

(B) financial need of such agencies for the provision of free public education for children served by such agency, except that a State may consider as local resources funds received under this subchapter only in proportion to the share that local tax revenues covered under a State equalization program are of total local tax revenues.

(2) Prohibition

A State may not take into consideration payments under this subchapter before such State's program of State aid has been certified by the Secretary under subsection (c)(3).

(e) Remedies for State violations

(1) In general

The Secretary or any aggrieved local educational agency may, not earlier than 150 days after an adverse determination by the Secretary against a State for violation of subsections (a) or (d)(2) or for failure to carry out an assurance under subsection (b)(3)(B), and if an administrative proceeding has not been concluded within such time, bring an action in a United States district court against such State for such violations or failure.

(2) Immunity

A State shall not be immune under the 11th amendment to the Constitution of the United States from an action described in paragraph (1).

(3) Relief

The court shall grant such relief as the court determines is appropriate.

(Pub. L. 89-10, title VII, §7009, formerly title VIII, §8009, as added Pub. L. 103-382, title I, §101, Oct. 20, 1994, 108 Stat. 3764; amended Pub. L. 104-195, §10, Sept. 16, 1996, 110 Stat. 2384; Pub. L. 106-398, §1 [[div. A], title XVIII, §1812], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A-386; Pub. L. 107-110, title VIII, §804, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1956; renumbered title VII, §7009, and amended Pub. L. 114-95, title VII, §§7001(c)(2), (d)(1), (7), (8), 7009, Dec. 10, 2015, 129 Stat. 2074, 2087.)

AMENDMENTS

2015—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 114-95, §7009(2), made technical amendments to references in original act which appear in text as references to sections 7703(b) and 7703(a)(2)(B) of this title.

Pub. L. 114-95, §7001(d)(8), made technical amendment to references in original act which appear in two places in text as references to section 7703(b)(2) of this title.

Pub. L. 114-95, §7001(d)(7), made technical amendment to reference in original act which appears in text as reference to section 7703(b)(1) of this title.

Pub. L. 114-95, §7001(d)(1), made technical amendment to reference in original act which appears in text as reference to section 7702 of this title.

Subsec. (c)(1)(B). Pub. L. 114-95, §7009(3), substituted “that the Secretary requires” for “and contain the information the Secretary requires”.

Subsec. (c)(3)(B), (4)(B). Pub. L. 114-95, §7009(1), made technical amendment to reference in original act which appears in text as reference to section 7711(a) of this title.

2002—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 107-110 inserted “and, with respect to a local educational agency that receives a payment under section 7703(b)(2) of this title, the amount in excess of the amount that the agency would receive if the agency were deemed to be an agen-

cy eligible to receive a payment under section 7703(b)(1) of this title and not section 7703(b)(2) of this title” after “section 7703(a)(2)(B) of this title”.

2000—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 106-398, §1 [[div. A], title XVIII, §1812(1)], struck out “or under the Act of September 30, 1950 (Public Law 874, 81st Congress) (as such Act was in effect on the day preceding October 20, 1994)” after “under this subchapter” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 106-398, §1 [[div. A], title XVIII, §1812(2)], amended heading and text of par. (1) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “A State may reduce State aid to a local educational agency that receives a payment under section 7702 or 7703(b) of this title (except the amount calculated in excess of 1.0 under subparagraph (B) of section 7703(a)(2) of this title) or under the Act of September 30, 1950 (Public Law 874, 81st Congress) as such Act was in effect on the day preceding October 20, 1994 (other than an increase in payments described in paragraphs (2)(B), (2)(C), (2)(D), or (3)(B)(ii) of section 3(d) of such Act of September 30, 1950) for any fiscal year if the Secretary determines, and certifies under subsection (c)(3)(A) of this section, that such State has in effect a program of State aid that equalizes expenditures for free public education among local educational agencies in such State.”

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 106-398, §1 [[div. A], title XVIII, §1812(3)], struck out “or under the Act of September 30, 1950 (Public Law 874, 81st Congress) (as such Act was in effect on the day preceding October 20, 1994)” after “under this subchapter” wherever appearing.

1996—Subsec. (b)(2)(A). Pub. L. 104-195 substituted “more than 25 percent” for “more than—

“(i) 25 percent for fiscal year 1995, 1996, or 1997; and

“(ii) 20 percent for fiscal year 1998 or 1999”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2015 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 114-95 effective Dec. 10, 2015, and effective with respect to appropriations for use under this subchapter beginning fiscal year 2017, except as otherwise provided in such amendment, see section 5 of Pub. L. 114-95, set out as a note under section 6301 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2002 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 107-110 effective Jan. 8, 2002, and effective with respect to appropriations for use under this subchapter for fiscal year 2002, see section 5 of Pub. L. 107-110, set out as an Effective Date note under section 6301 of this title.

§ 7710. Federal administration

(a) Payments in whole dollar amounts

The Secretary shall round any payments under this subchapter to the nearest whole dollar amount.

(b) Other agencies

Each Federal agency administering Federal property on which children reside, and each agency principally responsible for an activity that may occasion assistance under this subchapter, shall, to the maximum extent practicable, comply with requests of the Secretary for information the Secretary may require to carry out this subchapter.

(c) Special rules

(1) Certain children eligible under subparagraphs (A) and (G)(ii) of section 7703(a)(1)

(A) The Secretary shall treat as eligible under subparagraph (A) of section 7703(a)(1) of this title any child who would be eligible under such subparagraph except that the Federal property on which the child resides or on

which the child's parent is employed is not in the same State in which the child attends school, if such child meets the requirements of paragraph (2).

(B) The Secretary shall treat as eligible under subparagraph (G) of section 7703(a)(1) of this title any child who would be eligible under such subparagraph except that such child does not meet the requirements of clause (ii) of such subparagraph, if such child meets the requirements of paragraph (2).

(2) Requirements

A child meets the requirements of this paragraph if—

(A) such child resides—

(i) in a State adjacent to the State in which the local educational agency serving the school such child attends is located; or

(ii) with a parent employed on Federal property in a State adjacent to the State in which such agency is located;

(B) the schools of such agency are within a more reasonable commuting distance of such child's home than the schools of the local educational agency that serves the school attendance area where such child resides;

(C) attending the schools of the local educational agency that serves the school attendance area where such child resides will impose a substantial hardship on such child;

(D) the State in which such child attends school provides funds for the education of such child on the same basis as all other public school children in the State, unless otherwise permitted under section 7709(b) of this title; and

(E) such agency received a payment for fiscal year 1999 under section 7703(b) of this title on behalf of children described in paragraph (1).

(d) Timely payments

(1) In general

Subject to paragraph (2), the Secretary shall pay a local educational agency the full amount that the agency is eligible to receive under this subchapter for a fiscal year not later than September 30 of the second fiscal year following the fiscal year for which such amount has been appropriated if, not later than 1 calendar year following the fiscal year in which such amount has been appropriated, such local educational agency submits to the Secretary all the data and information necessary for the Secretary to pay the full amount that the agency is eligible to receive under this subchapter for such fiscal year.

(2) Payments with respect of fiscal years in which insufficient funds are appropriated

For a fiscal year in which the amount appropriated under section 7714 of this title is insufficient to pay the full amount a local educational agency is eligible to receive under this subchapter, paragraph (1) shall be applied by substituting "is available to pay the agency" for "the agency is eligible to receive" each place the term appears.

(Pub. L. 89-10, title VII, §7010, formerly title VIII, §8010, as added Pub. L. 103-382, title I, §101,

Oct. 20, 1994, 108 Stat. 3767; amended Pub. L. 106-398, §1 [[div. A], title XVIII, §1813], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A-387; Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title V, §563(b)(3), (c)(4), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1747, 1748; renumbered title VII, §7010, and amended Pub. L. 114-95, title VII, §§7001(a)(1), (c)(2), (d)(3), (6), 7010, Dec. 10, 2015, 129 Stat. 2074, 2087.)

AMENDMENTS

2015—Pub. L. 114-95, §7001(a)(1), repealed Pub. L. 112-239, §563(c)(4). See 2013 Amendment notes below.

Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 114-95, §7010(1)(A), made technical amendment to reference in original act which appears in heading as reference to section 7703(a)(1).

Subsec. (c)(1)(A), (B). Pub. L. 114-95, §7001(d)(3), made technical amendment to reference in original act which appears in text as reference to section 7703(a)(1) of this title.

Subsec. (c)(2)(D). Pub. L. 114-95, §7010(1)(B), made technical amendment to reference in original act which appears in text as reference to section 7709(b) of this title.

Subsec. (c)(2)(E). Pub. L. 114-95, §7001(d)(6), made technical amendment to reference in original act which appears in text as reference to section 7703(b) of this title.

Subsec. (d)(2). Pub. L. 114-95, §7010(2), made technical amendment to reference in original act which appears in text as reference to section 7714 of this title.

2013—Pub. L. 112-239, §563(c)(4), which directed repeal of the amendment by Pub. L. 112-239, §563(b)(3)(B), on the day after the 5-year period that began on Jan. 3, 2013, was itself repealed by Pub. L. 114-95, §7001(a)(1).

Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 112-239, §563(b)(3)(A), substituted "paragraph (2)" for "paragraph (3) of this subsection" in subpars. (A) and (B).

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 112-239, §563(b)(3)(B), added subsec. (d).

2000—Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 106-398, §1 [[div. A], title XVIII, §1813(1), (2)], redesignated par. (2) as (1) and struck out heading and text of former par. (1). Text read as follows: "Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for any fiscal year before fiscal year 1995, the Secretary shall treat as eligible under subsection (a) or (b) of section 3 of the Act of September 30, 1950 (Public Law 874, 81st Congress) (as such subsection was in effect on the day preceding October 20, 1994), and shall forgive the obligation of a local educational agency to repay any amounts that such agency received under such section for such fiscal year based on, any child who would be eligible under such subsections except that such child does not meet the requirements of subsection (a)(1)(B) or (b)(2)(B), respectively, of such section 3, if such child meets the requirements of paragraph (3) of this subsection."

Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 106-398, §1 [[div. A], title XVIII, §1813(2)], redesignated par. (3) as (2). Former par. (2) redesignated (1).

Subsec. (c)(2)(D). Pub. L. 106-398, §1 [[div. A], title XVIII, §1813(3)(A)], struck out "section 5(d)(2) of the Act of September 30, 1950 (Public Law 874, 81st Congress) (as such section was in effect on the day preceding October 20, 1994) or" after "otherwise permitted under".

Subsec. (c)(2)(E). Pub. L. 106-398, §1 [[div. A], title XVIII, §1813(3)(B)], substituted "1999" for "1994", struck out "(or such section's predecessor authority)" after "section 7703(b) of this title", and substituted "paragraph (1)" for "paragraph (2)".

Subsec. (c)(3). Pub. L. 106-398, §1 [[div. A], title XVIII, §1813(2)], redesignated par. (3) as (2).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2015 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 114-95 effective Dec. 10, 2015, and effective with respect to appropriations for use under this subchapter beginning fiscal year 2017, except as otherwise provided in such amendment, see section

5 of Pub. L. 114-95, set out as a note under section 6301 of this title.

§ 7711. Administrative hearings and judicial review

(a) Administrative hearings

A local educational agency and a State that is adversely affected by any action of the Secretary under this subchapter shall be entitled to a hearing on such action in the same manner as if such agency were a person under chapter 5 of title 5 if the local educational agency or State, as the case may be, submits to the Secretary a request for the hearing not later than 60 days after the date of the action of the Secretary under this subchapter.

(b) Judicial review of secretarial action

(1) In general

A local educational agency or a State aggrieved by the Secretary's final decision following an agency proceeding under subsection (a) may, within 30 working days (as determined by the local educational agency or State) after receiving notice of such decision, file with the United States court of appeals for the circuit in which such agency or State is located a petition for review of that action. The clerk of the court shall promptly transmit a copy of the petition to the Secretary. The Secretary shall then file in the court the record of the proceedings on which the Secretary's action was based, as provided in section 2112 of title 28.

(2) Findings of fact

The findings of fact by the Secretary, if supported by substantial evidence, shall be conclusive, but the court, for good cause shown, may remand the case to the Secretary to take further evidence. The Secretary may thereupon make new or modified findings of fact and may modify the Secretary's previous action, and shall file in the court the record of the further proceedings. Such new or modified findings of fact shall likewise be conclusive if supported by substantial evidence.

(3) Review

The court shall have exclusive jurisdiction to affirm the action of the Secretary or to set it aside, in whole or in part. The judgment of the court shall be subject to review by the Supreme Court of the United States upon certiorari or certification as provided in section 1254 of title 28.

(Pub. L. 89-10, title VII, §7011, formerly title VIII, §8011, as added Pub. L. 103-382, title I, §101, Oct. 20, 1994, 108 Stat. 3768; amended Pub. L. 106-398, §1 [[div. A], title XVIII, §1814(a)(1), (b)], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A-387; renumbered title VII, §7011, and amended Pub. L. 114-95, title VII, §§7001(c)(2), 7011, Dec. 10, 2015, 129 Stat. 2074, 2087.)

AMENDMENTS

2015—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 114-95, §7011, struck out “or under the Act of September 30, 1950 (Public Law 874, 81st Congress) (as such Act was in effect on the day preceding October 20, 1994)” after “any action of the Secretary under this subchapter”.

2000—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 106-398, §1 [[div. A], title XVIII, §1814(a)(1)], inserted “if the local educational agency or State, as the case may be, submits to the Secretary a request for the hearing not later than 60 days after the date of the action of the Secretary under this subchapter” before period at end.

Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 106-398, §1 [[div. A], title XVIII, §1814(b)], substituted “30 working days (as determined by the local educational agency or State)” for “60 days”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2015 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 114-95 effective Dec. 10, 2015, and effective with respect to appropriations for use under this subchapter beginning fiscal year 2017, except as otherwise provided in such amendment, see section 5 of Pub. L. 114-95, set out as a note under section 6301 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2000 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 106-398, §1 [[div. A], title XVIII, §1814(a)(2)], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A-387, provided that: “The amendment made by paragraph (1) [amending this section] shall apply with respect to an action of the Secretary under title VIII [now VII] of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7701 et seq.) initiated on or after the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 30, 2000].”

§ 7712. Forgiveness of overpayments

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary may forgive the obligation of a local educational agency to repay, in whole or in part, the amount of any overpayment received under this subchapter, or under this subchapter's predecessor authorities, if the Secretary determines that the overpayment was made as a result of an error made by—

(1) the Secretary; or

(2) the local educational agency and repayment of the full amount of the overpayment will result in an undue financial hardship on the agency and seriously harm the agency's educational program.

(Pub. L. 89-10, title VII, §7012, formerly title VIII, §8012, as added Pub. L. 103-382, title I, §101, Oct. 20, 1994, 108 Stat. 3769; amended Pub. L. 106-398, §1 [[div. A], title XVIII, §1815], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A-387; renumbered title VII, §7012, Pub. L. 114-95, title VII, §7001(c)(2), Dec. 10, 2015, 129 Stat. 2074.)

AMENDMENTS

2000—Pub. L. 106-398 substituted “under this subchapter's predecessor authorities” for “under the Act of September 30, 1950 (Public Law 874, 81st Congress) or the Act of September 23, 1950 (Public Law 815, 81st Congress) (as such Acts were in effect on the day preceding October 20, 1994)” in introductory provisions.

§ 7713. Definitions

For purposes of this subchapter:

(1) Armed Forces

The term “Armed Forces” means the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard.

(2) Average per-pupil expenditure

The term “average per-pupil expenditure” means—

(A) the aggregate current expenditures of all local educational agencies in the State; divided by