tion 3 of Pub. L. 105–244, set out as a note under section 1001 of this title.

# EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1992 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 102–421 effective Oct. 1, 1992, see section 161 of Pub. L. 102–421, set out as a note under section 4301 of this title.

# § 4355. Monitoring, evaluation, and reporting

#### (a) Activities

The Secretary shall conduct monitoring and evaluation activities of the education programs and activities and the administrative operations of the University (including the elementary, secondary, undergraduate, and graduate programs) and of NTID. The Secretary may also conduct studies related to the provision of preschool, elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education and other related services to individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing. In carrying out the responsibilities described in this section, the Secretary is authorized to employ such consultants as may be necessary pursuant to section 3109 of title 5.

# (b) Report

The Secretary shall annually transmit information to Congress on the monitoring and evaluation activities pursuant to subsection (a), together with such recommendations, including recommendations for legislation, as the Secretary may consider necessary.

# (c) Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2009 through 2014 to carry out the monitoring and evaluation activities authorized under this section.

(Pub. L. 99–371, title II, §205, formerly title IV, §405, Aug. 4, 1986, 100 Stat. 790; renumbered title II, §205, and amended Pub. L. 102–421, title I, §§101(b)(5), (6), 135(a), Oct. 16, 1992, 106 Stat. 2151, 2158; Pub. L. 103–73, title II, §204(d), Aug. 11, 1993, 107 Stat. 735; Pub. L. 105–244, title IX, §918, Oct. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1831; Pub. L. 110–315, title IX, §907, Aug. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 3453.)

# **Editorial Notes**

# AMENDMENTS

2008—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 110–315, 907(1), struck out "preparatory," before "undergraduate".

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 110-315, §907(2), substituted "The Secretary shall annually transmit information to Congress on" for "The Secretary, as part of the annual report required under section 3486 of this title, shall include a description of".

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 110-315, §907(3), substituted "fiscal years 2009 through 2014" for "fiscal years 1998 through 2003".

1998—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 105-244 substituted "1998 through 2003" for "1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, and 1997".

1993—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 103–73 substituted "individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing" for "individuals who are deaf" and struck out "the provisions of" after "pursuant to".

1992—Pub. L. 102-421, §135(a), amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section read as follows: "The Secretary shall conduct monitoring and evaluation activities of the education programs and activities and the administrative operations of Gallaudet University and of the National Technical Institute for the Deaf. In carrying out the responsibilities described in

this section, the Secretary is authorized to employ such consultants as may be necessary pursuant to the provisions of section 3109 of title 5."

# Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

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 1992 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 102–421 effective Oct. 1, 1992, see section 161 of Pub. L. 102–421, set out as a note under section 4301 of this title.

# § 4356. Liaison for educational programs

# (a) Designation of liaison

The Secretary shall designate an individual in the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services of the Department of Education from among individuals who have experience in the education of individuals who are deaf to serve as liaison between the Department and Gallaudet University, the National Technical Institute for the Deaf, and other postsecondary educational programs for individuals who are deaf under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act [20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.], the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 [29 U.S.C. 701 et seq.], and other Federal or non-Federal agencies, institutions, or organizations involved with the education or rehabilitation of individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing.

# (b) Duties of liaison

The individual serving as liaison for educational programs for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing shall:

- (1) provide information to institutions regarding the Department's efforts directly affecting the operation of such programs by such institutions;
- (2) review research and other activities carried out by the University, NTID, and other Federal or non-Federal agencies, institutions, or organizations involved with the education or rehabilitation of individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing for the purpose of determining overlap and opportunities for coordination among such entities; and
- (3) provide such support and assistance as such institutions may request and the Secretary considers appropriate.

# (c) Authority of Secretary

Nothing in this section may be construed to affect the authority of the Secretary under this chapter or any other Act with respect to Gallaudet University or the National Technical Institute for the Deaf.

(Pub. L. 99–371, title II, \$206, formerly title IV, \$406, Aug. 4, 1986, 100 Stat. 790; Pub. L. 101–476, title IX, \$901(a)(2), Oct. 30, 1990, 104 Stat. 1142; renumbered title II, \$206, and amended Pub. L. 102-421, title I, \$\$101(b)(5), (6), 136, 151(a)(4), (5), Oct. 16, 1992, 106 Stat. 2151, 2159, 2164; Pub. L. 103-73, title II, \$204(e), Aug. 11, 1993, 107 Stat. 735; Pub. L. 110-315, title IX, \$908, Aug. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 3453.)