

(b) The Director of the Office of Management and Budget and the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy in the Executive Office of the President shall have the opportunity to review each report prepared pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. Such Directors may submit, for inclusion in such report, comments and recommendations and an independent evaluation of the national space grant college and fellowship program. Such comments and recommendations shall be submitted to the Administrator not later than 90 days before such a report is submitted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section and the Administrator shall include such comments and recommendations as a separate section in such report.

(Pub. L. 100-147, title II, §212, Oct. 30, 1987, 101 Stat. 875.)

**§ 2486k. Designation or award to be on competitive basis**

The Administrator shall not under this chapter designate any space grant college or space grant regional consortium or award any fellowship, grant, or contract unless such designation or award is made in accordance with the competitive, merit-based review process employed by the Administration on October 30, 1987.

(Pub. L. 100-147, title II, §213, Oct. 30, 1987, 101 Stat. 875.)

**§ 2486l. Authorization of appropriations**

(a) There are authorized to be appropriated for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this chapter sums not to exceed—

- (1) \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1988 and 1989; and
- (2) \$15,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1990 and 1991.

(b) Such sums as may be appropriated under this section shall remain available until expended.

(Pub. L. 100-147, title II, §214, Oct. 30, 1987, 101 Stat. 875.)

**CHAPTER 26B—BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH IN SPACE**

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**§ 2487. Findings**

The Congress finds that—

- (1) the space program can make significant contributions to selected areas of health-relat-

ed research and should be an integral part of the Nation's health research and development program;

(2) the continuing development of trained scientists and engineers is essential to carrying out an effective and sustained program of biomedical research in space and on the ground;

(3) the establishment and maintenance of an electronically accessible archive of data on space-related biomedical research is essential to advancement of the field;

(4) cooperation with the republics of the former Soviet Union, including use of former Soviet orbital facilities, offers the potential for greatly enhanced biomedical research activities and progress; and

(5) the establishment and maintenance of an international telemedicine consultation satellite capability to support emergency medical service provision can provide an important aid to disaster relief efforts.

(Pub. L. 102-588, title VI, §601, Nov. 4, 1992, 106 Stat. 5130.)

**§ 2487a. Biomedical research joint working group**

**(a) Establishment**

The Administrator and the Director of the National Institutes of Health shall jointly establish a working group to coordinate biomedical research activities in areas where a microgravity environment may contribute to significant progress in the understanding and treatment of diseases and other medical conditions. The joint working group shall formulate joint and complementary programs in such areas of research.

**(b) Membership**

The joint working group shall include equal representation from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the National Institutes of Health, and shall include representation from National Institutes of Health councils, as selected by the Director of the National Institutes of Health, and from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Advisory Council.

**(c) Annual reporting requirement**

The joint working group shall report annually to Congress on its progress in carrying out this section.

**(d) Annual biomedical research symposia**

The working group shall organize annual symposia on biomedical research described in subsection (a) of this section under the joint sponsorship of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the National Institutes of Health.

(Pub. L. 102-588, title VI, §602, Nov. 4, 1992, 106 Stat. 5130.)

**“ADMINISTRATOR” DEFINED**

Administrator means Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, see section 102(f) of Pub. L. 102-588, 106 Stat. 5110.

**SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS**

This section is referred to in sections 2487b, 2487c of this title.