

(e) Period of grant; renewal; award on competitive basis; equitable distribution

(1)(A) A grant may be awarded under this section for a period of up to 5 years and such grant may be renewed.

(B) Grants under this section shall be awarded on a competitive basis. To be eligible to receive such a grant, a prospective grant recipient shall submit an application to the Commissioner at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Commissioner may require.

(2) The Commissioner shall, to the extent practicable, ensure an equitable distribution of payments made under this section among the States. To the extent funds are available, the Commissioner shall award grants under this section to new projects that will serve individuals with disabilities in States, portions of States, Indian tribes, or tribal organizations, that are currently unserved or underserved by projects.

(f) Indicators for compliance with evaluation standards; annual reports; onsite compliance reviews; analysis included in reports to Congress

(1) The Commissioner shall, as necessary, develop and publish in the Federal Register, in final form, indicators of what constitutes minimum compliance consistent with the evaluation standards under subsection (d)(1) of this section.

(2) Each grant recipient shall report to the Commissioner at the end of each project year the extent to which the grant recipient is in compliance with the evaluation standards.

(3)(A) The Commissioner shall annually conduct onsite compliance reviews of at least 15 percent of grant recipients. The Commissioner shall select grant recipients for review on a random basis.

(B) The Commissioner shall use the indicators in determining compliance with the evaluation standards.

(C) The Commissioner shall ensure that at least one member of a team conducting such a review shall be an individual who—

- (i) is not an employee of the Federal Government; and
- (ii) has experience or expertise in conducting projects.

(D) The Commissioner shall ensure that—

- (i) a representative of the appropriate designated State unit shall participate in the review; and
- (ii) no person shall participate in the review of a grant recipient if—

(I) the grant recipient provides any direct financial benefit to the reviewer; or

(II) participation in the review would give the appearance of a conflict of interest.

(4) In making a determination concerning any subsequent grant under this section, the Commissioner shall consider the past performance of the applicant, if applicable. The Commissioner shall use compliance indicators developed under this subsection that are consistent with program evaluation standards developed under subsection (d) of this section to assess minimum project performance for purposes of making continuation awards in the third, fourth, and fifth years.

(5) Each fiscal year the Commissioner shall include in the annual report to Congress required by section 710 of this title an analysis of the extent to which grant recipients have complied with the evaluation standards. The Commissioner may identify individual grant recipients in the analysis. In addition, the Commissioner shall report the results of onsite compliance reviews, identifying individual grant recipients.

(g) Technical assistance to entities conducting or planning projects

The Commissioner may provide, directly or by way of grant, contract, or cooperative agreement, technical assistance to—

(1) entities conducting projects for the purpose of assisting such entities in—

(A) the improvement of or the development of relationships with private industry or labor; or

(B) the improvement of relationships with State vocational rehabilitation agencies; and

(2) entities planning the development of new projects.

(h) Definitions

As used in this section:

(1) The term “agreement” means an agreement described in subsection (a)(4) of this section.

(2) The term “project” means a Project With Industry established under subsection (a)(2) of this section.

(3) The term “grant recipient” means a recipient of a grant under subsection (a)(2) of this section.

(Pub. L. 93-112, title VI, §611, as added Pub. L. 105-220, title IV, §409, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1210.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, referred to in subsec. (a)(2)(C)(ii), (6)(C), is Pub. L. 101-336, July 26, 1990, 104 Stat. 327, as amended, which is classified principally to chapter 126 (§12101 et seq.) of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 12101 of Title 42 and Tables.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to this section were contained in section 795g of this title prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 105-220.

A prior section 795, Pub. L. 93-112, title VI, §611, as added Pub. L. 95-602, title II, §201, Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2989; amended Pub. L. 99-506, title I, §103(d)(2)(C), title X, §1002(f), Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1810, 1844; Pub. L. 102-569, title I, §102(p)(36), title VI, §601, Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4360, 4434, authorized community service employment pilot programs for individuals with disabilities, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 105-220.

SHORT TITLE

For short title of this subchapter as the “Employment Opportunities for Individuals With Disabilities Act”, see section 601 of Pub. L. 93-112, as amended, set out as a note under section 701 of this title.

§ 795a. Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out the provisions of this part, such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 1999 through 2003.

(Pub. L. 93-112, title VI, §612, as added Pub. L. 105-220, title IV, §409, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1214.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to this section were contained in section 795i of this title prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 105-220.

Prior sections 795a to 795f were omitted in the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 105-220.

Section 795a, Pub. L. 93-112, title VI, §612, as added Pub. L. 95-602, title II, §201, Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2991; amended Pub. L. 98-221, title I, §165, Feb. 22, 1984, 98 Stat. 30; Pub. L. 100-630, title II, §207(a), Nov. 7, 1988, 102 Stat. 3313, related to administration of community service employment pilot programs for individuals with disabilities.

Section 795b, Pub. L. 93-112, title VI, §613, as added Pub. L. 95-602, title II, §201, Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2991; amended Pub. L. 102-569, title VI, §602, Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4434, related to employment.

Section 795c, Pub. L. 93-112, title VI, §614, as added Pub. L. 95-602, title II, §201, Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2992; amended Pub. L. 98-221, title I, §104(b)(5), Feb. 22, 1984, 98 Stat. 18, related to interagency cooperation.

Section 795d, Pub. L. 93-112, title VI, §615, as added Pub. L. 95-602, title II, §201, Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2992; amended Pub. L. 99-506, title I, §103(d)(2)(C), title VII, §701, Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1810, 1831; Pub. L. 102-569, title I, §102(p)(37), Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4360, related to award of grants or contracts.

Section 795e, Pub. L. 93-112, title VI, §616, as added Pub. L. 95-602, title II, §201, Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2993; amended Pub. L. 99-506, title I, §103(d)(2)(C), Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1810; Pub. L. 102-569, title I, §102(p)(38), title VI, §603, Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4361, 4434, defined terms "community service" and "pilot program".

Section 795f, Pub. L. 93-112, title VI, §617, as added Pub. L. 95-602, title II, §201, Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2993; amended Pub. L. 98-221, title I, §161, Feb. 22, 1984, 98 Stat. 29; Pub. L. 99-506, title VII, §702, Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1831; Pub. L. 102-52, §7(a), June 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 262; Pub. L. 102-569, title VI, §604, Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4434, authorized appropriations.

PART B—SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH THE MOST SIGNIFICANT DISABILITIES

§ 795g. Purpose

It is the purpose of this part to authorize allotments, in addition to grants for vocational rehabilitation services under subchapter I of this chapter, to assist States in developing collaborative programs with appropriate entities to provide supported employment services for individuals with the most significant disabilities to enable such individuals to achieve the employment outcome of supported employment.

(Pub. L. 93-112, title VI, §621, as added Pub. L. 105-220, title IV, §409, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1214; amended Pub. L. 105-277, div. A, §101(f) [title VIII, §402(b)(12)], Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-337, 2681-414.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to this section were contained in section 795j of this title prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 105-220.

A prior section 795g, Pub. L. 93-112, title VI, §621, as added Pub. L. 95-602, title II, §201, Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2993; amended Pub. L. 98-221, title I, §§162, 163, Feb. 22, 1984, 98 Stat. 29, 30; Pub. L. 99-506, title I, §103(d)(2)(B), (C), title VII, §703(a)(1)-(3), (b)-(d), Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1810, 1831, 1832; Pub. L. 100-630, title II, §207(b), Nov. 7, 1988, 102 Stat. 3313; Pub. L. 102-569, title VI, §611, Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4434, related to Projects With In-

dustry, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 105-220. See section 795 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

1998—Pub. L. 105-277 made technical amendment to section designation and catchline in original.

§ 795h. Allotments

(a) In general

(1) States

The Secretary shall allot the sums appropriated for each fiscal year to carry out this part among the States on the basis of relative population of each State, except that—

(A) no State shall receive less than \$250,000, or 1/3 of 1 percent of the sums appropriated for the fiscal year for which the allotment is made, whichever is greater; and

(B) if the sums appropriated to carry out this part for the fiscal year exceed by \$1,000,000 or more the sums appropriated to carry out this part in fiscal year 1992, no State shall receive less than \$300,000, or 1/3 of 1 percent of the sums appropriated for the fiscal year for which the allotment is made, whichever is greater.

(2) Certain territories

(A) In general

For the purposes of this subsection, Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands shall not be considered to be States.

(B) Allotment

Each jurisdiction described in subparagraph (A) shall be allotted not less than one-eighth of one percent of the amounts appropriated for the fiscal year for which the allotment is made.

(b) Reallocation

Whenever the Commissioner determines that any amount of an allotment to a State for any fiscal year will not be expended by such State for carrying out the provisions of this part, the Commissioner shall make such amount available for carrying out the provisions of this part to one or more of the States that the Commissioner determines will be able to use additional amounts during such year for carrying out such provisions. Any amount made available to a State for any fiscal year pursuant to the preceding sentence shall, for the purposes of this section, be regarded as an increase in the allotment of the State (as determined under the preceding provisions of this section) for such year.

(Pub. L. 93-112, title VI, §622, as added Pub. L. 105-220, title IV, §409, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1214; amended Pub. L. 105-277, div. A, §101(f) [title VIII, §402(b)(13)], Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-337, 2681-414.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to this section were contained in section 795k of this title prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 105-220.

A prior section 795h, Pub. L. 93-112, title VI, §622, as added Pub. L. 95-602, title II, §201, Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2994, and amended, which related to business opportuni-