Level III of the Executive Schedule, referred to in subsec. (a)(2), is set out in section 5314 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

References to Maximum Rate Under 5 U.S.C. 5376

For reference to maximum rate under section 5376 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, see section 2(d)(3) of Pub. L. 110-372, set out as an Effective Date of 2008 Amendment note under section 5376 of Title 5.

#### § 9579. Fellowships

In order to strengthen the national capacity to carry out high-quality research, evaluation, and statistics related to education, the Director shall establish and maintain research, evaluation, and statistics fellowships in institutions of higher education (which may include the establishment of such fellowships in historically Black colleges and universities and other institutions of higher education with large numbers of minority students) that support graduate and postdoctoral study onsite at the Institute or at the institution of higher education. In establishing the fellowships, the Director shall ensure that women and minorities are actively recruited for participation.

(Pub. L. 107–279, title I, §189, Nov. 5, 2002, 116 Stat. 1974.)

#### §9580. Voluntary service

The Director may accept voluntary and uncompensated services to carry out and support activities that are consistent with the priorities and mission of the Institute.

(Pub. L. 107–279, title I, §190, Nov. 5, 2002, 116 Stat. 1974.)

## §9581. Rulemaking

Notwithstanding section 1232(d) of this title, the exemption for public property, loans, grants, and benefits in section 553(a)(2) of title 5 shall apply to the Institute.

(Pub. L. 107–279, title I, §191, Nov. 5, 2002, 116 Stat. 1974.)

## §9582. Copyright

Nothing in this Act shall be construed to affect the rights, remedies, limitations, or defense under title 17.

(Pub. L. 107–279, title I, §192, Nov. 5, 2002, 116 Stat. 1974.)

## References in Text

This Act, referred to in text, means Pub. L. 107-279, Nov. 5, 2002, 116 Stat. 1940, which enacted this chapter and section 3419 of this title, amended sections 1232j, 3412, 3461, 6194, 6311, 6312, 7013, 7451, 7703, 7909, 9007, 9010, 9011, 9573, 9623, and 9624 and former sections 6317, 6491, 6932, 7253c, 7283b, and 7283d of this title and section 5315 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, transferred sections 9010 and 9011 of this title to sections 9621 and 9622 of this title, respectively, repealed sections 3419, 6011, 6021, 6031, 6041, 6051, 6053 to 6053e, 6054 to 6054b, 6055 to 6055h, 6056, 6056a, 9001 to 9009, and 9012 of this title, enacted provisions set out as notes under section 7703 and 9501 of this title, and repealed provisions set out as notes under sections 1221e and 9001 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

#### § 9583. Removal

#### (a) Presidential

The Director, each member of the Board, and the Commissioner for Education Statistics may be removed by the President prior to the expiration of the term of each such appointee.

#### (b) Director

Each Commissioner appointed by the Director pursuant to section 9517 of this title may be removed by the Director prior to the expiration of the term of each such Commissioner.

(Pub. L. 107–279, title I, §193, Nov. 5, 2002, 116 Stat. 1974.)

## § 9584. Authorization of appropriations

#### (a) In general

There are authorized to be appropriated to administer and carry out this subchapter (except section 9564 of this title) \$400,000,000 for fiscal year 2003 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the 5 succeeding fiscal years, of which—

(1) not less than the amount provided to the National Center for Education Statistics (as such Center was in existence on the day before November 5, 2002) for fiscal year 2002 shall be provided to the National Center for Education Statistics, as authorized under part C; and

(2) not more than the lesser of 2 percent of such funds or \$1,000,000 shall be made available to carry out section 9516 of this title (relating to the National Board for Education Sciences).

## (b) Regional educational laboratories

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out section 9564 of this title \$100,000,000 for fiscal year 2003 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the 5 succeeding fiscal years. Of the amounts appropriated under the preceding sentence for a fiscal year, the Director shall obligate not less than 25 percent to carry out such purpose with respect to rural areas (including schools funded by the Bureau which are located in rural areas).

## (c) Availability

Amounts made available under this section shall remain available until expended.

(Pub. L. 107–279, title I, §194, Nov. 5, 2002, 116 Stat. 1975.)

# SUBCHAPTER II—EDUCATIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

## § 9601. Definitions

In this subchapter:

## (1) In general

The terms "local educational agency" and "State educational agency" have the meanings given those terms in section 7801 of this title.

## (2) Secretary

The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of Education.

(Pub. L. 107–279, title II, §202, Nov. 5, 2002, 116 Stat. 1975; Pub. L. 114–95, title IX, §9215(gg)(1), Dec. 10, 2015, 129 Stat. 2174.)