

Stat. 4409, related to the Rehabilitation Research Advisory Council, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 105-220.

#### AMENDMENTS

2014—Pub. L. 113-128, §436(1), inserted “Disability, Independent Living, and” before “Rehabilitation” in section catchline.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 113-128, §436(2), substituted “Department of Health and Human Services a Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research Advisory Council” for “Department of Education a Rehabilitation Research Advisory Council” and inserted “not less than” after “composed of”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 113-128, §436(3), added subsec. (c) and struck out former subsec. (c) which read as follows: “Members of the Council shall be generally representative of the community of rehabilitation professionals, the community of rehabilitation researchers, the community of individuals with disabilities, and the individuals’ representatives. At least one-half of the members shall be individuals with disabilities or the individuals’ representatives.”

Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 113-128, §436(4), substituted “Department of Health and Human Services” for “Department of Education”.

1998—Pub. L. 105-277, §101(f) [title VIII, §402(b)(11)], made technical amendment to section designation and catchline in original.

Pub. L. 105-277, §101(f) [title VIII, §401(16)], made technical amendment to directory language of Pub. L. 105-220, §405, which enacted this section.

### § 766. Definition of covered school

In this subchapter, the term “covered school” means an elementary school or secondary school (as such terms are defined in section 7801 of title 20) or an institution of higher education.

(Pub. L. 93-112, title II, §206, as added Pub. L. 113-128, title IV, §437, July 22, 2014, 128 Stat. 1671; amended Pub. L. 114-95, title IX, §9215(mmm)(2), Dec. 10, 2015, 129 Stat. 2188.)

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 770, Pub. L. 93-112, title III, §301, formerly §300, Sept. 26, 1973, 87 Stat. 377; Pub. L. 95-602, title I, §122(c)(1), Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2987; Pub. L. 99-506, title I, §103(d)(2)(C), Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1810; Pub. L. 100-630, title II, §204(a), Nov. 7, 1988, 102 Stat. 3308; renumbered §301 and amended Pub. L. 102-569, title I, §102(p)(15), title III, §301(a), (b)(3), Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4358, 4410, 4411, contained congressional declaration of purpose, prior to the general amendment of subchapter III of this chapter by Pub. L. 105-220.

#### AMENDMENTS

2015—Pub. L. 114-95 made technical amendment to reference in original act which appears in text as reference to section 7801 of title 20.

#### 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 Title 20, Education.

### SUBCHAPTER III—PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND SPECIAL PROJECTS AND DEMONSTRATIONS

#### CODIFICATION

Title III of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, comprising this subchapter, was originally enacted by Pub. L. 93-112, title III, Sept. 26, 1973, 87 Stat. 377, and amended by Pub. L. 93-516, Dec. 7, 1974, 88 Stat. 1617; Pub. L.

93-651, Nov. 21, 1974, 89 Stat. 2-3; Pub. L. 94-230, Mar. 15, 1976, 90 Stat. 211; Pub. L. 94-273, Apr. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 375; Pub. L. 94-288, May 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 520; Pub. L. 95-602, Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2955; Pub. L. 98-221, Feb. 22, 1984, 98 Stat. 17; Pub. L. 99-506, Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1807; Pub. L. 100-630, Nov. 7, 1988, 102 Stat. 3289; Pub. L. 102-52, June 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 260; Pub. L. 102-119, Oct. 7, 1991, 105 Stat. 587; Pub. L. 102-569, Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4344; Pub. L. 103-73, Aug. 11, 1993, 107 Stat. 718; Pub. L. 103-218, Mar. 9, 1994, 108 Stat. 50; Pub. L. 104-66, Dec. 21, 1995, 109 Stat. 707. Title III is shown herein, however, as having been added by Pub. L. 105-220, title IV, §406, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1183, without reference to those intervening amendments because of the extensive revision of title III by Pub. L. 105-220.

### § 771. Declaration of purpose and competitive basis of grants and contracts

#### (a) Purpose

It is the purpose of this subchapter to authorize grants and contracts to—

(1)(A) provide academic training to ensure that skilled personnel are available to provide rehabilitation services to individuals with disabilities through vocational, medical, social, and psychological rehabilitation programs (including supported employment programs), through economic and business development programs, through independent living services programs, and through client assistance programs; and

(B) provide training to maintain and upgrade basic skills and knowledge of personnel (including personnel specifically trained to deliver services to individuals with disabilities whose employment outcome is self-employment or telecommuting) employed to provide state-of-the-art service delivery and rehabilitation technology services;

(2) conduct special projects and demonstrations that expand and improve the provision of rehabilitation and other services (including those services provided through community rehabilitation programs) authorized under this chapter, or that otherwise further the purposes of this chapter, including related research and evaluation; and

(3) provide training and information to individuals with disabilities and the individuals’ representatives, and other appropriate parties to develop the skills necessary for individuals with disabilities to gain access to the rehabilitation system and statewide workforce development systems and to become active decisionmakers in the rehabilitation process.

#### (b) Competitive basis of grants and contracts

The Secretary shall ensure that all grants and contracts are awarded under this subchapter on a competitive basis.

(Pub. L. 93-112, title III, §301, as added Pub. L. 105-220, title IV, §406, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1183; amended Pub. L. 113-128, title IV, §441(a), July 22, 2014, 128 Stat. 1672.)

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 771, Pub. L. 93-112, title III, §301, Sept. 26, 1973, 87 Stat. 377; Pub. L. 93-516, title I, §104, Dec. 7, 1974, 88 Stat. 1618; Pub. L. 93-651, title I, §104, Nov. 21, 1974, 89 Stat. 2-4; Pub. L. 94-230, §§4, 11(b)(7), Mar. 15, 1976, 90 Stat. 211, 213; Pub. L. 94-273, §3(18), Apr. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 377; Pub. L. 95-602, title I, §§112(a), 122(c)(2), Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2967, 2987; Pub. L. 98-221, title I,