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SUBCHAPTER I—CONGRESSIONAL AWARD PROGRAM

§ 801. Establishment, etc., of Congressional Award Board

There is established a board to be known as the Congressional Award Board (hereinafter in this subchapter referred to as the "Board"), which shall be responsible for administering the Congressional Award Program described under section 802 of this title. The Board shall not be an agency or instrumentality of the United States, and the United States is not liable for any obligation or liability incurred by the Board.

(Pub. L. 96-114, title I, §101, formerly §2, Nov. 16, 1979, 93 Stat. 851; renumbered title I, §101, and amended Pub. L. 106-533, §1(b)(1)-(3), Nov. 22, 2000, 114 Stat. 2553.)

AMENDMENTS

2000—Pub. L. 106-533, §1(b)(3)(A), substituted "subchapter" for "chapter".

Pub. L. 106-533, §1(b)(3)(B), made technical amendment to reference in original act which appears in text as reference to section 802 of this title.

SHORT TITLE OF 1992 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 102-457, §1, Oct. 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 2265, provided that: "This Act [amending sections 804 and 808 of this title] may be cited as the 'Congressional Award Act Amendments of 1992'."

SHORT TITLE OF 1990 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 101-525, §1, Nov. 6, 1990, 104 Stat. 2305, provided that: "This Act [amending sections 802, 803, and 806 to 808 of this title and enacting provisions set out as a note under section 808 of this title] may be cited as the 'Congressional Award Amendments of 1990'."

SHORT TITLE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 100-674, §1, Nov. 17, 1988, 102 Stat. 3996, provided that: "This Act [amending sections 802, 803, and 806 to 808 of this title and enacting provisions set out as a note under section 803 of this title] may be cited as the 'Congressional Award Act Amendments of 1988'."

SHORT TITLE OF 1985 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 99-161, §1, Nov. 25, 1985, 99 Stat. 934, provided that: "This Act [amending sections 802, 803, and 806 to 808 of this title and repealing provisions set out as a note under section 803 of this title] may be cited as the 'Congressional Award Amendments of 1985'."

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 96-114, title II, §201, as added by Pub. L. 106-533, §1(a), Nov. 22, 2000, 114 Stat. 2545, provided that: "This title [enacting subchapter II of this chapter] may be cited as the 'Congressional Recognition for Excellence in Arts Education Act'."

Section 1 of Pub. L. 96-114 provided that: "This Act [enacting this chapter] may be cited as the 'Congressional Award Act'."

§ 802. Program

(a) Establishment, functions, and purposes; nature of awards

The Board shall establish and administer a program to be known as the Congressional Award Program, which shall be designed to promote initiative, achievement, and excellence among youths in the areas of public service, personal development, and physical and expedition

fitness. Under the program medals shall be awarded to young people within the United States, aged fourteen through twenty-three (subject to such exceptions as the Board may prescribe), who have satisfied the standards of achievement established by the Board under subsection (b) of this section. Each medal shall consist of gold-plate over bronze, rhodium over bronze, or bronze and shall be struck in accordance with subsection (f) of this section.

(b) Implementation requirements for Board

In carrying out the Congressional Award Program, the Board shall—

- (1) establish the standards of achievement required for young people to qualify as recipients of the medals and establish such procedures as may be required to verify that individuals satisfy such qualifications;
- (2) designate the recipients of the medals in accordance with the standards established under paragraph (1) of this subsection;
- (3) delineate such roles as the Board considers to be appropriate for the Director and Regional Directors in administering the Congressional Award, and set forth in the bylaws of the Board the duties, salaries, and benefits of the Director and Regional Directors;
- (4) raise funds for the operation of the program; and
- (5) take such other actions as may be appropriate for the administration of the Congressional Award Program.

No salary established by the Board under paragraph (3) shall exceed \$75,000 per annum, except that for calendar years after 1986, such limit shall be increased in proportion to increases in the Consumer Price Index.

(c) Presentation of awards

The Board shall arrange for the presentation of the awards to the recipients and shall provide for participation by Members of Congress in such presentation, when appropriate. To the extent possible, recipients shall be provided with opportunities to exchange information and views with Members of Congress during the presentation of the awards.

(d) Scholarships for recipients of Congressional Award Gold, Silver, and Bronze Medals

The Board may award scholarships in such amounts as the Board determines to be appropriate to any recipient of the Congressional Award Gold, Silver, and Bronze Medals.

(e) Omitted

(f) Congressional Award Program medals

(1) Design and striking

The Secretary of the Treasury shall strike the medals described in subsection (a) of this section and awarded by the Board under this chapter. Subject to subsection (a) of this section, the medals shall be of such quantity, design, and specifications as the Secretary of the Treasury may determine, after consultation with the Board.

(2) National medals

The medals struck pursuant to this chapter are National medals for purposes of chapter 51 of title 31.

(3) Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be charged against the Numismatic Public Enterprise Fund such amounts as may be necessary to pay for the cost of the medals struck pursuant to this chapter.

(Pub. L. 96–114, title I, §102, formerly §3, Nov. 16, 1979, 93 Stat. 851; Pub. L. 99–161, §4(a)–(c), Nov. 25, 1985, 99 Stat. 934; Pub. L. 100–674, §2(a), Nov. 17, 1988, 102 Stat. 3996; Pub. L. 101–525, §3, Nov. 6, 1990, 104 Stat. 2305; Pub. L. 103–329, title VI, §637, Sept. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 2431; Pub. L. 106–63, §1(a), Oct. 1, 1999, 113 Stat. 510; renumbered title I, §102, and amended Pub. L. 106–533, §1(b)(1), (2), (4), Nov. 22, 2000, 114 Stat. 2553.)

CODIFICATION

Subsection (e), which required the Board to submit an annual report to Congress on the activities of the Congressional Award Program, terminated, effective May 15, 2000, pursuant to section 3003 of Pub. L. 104–66, as amended, set out as a note under section 1113 of Title 31, Money and Finance. See, also, page 199 of House Document No. 103–7.

AMENDMENTS

2000—Subsec. (e)(3). Pub. L. 106–533, §1(b)(4)(A), which directed technical amendment to reference in original act which would have appeared in text as reference to section 804(g)(1) of this title could not be executed because that reference did not appear in the original. See Codification note above.

Subsec. (e)(4). Pub. L. 106–533, §1(b)(4)(B), made technical amendment to reference in original act which appears in text as reference to section 806 of this title. See Codification note above.

1999—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 106–63 substituted “June 1” for “April 1” in introductory provisions.

1994—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 103–329, §637(1), struck out “gold, silver, and bronze” after “Under the program” and substituted last sentence for former last sentence which read as follows: “The medals shall be of such design and materials as the Board may determine.”

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 103–329, §637(2), added subsec. (f). 1990—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 101–525 substituted “April 1” for “March 1”.

1988—Subsec. (e)(6) to (8). Pub. L. 100–674 added pars. (6) and (7) and redesignated former par. (6) as (8).

1985—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 99–161, §4(a), inserted provision limiting salaries established by Board under par. (3) to \$75,000 per annum, such limit after 1986 being increased in proportion to Consumer Price Index.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 99–161, §4(b), inserted reference to Silver and Bronze Medals.

Subsec. (e)(4). Pub. L. 99–161, §4(c), inserted “for each member, officer, employee, and consultant of the Board (or of the Corporation established pursuant to section 806(g)(1) of this title)”.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 801 of this title.

§ 803. Board organization

(a) Membership; composition; appointment criteria; derivation of appointment

(1) The Board shall consist of 25 members, as follows:

(A) Six members appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, 1 of whom shall be a recipient of the Congressional Award.

(B) Six members appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, 1 of whom shall be a¹ local Congressional Award program volunteer.

¹ So in original.