(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,  $\S\S7212$ , 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 L. 110-234 were repealed by section 4(a) of Pub.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"

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"

2002—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 107-171 substituted "2007" for "2002"

1998—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 105-185 substituted "2002" for "1997"

1996—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 104-127 substituted "1997" for "1995".

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Amendment of this section and repeal of Pub. L. 110-234 by Pub. L. 110-246 effective May 22, 2008, the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-234, except as otherwise provided, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as an Effective Date note under section 8701 of this

Amendment by section 7511(c)(9) of Pub. L. 110-246 effective Oct. 1, 2009, see section 7511(c) of Pub. L. 110-246. set out as a note under section 1522 of this title.

# §3125c. Repealed. Pub. L. 104-127, title VIII, §859(a), Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1173

Section, Pub. L. 101-624, title XIV, §1499A, as added Pub. L. 102-237, title II, §201(h)(1), Dec. 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 1847, related to education program regarding handling of agricultural chemicals and agricultural chemical containers.

# § 3126. Libraries and information network

## (a) Congressional declaration of policy

It is declared to be the policy of Congress that—

- (1) cooperation and coordination among, and the more effective utilization of, disparate agricultural libraries and information units be facilitated:
- (2) information and library needs related to agricultural research and education be effectively planned for, coordinated, and evaluated;
- (3) a structure for the coordination of the agricultural libraries of colleges and universities, Department of Agriculture libraries,

and their closely allied information gathering and disseminating units be established in close conjunction with private industry and other research libraries:

(4) effective access by all colleges and universities and Department of Agriculture personnel to literature and information regarding the food and agricultural sciences be provided;

(5) programs for training in information utilization with respect to the food and agricultural sciences, including research grants for librarians, information scientists, and agricultural scientists be established or strengthened: and

(6) the Department of Agriculture establish mutually valuable working relationships with international and foreign information and data programs.

#### (b) Food and Nutrition and Education Resources Center

There is established within the National Agricultural Library of the Department of Agriculture a Food and Nutrition Information and Education Resources Center. Such Center shall be responsible for-

(1) assembling and collecting food and nutrition education materials, including the results of nutrition research, training methods, procedures, and other materials related to the purpose of this chapter:

(2) maintaining such information and mate-

rials in a library; and

(3) providing notification about these collections on a regular basis to the State cooperative extension services, State educational agencies, and other interested persons.

### (c) Authorization of appropriations

Funds are authorized to be appropriated annually in such amounts as Congress may determine necessary to support the purposes of this section. The Secretary is authorized to carry out this section with existing facilities through the use of grants, contracts, or such other means as the Secretary deems appropriate and to require matching of funds. No funds appropriated to support the purposes of this section shall be used to purchase additional equipment unless specifically authorized by law subsequent to September 29, 1977.

(Pub. L. 95-113, title XIV, §1411, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 990; Pub. L. 97-98, title XIV, §1412, Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1302.)

# References in Text

For definition of "this chapter", referred to in subsec. (b)(1), see note set out under section 3102 of this title.

# AMENDMENTS

1981—Subsec. (a)(6). Pub. L. 97-98, §1412(1)-(3), added

Subsec. (b)(3). Pub. L. 97-98, §1412(4), substituted "notification about these collections on a regular basis to the State cooperative extension services. State educational agencies, and other interested persons" for "for the dissemination of such information and materials on a regular basis to State educational agencies and other interested persons".

## Effective Date of 1981 Amendment

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.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

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.

# §3127. Support for Advisory Board

# (a) Appointment of staff

To assist the Advisory Board in the performance of its duties, the Secretary may appoint, after consultation with the chairperson of the Advisory Board—

- (1) a full-time executive director who shall perform such duties as the chairperson of the Advisory Board may direct and who shall receive compensation at a rate not to exceed the rate payable for GS-18 of the General Schedule established in section 5332 of title 5; and
- (2) a professional staff of not more than five full-time employees qualified in the food and agricultural sciences, of which one shall serve as the executive secretary to the Advisory Board

## (b) Additional clerical assistance and staff personnel

The Secretary shall provide such additional clerical assistance and staff personnel as may be required to assist the Advisory Board in carrying out its duties.

#### (c) Assistance of outside personnel

In formulating its recommendations to the Secretary, the Advisory Board may obtain the assistance of Department of Agriculture employees, and, to the maximum extent practicable, the assistance of employees of other Federal departments and agencies conducting related programs of agricultural research, extension, and teaching and of appropriate representatives of colleges and universities, including State agricultural experiment stations, cooperative extension services, and other non-Federal organizations conducting significant programs in the food and agricultural sciences.

(Pub. L. 95–113, title XIV, §1412, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 991; Pub. L. 97–98, title XIV, §1413, Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1302; Pub. L. 101-624, title XVI, §1605(b)(1), Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3713; Pub. L. 102-237, title IV, §402(5), Dec. 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 1863; Pub. L. 104-127, title VIII, §852(b)(3), 853(b)(4), Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1171, 1172; Pub. L. 105-185, title VI, §606(c)(1), June 23, 1998, 112 Stat. 603.)

## AMENDMENTS

1998—Subsecs. (a), (b). Pub. L. 105–185,  $\S606(c)(1)(A)$ , substituted "its duties" for "their duties".

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 105–185, 606(c)(1)(B), substituted "its recommendations" for "their recommendations".

1996—Pub. L. 104–127, §\$852(b)(3)(A), 853(b)(4)(A), in section catchline, substituted "Advisory Board" for "Joint Council, Advisory Board, and Technology Board"

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 104-127, §§852(b)(3)(B)(i), (ii), 853(b)(4)(B)(i), in introductory provisions, substituted "To assist the Advisory Board in" for "To assist the Joint Council, the Advisory Board, and the Technology Board in" and "with the chairperson of the Advisory Board" for "with the cochairpersons of the Joint Council and the chairperson of the Advisory Board and the Technology Board".

Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 104–127, \$852(b)(3)(B)(ii), 853(b)(4)(B)(i), substituted "the chairperson of the Advi-

sory Board" for "the cochairpersons of the Joint Council and the chairperson of the Advisory Board and the Technology Board".

Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 104-127, §§852(b)(3)(B)(iii), 853(b)(4)(B)(ii), substituted "one shall serve as the executive secretary to the Advisory Board" for "one shall serve as the executive secretary to the Joint Council, one shall serve as the executive secretary to the Advisory Board, and one shall serve as the executive secretary to the Technology Board".

Subsecs. (b), (c). Pub. L. 104-127, §§852(b)(3)(C), 853(b)(4)(C), substituted "Advisory Board" for "Joint Council, Advisory Board, and Technology Board".

1991—Subsecs. (b), (c). Pub. L. 102-237 substituted ", Advisory Board, and Technology Board" for "and Advisory Board".

1990—Pub. L. 101–624, 1605(b)(1)(A), amended section catchline generally.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 101–624, §1605(b)(1)(B), in introductory provision, substituted ", the Advisory Board, and the Technology Board" for "and the Advisory Board" and inserted "and the Technology Board" before the dash, in par. (1), inserted "and the Technology Board" before "may direct", and in par. (2), substituted "Council," for "Council and" and inserted before period at end ", and one shall serve as the executive secretary to the Technology Board".

Subsecs. (b), (c). Pub. L. 101-624, \$1605(b)(1)(C), (D), which directed the substitution of ", the Advisory Board, and the Technology Board" for "and the Advisory Board", could not be executed because the phrase "and the Advisory Board" did not appear in text.

1981—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 97–98 inserted in provision preceding par. (1) provision requiring consultation with the cochairpersons of the Joint Council and the chairperson of the Advisory Board, redesignated former par. (2) as (1) and substituted provision that a full-time executive director perform such duties as the cochairpersons of the Joint Council and chairperson of the Advisory Board direct for provision that an executive director perform such duties as the chairman of the Joint Council and the chairman of the Advisory Board direct, and redesignated former par. (1) as (2) and inserted provision that one of the full-time staff serve as the executive secretary to the Joint Council and one serve as executive secretary to the Advisory Board.

# Effective Date of 1981 Amendment

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.

# EFFECTIVE DATE

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.

REFERENCES IN OTHER LAWS TO GS-16, 17, OR 18 PAY RATES

References in laws to the rates of pay for GS-16, 17, or 18, or to maximum rates of pay under the General Schedule, to be considered references to rates payable under specified sections of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, see section 529 [title I, §101(c)(1)] of Pub. L. 101-509, set out in a note under section 5376 of Title 5.

# § 3128. General provisions

# (a) Vacancies in Advisory Board

Any vacancy in the Advisory Board shall not affect its duties under this title and shall be filled in the same manner as the original position.

# (b) Compensation and expenses of members of Advisory Board

Members of the Advisory Board shall serve without compensation, if not otherwise officers