

ministrators, teachers, students, the general public, and other individuals, organizations, agencies, and institutions (including information collected by States and local educational agencies for their own use); and

(B) by other offices within the Institute and by other Federal departments, agencies, and instrumentalities.

**(3) Collection**

The Statistics Commissioner may—

(A) enter into interagency agreements for the collection of statistics;

(B) arrange with any agency, organization, or institution for the collection of statistics; and

(C) assign employees of the Statistics Center to any such agency, organization, or institution to assist in such collection.

**(4) Technical assistance and coordination**

In order to maximize the effectiveness of Department efforts to serve the educational needs of children and youth, the Statistics Commissioner shall—

(A) provide technical assistance to the Department offices that gather data for statistical purposes; and

(B) coordinate with other Department offices in the collection of data.

**(c) Duration**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements under this section may be awarded, on a competitive basis, for a period of not more than 5 years, and may be renewed at the discretion of the Statistics Commissioner for an additional period of not more than 5 years.

(Pub. L. 107-279, title I, §154, Nov. 5, 2002, 116 Stat. 1960.)

**§ 9545. Reports**

**(a) Procedures for issuance of reports**

The Statistics Commissioner,<sup>1</sup> shall establish procedures, in accordance with section 9576 of this title, to ensure that the reports issued under this section are relevant, of high quality, useful to customers, subject to rigorous peer review, produced in a timely fashion, and free from any partisan political influence.

**(b) Report on condition and progress of education**

Not later than June 1, 2003, and each June 1 thereafter, the Statistics Commissioner,<sup>1</sup> shall submit to the President and the appropriate congressional committees a statistical report on the condition and progress of education in the United States.

**(c) Statistical reports**

The Statistics Commissioner shall issue regular and, as necessary, special statistical reports on education topics, particularly in the core academic areas of reading, mathematics, and science, consistent with the priorities and the mission of the Statistics Center.

(Pub. L. 107-279, title I, §155, Nov. 5, 2002, 116 Stat. 1960.)

<sup>1</sup> So in original. The comma probably should not appear.

**§ 9546. Dissemination**

**(a) General requests**

**(1) In general**

The Statistics Center may furnish transcripts or copies of tables and other statistical records and make special statistical compilations and surveys for State and local officials, public and private organizations, and individuals.

**(2) Compilations**

The Statistics Center shall provide State educational agencies, local educational agencies, and institutions of higher education with opportunities to suggest the establishment of particular compilations of statistics, surveys, and analyses that will assist those educational agencies.

**(b) Congressional requests**

The Statistics Center shall furnish such special statistical compilations and surveys as the relevant congressional committees may request.

**(c) Joint statistical projects**

The Statistics Center may engage in joint statistical projects related to the mission of the Center, or other statistical purposes authorized by law, with nonprofit organizations or agencies, and the cost of such projects shall be shared equitably as determined by the Secretary.

**(d) Fees**

**(1) In general**

Statistical compilations and surveys under this section, other than those carried out pursuant to subsections (b) and (c), may be made subject to the payment of the actual or estimated cost of such work.

**(2) Funds received**

All funds received in payment for work or services described in this subsection may be used to pay directly the costs of such work or services, to repay appropriations that initially bore all or part of such costs, or to refund excess sums when necessary.

**(e) Access**

**(1) Other agencies**

The Statistics Center shall, consistent with section 9573 of this title, cooperate with other Federal agencies having a need for educational data in providing access to educational data received by the Statistics Center.

**(2) Interested parties**

The Statistics Center shall, in accordance with such terms and conditions as the Center may prescribe, provide all interested parties, including public and private agencies, parents, and other individuals, direct access, in the most appropriate form (including, where possible, electronically), to data collected by the Statistics Center for the purposes of research and acquiring statistical information.

(Pub. L. 107-279, title I, §156, Nov. 5, 2002, 116 Stat. 1961.)

**§ 9547. Cooperative education statistics systems**

The Statistics Center may establish 1 or more national cooperative education statistics sys-