

- (D) identify barriers military spouses face in establishing careers in STEM fields;
- (E) describe the approaches that each participating agency will take to address administratively the barriers described in subparagraphs (C) and (D); and
- (F) identify any barriers that require Federal or State legislative or regulatory changes in order to be addressed.

**(3) Report**

The Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy shall—

- (A) not later than 1 year after February 11, 2020, submit to Congress the strategic plan required under paragraph (2); and
- (B) include in the annual report required by section 6621(d) of this title a description of any progress made in carrying out the activities described in paragraph (2) of this subsection.

**(4) Sunset**

An interagency working group established under paragraph (1) shall terminate on the date that is 3 years after the date that it is established.

(Pub. L. 116–115, §3, Feb. 11, 2020, 134 Stat. 106.)

**Editorial Notes**

CODIFICATION

Section is comprised of section 3 of Pub. L. 116–115. Subsec. (d) of section 3 of Pub. L. 116–115 amended section 1862n–1 of this title. Subsec. (e) of section 3 of Pub. L. 116–115 amended section 1862n–1a of this title. Subsecs. (f) and (g) of section 3 of Pub. L. 116–115 amended section 7404 of Title 15, Commerce and Trade.

Section was enacted as part of the Supporting Veterans in STEM Careers Act, and not as part of the National Science Foundation Act of 1950 which comprises this chapter.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

DEFINITIONS

Pub. L. 116–115, §2, Feb. 11, 2020, 134 Stat. 106, provided that: “In this Act [see Short Title of 2020 Amendment note set out under section 1861 of this title]:

- “(1) DIRECTOR.—The term ‘Director’ means the Director of the National Science Foundation.
- “(2) FOUNDATION.—The term ‘Foundation’ means the National Science Foundation.
- “(3) STEM.—The term ‘STEM’ has the meaning given the term in section 2 of the America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010 [Pub. L. 111–358] (42 U.S.C. 6621 note).
- “(4) VETERAN.—The term ‘veteran’ has the meaning given the term in section 101 of title 38, United States Code.”

**§ 1862u. NSF support of research on opioid addiction**

The Director of the National Science Foundation, in consultation with the Director of the National Institutes of Health, shall support merit-reviewed and competitively awarded research on the science of opioid addiction.

(Pub. L. 116–335, §2, Jan. 13, 2021, 134 Stat. 5117.)

**Editorial Notes**

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Expanding Findings for Federal Opioid Research and Treatment Act,

also known as the EFFORT Act, and not as part of the National Science Foundation Act of 1950 which comprises this chapter.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

FINDINGS

- Pub. L. 116–335, §1(b), Jan. 13, 2021, 134 Stat. 5117, provided that: “The Congress finds that—
- “(1) research gaps currently exist in the prevention and treatment of opioid addiction;
  - “(2) the National Science Foundation’s research on opioid addiction has increased understanding of the neuroscience of addiction, substance abuse intervention, the role of illicit supply networks, the secondary effects on families, the use of technology to address the opioid epidemic, and options for alternative, non-addictive therapeutics for pain; and
  - “(3) the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health have recognized that fundamental questions in basic, clinical, and translational research would benefit greatly from multidisciplinary approaches and collaboration.”

**§ 1862v. National Science Foundation research**

**(a) In general**

The Director of the National Science Foundation, in consultation with the Director of the National Institutes of Health and the Director of the National Institute of Mental Health and taking into consideration prioritized research agendas or strategic plans, as appropriate, shall, subject to the availability of appropriations, award grants on a competitive, merit-reviewed basis to institutions of higher education (or consortia of such institutions) to support multidisciplinary, fundamental research with potential relevance to suicide, including potential relevance to prevention and treatment, including, but not limited to—

- (1) basic understanding of human social behavior;
- (2) the neural basis of human cognition;
- (3) basic understanding of cognitive, linguistic, social, cultural, and biological processes related to human development across the lifespan;
- (4) basic understanding of perceptual, motor, and cognitive processes, and their interaction, in typical human behavior; and
- (5) basic understanding of the relevance of drug and alcohol abuse.

**(b) Encouraging applications from early career researchers**

To promote the development of early career researchers, in awarding funds under subsection (a), the Director of the National Science Foundation shall encourage applications submitted by early career researchers, including doctoral students or postdoctoral researchers.

(Pub. L. 116–339, §3, Jan. 13, 2021, 134 Stat. 5126.)

**Editorial Notes**

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Advancing Research to Prevent Suicide Act, and not as part of the National Science Foundation Act of 1950 which comprises this chapter.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

FINDINGS

Pub. L. 116–339, §2, Jan. 13, 2021, 134 Stat. 5126, provided that: “Congress finds the following:

“(1) The rate of Americans dying by suicide is on the rise, increasing 10.7 to 14.0 deaths per 100,000 people from 2001 to 2017.

“(2) Suicide is the tenth-leading cause of death among people in the United States and the second-leading cause of death for young people between the ages of 15 and 34.

“(3) The National Science Foundation funds research that is improving our basic understanding of factors with potential relevance to suicide, including potential relevance to prevention and treatment.

“(4) Despite progress in mental health research, current gaps exist in scientific understanding and basic knowledge of human neural, genetic, cognitive, perceptual, behavioral, social, and environmental factors with potential relevance to suicide.”

### § 1863. National Science Board

#### (a) Composition; appointment; establishment of policies of the Foundation

The Board shall consist of twenty-four members to be appointed by the President and of the Director ex officio. In addition to any powers and functions otherwise granted to it by this chapter, the Board shall establish the policies of the Foundation, within the framework of applicable national policies as set forth by the President and the Congress.

#### (b) Executive Committee; delegation of powers and functions

The Board shall have an Executive Committee as provided in section 1865 of this title, and may delegate to it or to the Director or both such of the powers and functions granted to the Board by this chapter as it deems appropriate.

#### (c) Meetings; nominations; quorum; notice

The persons nominated for appointment as members of the Board (1) shall be eminent in the fields of the basic, medical, or social sciences, engineering, agriculture, education, research management, or public affairs; (2) shall be selected solely on the basis of established records of distinguished service; and (3) shall be so selected as to provide representation of the views of scientific and engineering leaders in all areas of the Nation. In making nominations under this section, the President shall give due regard to equitable representation of scientists and engineers who are women or who represent minority groups. The President is requested, in the making of nominations of persons for appointment as members, to give due consideration to any recommendations for nomination which may be submitted to him by the National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Engineering, the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges, the Association of American Universities, the Association of American Colleges, the Association of State Colleges and Universities, or by other scientific, engineering, or educational organizations.

#### (d) Term of office; reappointment

The term of office of each member of the Board shall be six years; except that any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which his predecessor was appointed shall be appointed for the remainder of such term. Any person, other than the Director, who has been a member of the Board for twelve consecutive years shall there-

after be ineligible for appointment during the two-year period following the expiration of such twelfth year.

#### (e) Meetings; quorum; notice

The Board shall meet annually on the third Monday in May unless, prior to May 10 in any year, the Chairman has set the annual meeting for a day in May other than the third Monday, and at such other times as the Chairman may determine, but he shall also call a meeting whenever one-third of the members so request in writing. The Board shall adopt procedures governing the conduct of its meetings, including delivery of notice and a definition of a quorum, which in no case shall be less than one-half plus one of the confirmed members of the Board.

#### (f) Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman; vacancy

The election of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board shall take place at each annual meeting occurring in an even-numbered year. The Vice Chairman shall perform the duties of the Chairman in his absence. In case a vacancy occurs in the chairmanship or vice chairmanship, the Board shall elect a member to fill such vacancy.

#### (g) Appointment and assignment of staff; compensation; security requirements

The Board may, with the concurrence of a majority of its members, permit the appointment of a staff consisting of professional staff members, technical and professional personnel on leave of absence from academic, industrial, or research institutions for a limited term, and such operations and support staff members as may be necessary. Such staff shall be appointed by the Chairman and assigned at the direction of the Board. The professional members and limited term technical and professional personnel of such staff may be appointed without regard to the provisions of title 5 governing appointments in the competitive service, and the provisions of chapter 51 of such title relating to classification, and shall be compensated at a rate not exceeding the maximum rate payable under section 5376 of such title, as may be necessary to provide for the performance of such duties as may be prescribed by the Board in connection with the exercise of its powers and functions under this chapter. Section 1873(a)(3) of this title shall apply to each limited term appointment of technical and professional personnel under this subsection. Each appointment under this subsection shall be subject to the same security requirements as those required for personnel of the Foundation appointed under section 1873(a) of this title.

#### (h) Special commissions

The Board is authorized to establish such special commissions as it may from time to time deem necessary for the purposes of this chapter.

#### (i) Committees; survey and advisory functions

The Board is also authorized to appoint from among its members such committees as it deems necessary, and to assign to committees so appointed such survey and advisory functions as the Board deems appropriate to assist it in exercising its powers and functions under this chapter.