

**(c) Significant structural alterations by small providers**

Small providers are not required by subsection (a) to make significant structural alterations to their existing facilities for the purpose of assuring program accessibility, if alternative means of providing the services are available. The terms used in this subsection shall be construed with reference to the regulations existing on March 22, 1988.

**(d) Standards used in determining violation of section**

The standards used to determine whether this section has been violated in a complaint alleging employment discrimination under this section shall be the standards applied under title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12111 et seq.) and the provisions of sections 501 through 504, and 510,<sup>1</sup> of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12201–12204 and 12210), as such sections relate to employment.

(Pub. L. 93–112, title V, §504, Sept. 26, 1973, 87 Stat. 394; Pub. L. 95–602, title I, §§119, 122(d)(2), Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2982, 2987; Pub. L. 99–506, title I, §103(d)(2)(B), title X, §1002(e)(4), Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1810, 1844; Pub. L. 100–259, §4, Mar. 22, 1988, 102 Stat. 29; Pub. L. 100–630, title II, §206(d), Nov. 7, 1988, 102 Stat. 3312; Pub. L. 102–569, title I, §102(p)(32), title V, §506, Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4360, 4428; Pub. L. 103–382, title III, §394(i)(2), Oct. 20, 1994, 108 Stat. 4029; Pub. L. 105–220, title IV, §408(a)(3), Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1203; Pub. L. 107–110, title X, §1076(u)(2), Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 2093; Pub. L. 113–128, title IV, §456(c), July 22, 2014, 128 Stat. 1675; Pub. L. 114–95, title IX, §9215(mmm)(3), Dec. 10, 2015, 129 Stat. 2188.)

**REFERENCES IN TEXT**

The amendments to this section made by the Rehabilitation, Comprehensive Services, and Developmental Disabilities Act of 1978, referred to in subsec. (a), mean the amendments made by Pub. L. 95–602. See 1978 Amendments note below.

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, referred to in subsec. (d), is Pub. L. 101–336, July 26, 1990, 104 Stat. 327. Title I of the Act is classified generally to subchapter I (§12111 et seq.) of chapter 126 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare. Section 510 of the Act was renumbered section 511 by Pub. L. 110–325, §6(a)(2), Sept. 25, 2008, 122 Stat. 3558. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 12101 of Title 42 and Tables.

**AMENDMENTS**

2015—Subsec. (b)(2)(B). Pub. L. 114–95 made technical amendment to reference in original act which appears in text as reference to section 7801 of title 20.

2014—Subsec. (b)(2)(B). Pub. L. 113–128 substituted “career and technical education” for “vocational education”.

2002—Subsec. (b)(2)(B). Pub. L. 107–110 substituted “section 7801 of title 20” for “section 8801 of title 20”.

1998—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 105–220 substituted “section 705(20)” for “section 706(8)”.

1994—Subsec. (b)(2)(B). Pub. L. 103–382 substituted “section 8801 of title 20” for “section 2891(12) of title 20”.

1992—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 102–569, §102(p)(32), substituted “a disability” for “handicaps” and “disability” for “handicap” in first sentence.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 102–569, §506, added subsec. (d).

1988—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 100–630, §206(d)(1), substituted “her or his handicap” for “his handicap”.

Pub. L. 100–259, §4(1), designated existing provisions as subsec. (a).

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 100–259, §4(2), added subsec. (b).

Subsec. (b)(2)(B). Pub. L. 100–630, §206(d)(2), substituted “section 2891(12) of title 20” for “section 2854(a)(10) of title 20”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 100–259, §4(2), added subsec. (c).

1986—Pub. L. 99–506 substituted “individual with handicaps” for “handicapped individual” and “section 706(8) of this title” for “section 706(7) of this title”.

1978—Pub. L. 95–602 substituted “section 706(7) of this title” for “section 706(6) of this title” and inserted provision prohibiting discrimination under any program or activity conducted by any Executive agency or by the United States Postal Service and requiring the heads of these agencies to promulgate regulations prohibiting discrimination.

**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.

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2002 AMENDMENT**

Amendment by Pub. L. 107–110 effective Jan. 8, 2002, except with respect to certain noncompetitive programs and competitive programs, see section 5 of Pub. L. 107–110, set out as an Effective Date note under section 6301 of Title 20, Education.

**EXCLUSION FROM COVERAGE**

Amendment by Pub. L. 100–259 not to be construed to extend application of this chapter to ultimate beneficiaries of Federal financial assistance excluded from coverage before Mar. 22, 1988, see section 7 of Pub. L. 100–259, set out as a Construction note under section 1687 of Title 20, Education.

**ABORTION NEUTRALITY**

Amendment by Pub. L. 100–259 not to be construed to force or require any individual or hospital or any other institution, program, or activity receiving Federal funds to perform or pay for an abortion, see section 8 of Pub. L. 100–259, set out as a note under section 1688 of Title 20, Education.

**CONSTRUCTION OF PROHIBITION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION UNDER FEDERAL GRANTS**

Rights or protections of this section not affected by any provision of Pub. L. 98–457, see section 127 of Pub. L. 98–457, set out as a note under section 5101 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare.

**COORDINATION OF IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF PROVISIONS**

For provisions relating to the coordination of implementation and enforcement of the provisions of this section by the Attorney General, see section 1–201 of Ex. Ord. No. 12250, Nov. 2, 1980, 45 F.R. 72995, set out as a note under section 2000d–1 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare.

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 11914**

Ex. Ord. No. 11914, Apr. 28, 1976, 41 F.R. 17871, which related to nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs, was revoked by Ex. Ord. No. 12250, Nov. 2, 1980, 45 F.R. 72995, set out as a note under section 2000d–1 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare.

**§ 794a. Remedies and attorney fees**

(a)(1) The remedies, procedures, and rights set forth in section 717 of the Civil Rights Act of

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.

1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000e-16), including the application of sections 706(f) through 706(k) (42 U.S.C. 2000e-5(f) through (k)) (and the application of section 706(e)(3) (42 U.S.C. 2000e-5(e)(3)) to claims of discrimination in compensation), shall be available, with respect to any complaint under section 791 of this title, to any employee or applicant for employment aggrieved by the final disposition of such complaint, or by the failure to take final action on such complaint. In fashioning an equitable or affirmative action remedy under such section, a court may take into account the reasonableness of the cost of any necessary work place accommodation, and the availability of alternatives therefor or other appropriate relief in order to achieve an equitable and appropriate remedy.

(2) The remedies, procedures, and rights set forth in title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.) (and in subsection (e)(3) of section 706 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 2000e-5), applied to claims of discrimination in compensation) shall be available to any person aggrieved by any act or failure to act by any recipient of Federal assistance or Federal provider of such assistance under section 794 of this title.

(b) In any action or proceeding to enforce or charge a violation of a provision of this subchapter, the court, in its discretion, may allow the prevailing party, other than the United States, a reasonable attorney's fee as part of the costs.

(Pub. L. 93-112, title V, § 505, as added Pub. L. 95-602, title I, § 120(a), Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2982; amended Pub. L. 111-2, § 5(c)(1), Jan. 29, 2009, 123 Stat. 6.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Civil Rights Act of 1964, referred to in subsec. (a)(2), is Pub. L. 88-352, July 2, 1964, 78 Stat. 241. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 is classified generally to subchapter V (§ 2000d et seq.) of chapter 21 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 2000a of Title 42 and Tables.

#### AMENDMENTS

2009—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 111-2, § 5(c)(1)(A), inserted “(and the application of section 706(e)(3) (42 U.S.C. 2000e-5(e)(3)) to claims of discrimination in compensation)” after “(42 U.S.C. 2000e-5(f) through (k))”.

Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 111-2, § 5(c)(1)(B), inserted “(42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.) (and in subsection (e)(3) of section 706 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 2000e-5), applied to claims of discrimination in compensation)” after “1964”.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2009 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 111-2 effective as if enacted May 28, 2007, and applicable to certain claims of discrimination in compensation pending on or after that date, see section 6 of Pub. L. 111-2, set out as a note under section 2000e-5 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare.

### **§ 794b. Removal of architectural, transportation, or communication barriers; technical and financial assistance; compensation of experts or consultants; authorization of appropriations**

(a) The Secretary may provide directly or by contract with State vocational rehabilitation agencies or experts or consultants or groups thereof, technical assistance—

(1) to persons operating community rehabilitation programs; and

(2) with the concurrence of the Access Board established by section 792 of this title, to any public or nonprofit agency, institution, or organization;

for the purpose of assisting such persons or entities in removing architectural, transportation, or communication barriers. Any concurrence of the Access Board under paragraph (2) shall reflect its consideration of cost studies carried out by States.

(b) Any such experts or consultants, while serving pursuant to such contracts, shall be entitled to receive compensation at rates fixed by the Secretary, but not exceeding the daily equivalent of the rate of pay for level 4 of the Senior Executive Service Schedule under section 5382 of title 5, including travel time, and while so serving away from their homes or regular places of business, they may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by section 5703 of title 5 for persons in the Government service employed intermittently.

(c) The Secretary, with the concurrence of the Access Board and the President, may provide, directly or by contract, financial assistance to any public or nonprofit agency, institution, or organization for the purpose of removing architectural, transportation, and communication barriers. No assistance may be provided under this subsection until a study demonstrating the need for such assistance has been conducted and submitted under section 792(i)(1) of this title.

(d) In order to carry out this section, there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary.

(Pub. L. 93-112, title V, § 506, as added Pub. L. 95-602, title I, § 120(a), Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2983; amended Pub. L. 100-630, title II, § 206(e), Nov. 7, 1988, 102 Stat. 3312; Pub. L. 102-569, title V, § 507, Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4428; Pub. L. 105-220, title IV, § 408(a)(4), Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1203; Pub. L. 105-394, title II, § 203(b), Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3653.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1998—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 105-220, § 408(a)(4)(A), in concluding provisions, inserted last sentence and struck out former last sentence which read as follows: “Any concurrence of the Access Board under this paragraph shall reflect its consideration of the cost studies carried out by States under section 792(c)(1) of this title.”

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 105-394 substituted “792(i)(1)” for “792(h)(1)”.

Pub. L. 105-220, § 408(a)(4)(B), substituted “provided under this subsection” for “provided under this paragraph”.

1992—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 102-569, § 507(a), (b), substituted “community rehabilitation programs” for “rehabilitation facilities” in par. (1) and inserted “Access” before “Board” in par. (2) and concluding provisions.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 102-569, § 507(c), substituted “the rate of pay for level 4 of the Senior Executive Service Schedule under section 5382” for “the rate of basic pay payable for grade GS-18 of the General Schedule, under section 5332”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 102-569, § 507(a), (d), inserted “Access” before “Board” and substituted “792(h)(1)” for “792(h)(2)”.

1988—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 100-630, § 206(e)(1), (2), redesignated former par. (1) as subsec. (a) and former subpars. (A) and (B) as pars. (1) and (2), respectively.