

sults of biotechnology research by information systems, and to support and enhance the development of new information technologies to aid in the understanding of the molecular processes that control health and disease, there is established the National Center for Biotechnology Information (hereinafter in this section referred to as the “Center”) in the National Library of Medicine.

(b) Functions

The Secretary, through the Center and subject to section 286(d) of this title, shall—

(1) design, develop, implement, and manage automated systems for the collection, storage, retrieval, analysis, and dissemination of knowledge concerning human molecular biology, biochemistry, and genetics;

(2) perform research into advanced methods of computer-based information processing capable of representing and analyzing the vast number of biologically important molecules and compounds;

(3) enable persons engaged in biotechnology research and medical care to use systems developed under paragraph (1) and methods described in paragraph (2); and

(4) coordinate, as much as is practicable, efforts to gather biotechnology information on an international basis.

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title IV, § 478, as added Pub. L. 100-607, title I, § 105, Nov. 4, 1988, 102 Stat. 3052; amended Pub. L. 103-43, title XIV, § 1402(b), June 10, 1993, 107 Stat. 171.)

AMENDMENTS

1993—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 103-43 struck out subsec. (c) which read as follows: “For the purpose of performing the duties specified in subsection (b) of this section, there are authorized to be appropriated \$8,000,000 for fiscal year 1989 and such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 1990. Funds appropriated under this subsection shall remain available until expended.”

SUBPART 4—NATIONAL INFORMATION CENTER ON HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH AND HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY

§ 286d. National Information Center

(a) Establishment

There is established within the Library an entity to be known as the National Information Center on Health Services Research and Health Care Technology (in this section referred to as the “Center”).

(b) Purpose

The purpose of the Center is the collection, storage, analysis, retrieval, and dissemination of information on health services research, clinical practice guidelines, and on health care technology, including the assessment of such technology. Such purpose includes developing and maintaining data bases and developing and implementing methods of carrying out such purpose.

(c) Electronic, convenient format; criteria for inclusion

The Director of the Center shall ensure that information under subsection (b) of this section concerning clinical practice guidelines is col-

lected and maintained electronically and in a convenient format. Such Director shall develop and publish criteria for the inclusion of practice guidelines and technology assessments in the information center database.

(d) Coordination with Director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

The Secretary, acting through the Center, shall coordinate the activities carried out under this section through the Center with related activities of the Director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title IV, § 478A, as added Pub. L. 103-43, title XIV, § 1421, June 10, 1993, 107 Stat. 171; amended Pub. L. 106-129, § 2(b)(2), Dec. 6, 1999, 113 Stat. 1670.)

AMENDMENTS

1999—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 106-129 substituted “Director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality” for “Administrator for Health Care Policy and Research”.

CONSTRUCTION

Section 1422(b) of Pub. L. 103-43 provided that: “The amendments made by section 3 of Public Law 102-410 (106 Stat. 2094) [amending section 299a-1 of this title], by section 1421 of this Act [enacting this section], and by subsection (a) of this section [amending section 299a-1 of this title] may not be construed as terminating the information center on health care technologies and health care technology assessment established under section 904 of the Public Health Service Act [section 299a-2 of this title], as in effect on the day before the date of the enactment of Public Law 102-410 [Oct. 13, 1992]. Such center shall be considered to be the center established in section 478A of the Public Health Service Act, as added by section 1421 of this Act [this section], and shall be subject to the provisions of such section 478A.”

PART E—OTHER AGENCIES OF NIH

SUBPART 1—NATIONAL CENTER FOR RESEARCH RESOURCES

§ 287. General purpose

The general purpose of the National Center for Research Resources (in this subpart referred to as the “Center”) is to strengthen and enhance the research environments of entities engaged in health-related research by developing and supporting essential research resources.

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title IV, § 479, as added Pub. L. 99-158, § 2, Nov. 20, 1985, 99 Stat. 864; amended Pub. L. 103-43, title XV, § 1501(2)(B), June 10, 1993, 107 Stat. 172.)

AMENDMENTS

1993—Pub. L. 103-43 substituted “the National Center for Research Resources (in this subpart referred to as the ‘Center’)” for “the Division of Research Resources”.

SHARED INSTRUMENTATION GRANT PROGRAM

Pub. L. 106-505, title III, § 305, Nov. 13, 2000, 114 Stat. 2335, provided that:

“(a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated \$100,000,000 for fiscal year 2000, and such sums as may be necessary for each subsequent fiscal year, to enable the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the National Center for Research Resources, to provide for the