

Congressional Budget Office, and the Librarian of Congress, to gain access to any reports or other records, including information identifying individuals, in the Center's possession, except that the same restrictions on disclosure that apply under paragraphs (1) and (6) shall apply to such individuals.

(Pub. L. 103-382, title IV, § 408, Oct. 20, 1994, 108 Stat. 4034.)

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 9008 of this title.

§ 9008. Dissemination

(a) General requests

(1) In general

The Center may furnish transcripts or copies of tables and other statistical records and make special statistical compilations and surveys for State and local officials, public and private organizations, and individuals.

(2) Compilations

The Center shall provide State and local educational agencies opportunities to suggest the development of particular compilations of statistics, surveys, and analyses that would assist those educational agencies.

(b) Congressional requests

The Center shall furnish such special statistical compilations and surveys as the Congress may request.

(c) Joint statistical projects

The Secretary may engage in joint statistical projects related to the purposes of this chapter, or other statistical purposes authorized by law, with nonprofit organizations or agencies, and the cost of such projects shall be shared equitably as determined by the Secretary.

(d) Fees

(1) In general

Statistical compilations and surveys under this section, other than those carried out pursuant to subsections (b) and (c) of this section, may be made subject to the payment of the actual or estimated cost of such work.

(2) Funds received

All funds received in payment for work or services described in this subsection may be used to pay directly the costs of such work or services, to repay appropriations that initially bore all or part of such costs, or to refund excess sums when necessary.

(e) Access

(1) Other agencies

The Center shall, consistent with section 9007 of this title, cooperate with other Federal agencies having a need for educational data in providing access to educational data received by the Center.

(2) Interested parties

The Center shall, in accordance with such terms and conditions as the Secretary may prescribe, provide all interested parties, including public and private agencies and indi-

viduals, direct access to data collected by the Center for the purposes of research and acquiring statistical information.

(Pub. L. 103-382, title IV, § 409, Oct. 20, 1994, 108 Stat. 4035.)

§ 9009. Cooperative education statistics systems

(a) In general

The Commissioner may establish one or more national cooperative education statistics systems for the purpose of producing and maintaining, with the cooperation of the States, comparable and uniform information and data on elementary and secondary education, post-secondary education, and libraries, that are useful for policymaking at the Federal, State, and local levels. In carrying out this section, the Commissioner may provide technical assistance, and make grants and enter into contracts and cooperative agreements.

(b) Model data system

The Commissioner, working through the cooperative education statistics system, shall study, design, and pilot a model data system that will yield information about spending for administration at the school and local education agency levels.

(Pub. L. 103-382, title IV, § 410, Oct. 20, 1994, 108 Stat. 4036.)

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 8824 of this title.

§ 9010. National Assessment of Educational Progress

(a) Establishment

The Commissioner shall, with the advice of the National Assessment Governing Board established under section 9011 of this title, and with the technical assistance of the Advisory Council established under section 9006 of this title, carry out, through grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements with one or more qualified organizations, or consortia thereof, a National Assessment of Educational Progress (hereafter in this chapter referred to as the "National Assessment").

(b) Purpose; State assessments

(1) Purpose

The purpose of the National Assessment is to provide a fair and accurate presentation of educational achievement in reading, writing, and the other subjects included in the third National Education Goal, regarding student achievement and citizenship. The Commissioner, in carrying out the National Assessment, shall use sampling techniques that produce data that are representative on a national and regional basis, and on a State basis pursuant to paragraph (2). In addition, the Commissioner shall—

(A) collect and report data on a periodic basis, but at least once every two years, on students at ages 9, 13, and 17 and in grades 4, 8, and 12 in public and private schools;

(B) report achievement data on a basis that ensures valid and reliable trend reporting;