

section (a) [enacting this subchapter] shall take effect July 1, 1987.”

PART A—STRENGTHENING INSTITUTIONS

**§ 1057. Program purpose**

**(a) General authorization**

The Secretary shall carry out a program, in accordance with this part, to improve the academic quality, institutional management, and fiscal stability of eligible institutions, in order to increase their self-sufficiency and strengthen their capacity to make a substantial contribution to the higher education resources of the Nation.

**(b) Grants awarded; special consideration**

(1) From the sums available for this part under section 1068h(a)(1) of this title, the Secretary may award grants to any eligible institution with an application approved under section 1068 of this title in order to assist such an institution to plan, develop, or implement activities that promise to strengthen the institution.

(2) Special consideration shall be given to any eligible institution—

(A) which has endowment funds (other than any endowment fund built under section 1065 of this title as in effect on September 30, 1986, and under part B) the market value of which, per full-time equivalent student, is less than the average current market value of the endowment funds, per full-time equivalent student (other than any endowment fund built under section 1065 of this title as in effect on September 30, 1986, and under part B) at similar institutions; or

(B) which has expenditures per full-time equivalent student for library materials which is less than the average of the expenditures for library materials per full-time equivalent student by other similarly situated institutions.

(3) Special consideration shall be given to applications which propose, pursuant to the institution's plan, to engage in—

- (A) faculty development;
- (B) funds and administrative management;
- (C) development and improvement of academic programs;
- (D) acquisition of equipment for use in strengthening funds management and academic programs;
- (E) joint use of facilities such as libraries and laboratories; and
- (F) student services, including services that will assist in the education of special populations.

**(c) Authorized activities**

Grants awarded under this section shall be used for 1 or more of the following activities:

- (1) Purchase, rental, or lease of scientific or laboratory equipment for educational purposes, including instructional and research purposes.
- (2) Construction, maintenance, renovation, and improvement in classrooms, libraries, laboratories, and other instructional facilities, including the integration of computer technology into institutional facilities to create smart buildings.

(3) Support of faculty exchanges, faculty development, and faculty fellowships to assist in attaining advanced degrees in the field of instruction of the faculty.

(4) Development and improvement of academic programs.

(5) Purchase of library books, periodicals, and other educational materials, including telecommunications program material.

(6) Tutoring, counseling, and student service programs designed to improve academic success, including innovative, customized, instruction courses designed to help retain students and move the students rapidly into core courses and through program completion, which may include remedial education and English language instruction.

(7) Education or counseling services designed to improve the financial literacy and economic literacy of students or the students' families.

(8) Funds management, administrative management, and acquisition of equipment for use in strengthening funds management.

(9) Joint use of facilities, such as laboratories and libraries.

(10) Establishing or improving a development office to strengthen or improve contributions from alumni and the private sector.

(11) Establishing or improving an endowment fund.

(12) Creating or improving facilities for Internet or other distance education technologies, including purchase or rental of telecommunications technology equipment or services.

(13) Other activities proposed in the application submitted pursuant to subsection (b) and section 1068 of this title that—

(A) contribute to carrying out the purposes of the program assisted under this part; and

(B) are approved by the Secretary as part of the review and acceptance of such application.

**(d) Endowment fund**

**(1) In general**

An eligible institution may use not more than 20 percent of the grant funds provided under this part to establish or increase an endowment fund at such institution.

**(2) Matching requirement**

In order to be eligible to use grant funds in accordance with paragraph (1), the eligible institution shall provide matching funds from non-Federal sources, in an amount equal to or greater than the Federal funds used in accordance with paragraph (1), for the establishment or increase of the endowment fund.

**(3) Comparability**

The provisions of part C, regarding the establishment or increase of an endowment fund, that the Secretary determines are not inconsistent with this subsection, shall apply to funds used under paragraph (1).

(Pub. L. 89-329, title III, §311, as added Pub. L. 99-498, title III, §301(a), Oct. 17, 1986, 100 Stat. 1291; amended Pub. L. 100-50, §2(a)(1), June 3,

1987, 101 Stat. 335; Pub. L. 105-244, title III, §§301(c)(1), 303(a), Oct. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1636, 1638; Pub. L. 110-315, title III, §301, Aug. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 3166.)

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 1057, Pub. L. 89-329, title III, §311, as added Pub. L. 96-374, title III, §301, Oct. 3, 1980, 94 Stat. 1391, enumerated purposes and established grant authority for program to strengthen eligible institutions, prior to the general revision of this subchapter by Pub. L. 99-498.

#### AMENDMENTS

2008—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 110-315, §301(1)(A), made technical amendment to reference in original act which appears in text as reference to section 1068 of this title.

Subsec. (b)(3)(F). Pub. L. 110-315, §301(1)(B), inserted “, including services that will assist in the education of special populations” before period at end.

Subsec. (c)(6). Pub. L. 110-315, §301(2)(A), inserted “, including innovative, customized, instruction courses designed to help retain students and move the students rapidly into core courses and through program completion, which may include remedial education and English language instruction” before period at end.

Subsec. (c)(7) to (13). Pub. L. 110-315, §301(2)(B)-(E), added par. (7), redesignated former pars. (7) to (12) as pars. (8) to (13), respectively, in par. (12), substituted “distance education technologies” for “distance learning academic instruction capabilities” and, in introductory provisions of par. (13), substituted “subsection (b) and section 1068 of this title” for “subsection (c)”.

1998—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 105-244, §301(c)(1), substituted “section 1068h(a)(1)” for “section 1069f(a)(1)”.

Subsecs. (c), (d). Pub. L. 105-244, §303(a), added subsecs. (c) and (d).

1987—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 100-50 substituted “section 1069f(a)(1) of this title” for “section 1069d(a)(1) of this title”.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 105-244 effective Oct. 1, 1998, except as otherwise provided in Pub. L. 105-244, see section 3 of Pub. L. 105-244, set out as a note under section 1001 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1987 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-50 effective as if enacted as part of the Higher Education Amendments of 1986, Pub. L. 99-498, see section 27 of Pub. L. 100-50, set out as a note under section 1001 of this title.

### § 1058. Definitions; eligibility

#### (a) Educational and general expenditures

For the purpose of this part, the term “educational and general expenditures” means the total amount expended by an institution of higher education for instruction, research, public service, academic support (including library expenditures), student services, institutional support, scholarships and fellowships, operation and maintenance expenditures for the physical plant, and any mandatory transfers which the institution is required to pay by law.

#### (b) Eligible institution

For the purpose of this part, the term “eligible institution” means—

- (1) an institution of higher education—
  - (A) which has an enrollment of needy students as required by subsection (d);
  - (B) except as provided in section 1068a(b) of this title, the average educational and general expenditures of which are low, per full-

time equivalent undergraduate student, in comparison with the average educational and general expenditures per full-time equivalent undergraduate student of institutions that offer similar instruction;

(C) which is—

(i) legally authorized to provide, and provides within the State, an educational program for which such institution awards a bachelor’s degree;

(ii) a junior or community college; or

(iii) the College of the Marshall Islands, the College of Micronesia/Federated States of Micronesia, and Palau Community College;

(D) which is accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency or association determined by the Secretary to be reliable authority as to the quality of training offered or which is, according to such an agency or association, making reasonable progress toward accreditation;

(E) which meets such other requirements as the Secretary may prescribe; and

(F) located in a State; and

(2) any branch of any institution of higher education described under paragraph (1) which by itself satisfies the requirements contained in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of such paragraph.

For purposes of the determination of whether an institution is an eligible institution under this paragraph,<sup>1</sup> the factor described under paragraph (1)(A) shall be given twice the weight of the factor described under paragraph (1)(B).

#### (c) Endowment fund

For the purpose of this part, the term “endowment fund” means a fund that—

(1) is established by State law, by an institution of higher education, or by a foundation that is exempt from Federal income taxation;

(2) is maintained for the purpose of generating income for the support of the institution; and

(3) does not include real estate.

#### (d) Enrollment of needy students

Except as provided in section 1059e(b) of this title, for the purpose of this part, the term “enrollment of needy students” means an enrollment at an institution of higher education or a junior or community college which includes—

(1) at least 50 percent of the degree students so enrolled who are receiving need-based assistance under subchapter IV of this chapter in the second fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which the determination is being made (other than loans for which an interest subsidy is paid pursuant to section 1078 of this title), or

(2) a substantial percentage of students receiving Pell Grants in the second fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which determination is being made, in comparison with the percentage of students receiving Pell Grants at all such institutions in the second fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which the

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be “subsection.”