§ 9858d. Limitations on State allotments

(a) No entitlement to contract or grant

Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed—

- (1) to entitle any child care provider or recipient of a child care certificate to any contract, grant or benefit; or
- (2) to limit the right of any State to impose additional limitations or conditions on contracts or grants funded under this subchapter.

(b) Construction of facilities

(1) In general

Except as provided for in section 9858m(c)(6) of this title, no funds made available under this subchapter shall be expended for the purchase or improvement of land, or for the purchase, construction, or permanent improvement (other than minor remodeling) of any building or facility.

(2) Sectarian agency or organization

In the case of a sectarian agency or organization, no funds made available under this subchapter may be used for the purposes described in paragraph (1) except to the extent that renovation or repair is necessary to bring the facility of such agency or organization into compliance with health and safety requirements referred to in section 9858c(c)(2)(I) of this title.

(Pub. L. 97–35, title VI, $\S658F$, as added Pub. L. 101–508, title V, $\S5082(2)$, Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388–240; amended Pub. L. 102–401, $\S3(a)$, Oct. 7, 1992, 106 Stat. 1959; Pub. L. 102–586, $\S8(c)(1)$, Nov. 4, 1992, 106 Stat. 5036; Pub. L. 104–193, title VI, $\S606$, Aug. 22, 1996, 110 Stat. 2283; Pub. L. 113–186, $\S5(c)$, Nov. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 1987.)

AMENDMENTS

2014—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 113–186 substituted ''section 9858c(c)(2)(I)'' for ''section 9858c(c)(2)(F)''.

1996—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 104–193 substituted "Except as provided for in section 9858m(c)(6) of this title, no funds" for "No funds".

1992—Pub. L. 102-401 and Pub. L. 102-586 made identical technical corrections to directory language of Pub. L. 101-508, §5082(2), which added this section.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1996 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 104-193 effective Oct. 1, 1996, see section 615 of Pub. L. 104-193, set out as a note under section 9858 of this title.

§ 9858e. Activities to improve the quality of child care

(a) Reservation

(1) Reservation for activities relating to the quality of child care services

A State that receives funds to carry out this subchapter for a fiscal year referred to in paragraph (2) shall reserve and use a portion of such funds, in accordance with paragraph (2), for activities provided directly, or through grants or contracts with local child care resource and referral organizations or other appropriate entities, that are designed to improve the quality of child care services and increase parental options for, and access to, high-quality child care, and is in alignment

with a Statewide assessment of the State's needs to carry out such services and care, provided in accordance with this subchapter.

(2) Amount of reservations

Such State shall reserve and use-

- (A) to carry out the activities described in paragraph (1), not less than—
 - (i) 7 percent of the funds described in paragraph (1), for the first and second full fiscal years after November 19, 2014;
 - (ii) 8 percent of such funds for the third and fourth full fiscal years after November 19, 2014; and
 - (iii) 9 percent of such funds for the fifth and each succeeding full fiscal year after November 19, 2014; and
- (B) in addition to the funds reserved under subparagraph (A), 3 percent of the funds described in paragraph (1) received not later than the second full fiscal year after November 19, 2014, and received for each succeeding full fiscal year, to carry out the activities described in paragraph (1) and subsection (b)(4), as such activities relate to the quality of care for infants and toddlers.

(3) State reservation amount

Nothing in this subsection shall preclude the State from reserving a larger percentage of funds to carry out the activities described in paragraph (1) and subsection (b).

(b) Activities

Funds reserved under subsection (a) shall be used to carry out no fewer than one of the following activities that will improve the quality of child care services provided in the State:

- (1) Supporting the training and professional development of the child care workforce through activities such as those included under section 9858c(c)(2)(G) of this title, in addition to—
- (A) offering training and professional development opportunities for child care providers that relate to the use of scientifically-based, developmentally-appropriate and age-appropriate strategies to promote the social, emotional, physical, and cognitive development of children, including those related to nutrition and physical activity, and offering specialized training for child care providers caring for those populations prioritized in section 9858c(c)(2)(Q) of this title, and children with disabilities;
- (B) incorporating the effective use of data to guide program improvement;
- (C) including effective behavior management strategies and training, including positive behavior interventions and support models, that promote positive social and emotional development and reduce challenging behaviors, including reducing expulsions of preschool-aged children for such behaviors;
- (E)¹ providing training and outreach on engaging parents and families in culturally and linguistically appropriate ways to expand their knowledge, skills, and capacity to

¹So in original. No subpar. (D) has been enacted.