

formal education in covered subjects for students and instructors.

(5) Students' pursuit of certifications in covered subjects.

(d) PREFERENCE.—In making any grants under this section, the Secretary shall give preference to eligible entities that are eligible for assistance under part A of title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6311 et seq.).

(e) EVALUATIONS.—In carrying out a program under this section, the Secretary shall establish outcome-based metrics and internal and external assessments to evaluate the merits and benefits of the activities funded with grants under this section with respect to the needs of the Department of Defense.

(f) AUTHORITIES.—In carrying out a program under this section, the Secretary shall, to the extent practicable, make use of the authorities under chapter 111 and sections 2601 and 2605 of this title, and other authorities the Secretary determines appropriate.

(g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) The term “eligible entity” means a local education agency that hosts a unit of the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

(2) The term “covered subjects” means—

- (A) science;
- (B) technology;
- (C) engineering;
- (D) mathematics;
- (E) computer science;
- (F) computational thinking;
- (G) artificial intelligence;
- (H) machine learning;
- (I) data science;
- (J) quantum information sciences;
- (K) cybersecurity;
- (L) robotics;
- (M) health sciences; and

(N) other subjects determined by the Secretary of Defense to be related to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

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REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, referred to in subsec. (d), is Pub. L. 89-10, Apr. 11, 1965, 79 Stat. 27. Part A of title I of the Act is classified generally to part A (§6311 et seq.) of subchapter I of chapter 70 of Title 20, Education. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 6301 of Title 20 and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

2021—Subsec. (g)(2)(J) to (N). Pub. L. 117-81 added subpar. (J) and redesignated former subpars. (J) to (M) as (K) to (N), respectively.

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2003—Pub. L. 108-136, div. A, title V, §523(b)(2), Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1464, added item 2103a.

1999—Pub. L. 106-65, div. A, title V, §541(a)(2), Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 606, added item 2111b.

1997—Pub. L. 105-85, div. A, title V, §544(f)(2), Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 1746, substituted “Support for” for “Detail of officers to” in item 2111a.

1996—Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title V, §545(b), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 318, added item 2111a.

1991—Pub. L. 102-190, div. A, title V, §522(b)(2), Dec. 5, 1991, 105 Stat. 1362, substituted “Army Reserve and Army National Guard” for “military junior colleges” in item 2107a.

1988—Pub. L. 100-456, div. A, title VI, §633(a)(3)(B), Sept. 29, 1988, 102 Stat. 1986, substituted “Practical military training” for “Field training; practice cruises” in item 2109.

1980—Pub. L. 96-357, §1(c)(2), Sept. 24, 1980, 94 Stat. 1180, added item 2107a.

1964—Pub. L. 88-647, title II, §201(1), Oct. 13, 1964, 78 Stat. 1064, added chapter heading and items 2101 to 2111.

§ 2101. Definitions

In this chapter:

(1) The term “program” means the Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps of an armed force.

(2) The term “member of the program” means a student who is enrolled in the Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps of an armed force.

(3) The term “advanced training” means the training and instruction offered in the Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps to students enrolled in an advanced education program beyond the baccalaureate degree level or to students in the third and fourth years of a four-year Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps course, or the equivalent period of training in an approved two-year Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps course (except that, in the case of a student enrolled in an academic program which has been approved by the Secretary of the military department concerned and which requires more than four academic years for completion of baccalaureate degree requirements, including elective requirements of the Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps course, such term includes a fifth academic year or a combination of a part of a fifth academic year and summer sessions).