

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.)

§ 2486I. 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-related 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.

§ 2487b. Biomedical research grants

(a) Establishment of program

The Administrator and the Director of the National Institutes of Health shall establish a joint program of biomedical research grants in areas described in section 2487a(a) of this title, where such research requires access to a microgravity environment. Such program shall be consistent with actions taken by the joint working group under section 2487a of this title.

(b) Research opportunity announcements

The grants program established under subsection (a) of this section shall annually issue joint research opportunity announcements under the sponsorship of the National Institutes of Health and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Responses to the announcements shall be evaluated by a peer review committee whose members shall be selected by the Director of the National Institutes of Health and the Administrator, and shall include individuals not employed by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration or the National Institutes of Health.

(Pub. L. 102-588, title VI, §603, Nov. 4, 1992, 106 Stat. 5130.)

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