

in internship programs for graduate and undergraduate students who are selected by the associations from students attending member institutions of the associations and other institutions of higher education.

**(2) Internship program**

An internship program supported under this subsection (referred to in this subsection as an “internship program”) shall provide work assignments for students within the Department and such other activities as the association that enters into the cooperative agreement under paragraph (1) with respect to the internship program (referred to in this subsection as the “cooperating association”) and the Secretary shall determine. The nature of Department participation in an internship program shall be developed jointly by the Secretary and the cooperating association.

**(3) Program coordination**

The cooperating association shall coordinate an internship program, including—

- (A) the recruitment of students;
- (B) arrangements for travel of the students to Washington, District of Columbia, and to agency field locations;
- (C) the provision of housing for students, if required; and
- (D) all activities for the students that take place outside the Department work assignments of the students.

**(4) Number and selection of students**

**(A) Number**

A cooperative agreement entered into under paragraph (1) shall specify the number of students that the Department will host each year and a list of work assignments to be provided for the students.

**(B) Selection**

The cooperating association shall provide the Department with a pool of student candidates meeting the requirements for each work assignment identified by the Secretary. Final selection of the students for Department internship positions shall be made by the Secretary.

**(5) Cost reimbursement**

From such amounts as the Secretary determines are available each fiscal year for internship programs, and subject to such regulations as the Secretary may issue, the Secretary may reimburse a cooperating association for the Department share of all direct and indirect costs of an internship program, including student stipends, transportation costs to the internship site, and other costs of an internship program.

**(6) Lead agency**

The Secretary may designate a lead agency within the Department to carry out this subsection.

**(7) Interagency agreements**

Agencies and offices within the Department other than the lead agency—

- (A) may enter into interagency agreements with the lead agency to provide work

assignments for students participating in an internship program; and

(B) shall reimburse the lead agency for the direct and indirect costs of each student assigned to the agency under an internship program.

**(8) Federal employee status**

A student who participates in an internship program shall not be considered a Federal employee, except for purposes of chapter 81 of title 5, and chapter 171 of title 28.

(Pub. L. 104-127, title IX, §922, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1193.)

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This chapter is referred to in sections 390b, 390c, 4501, 3124a, 3129a, 3152, 3196 of this title; title 19 section 2155.

**§ 2281. Congressional declaration of purpose**

The purposes of this chapter are to—

- (1) require strict financial and program accounting by advisory committees of the Department of Agriculture;
- (2) assure balance and objectivity in the membership of such advisory committees; and
- (3) prevent the formation or continuation of unnecessary advisory committees by the Department of Agriculture.

(Pub. L. 95-113, title XVIII, §1801, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 1041; Pub. L. 97-98, title XI, §1116(a), Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1270.)

AMENDMENTS

1981—Pub. L. 97-98 reenacted section without change.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1981 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 97-98 effective Dec. 22, 1981, see section 1801 of Pub. L. 97-98, set out as an Effective Date note under section 4301 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Chapter effective Oct. 1, 1977, see section 1901 of Pub. L. 95-113, set out as an Effective Date of 1977 Amendment note under section 1307 of this title.

SOYBEAN RESEARCH ADVISORY INSTITUTE; ESTABLISHMENT, COMPOSITION, ETC.

Section 1446 of Pub. L. 97-98 provided for the establishment of a Soybean Research Advisory Institute for the purpose of preparing and submitting to Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry and House Committee on Agriculture, not later than Mar. 1, 1983, a comprehensive report, with appropriate recommendations, on the findings of the Institute regarding research on soybean production and utilization, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 99-198, title XIV, §1434, Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1557.