, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 92–463, Oct. 6, 1972, 86 Stat. 770, as amended, which is set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

Title XVIII of this Act, referred to in text, is title XVIII of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1977, Pub. L. 95–113, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 1041, as amended, which is classified generally to chapter 55A (§ 2281 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title of 1977 Amendment note set out under section 1281 of this title and Tables.

## § 3130. Repealed. Pub. L. 104–127, title VIII, § 858, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1173

Section, Pub. L. 101–624, title XIV, § 1456, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3614, related to composting research and extension program.

<center>SUBCHAPTER III—AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS</center>

## § 3151. Grants to enhance research capacity in schools of veterinary medicine

### (a) Competitive grant program

#### (1) In general

The Secretary shall conduct a program of competitive grants to States for the purpose of meeting the costs of renovation, improving compliance with Federal regulations, employing faculty, acquiring equipment, and taking