

(4) Prohibition against bias

The Board shall take steps to ensure that all items selected for use in the National Assessment are free from racial, cultural, gender, or regional bias and are secular, neutral, and non-ideological.

(5) Technical

In carrying out the duties required by paragraph (1), the Board may seek technical advice, as appropriate, from the Commissioner and the Advisory Council on Education Statistics and other experts.

(6) Report

Not later than 90 days after an evaluation of the student achievement levels under section 9010(e) of this title, the Board shall make a report to the Secretary, the Committee on Education and the Workforce of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate describing the steps the Board is taking to respond to each of the recommendations contained in such evaluation.

(f) Personnel**(1) In general**

In the exercise of its responsibilities, the Board shall be independent of the Secretary and the other offices and officers of the Department.

(2) Staff**(A) In general**

The Secretary may appoint, at the request of the Board, such staff as will enable the Board to carry out its responsibilities.

(B) Technical employees

Such appointments may include, for terms not to exceed 3 years and without regard to the provisions of title 5 governing appointments in the competitive service, not more than six technical employees who may be paid without regard to the provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of such title relating to classification and General Schedule pay rates.

(g) Coordination

The Commissioner and the Board shall meet periodically—

(1) to ensure coordination of their duties and activities relating to the National Assessment; and

(2) for the Commissioner to report to the Board on the Department's actions to implement the decisions of the Board.

(h) Administration

The Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply with respect to the Board, other than sections 10, 11, and 12 of such Act.

(Pub. L. 103-382, title IV, §412, Oct. 20, 1994, 108 Stat. 4039; Pub. L. 106-554, §1(a)(1) [title III, §307], Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2763, 2763A-44; Pub. L. 107-110, title VI, §602(b), Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1904.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The provisions of title 5 governing appointments in the competitive service, referred to in subsec. (f)(2)(B),

are classified to section 3301 et seq. of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

The Federal Advisory Committee Act, referred to in subsec. (h), is Pub. L. 92-463, Oct. 6, 1972, 86 Stat. 770, as amended, which is set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

AMENDMENTS

2002—Pub. L. 107-110 amended section generally, restating and expanding provisions.

2000—Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 106-554, §1(a)(1) [title III, §307(1)], substituted “4 years” for “3 years”.

Subsec. (c)(4). Pub. L. 106-554, §1(a)(1) [title III, §307(2)], added par. (4).

CHANGE OF NAME

Committee on Education and Labor of House of Representatives treated as referring to Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities of House of Representatives by section 1(a) of Pub. L. 104-14, set out as a note preceding section 21 of Title 2, The Congress. Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities of House of Representatives changed to Committee on Education and the Workforce of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 5, One Hundred Fifth Congress, Jan. 7, 1997.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2002 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 107-110 effective Jan. 8, 2002, except with respect to certain noncompetitive programs and competitive programs, see section 5 of Pub. L. 107-110, set out as an Effective Date note under section 6301 of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 9010, 9012 of this title.

§ 9012. Authorization of appropriations**(a) In general**

There are authorized to be appropriated \$65,000,000 for fiscal year 1995 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the four succeeding fiscal years to carry out this chapter (other than sections 9010 and 9011 of this title).

(b) National Assessment

There are authorized to be appropriated \$35,000,000 for fiscal year 1995 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 1996 and 1997 to carry out section 9010 of this title.

(c) Governing Board

There are authorized to be appropriated \$3,000,000 for fiscal year 1995 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 1996 and 1997 to carry out section 9011 of this title.

(Pub. L. 103-382, title IV, §413, Oct. 20, 1994, 108 Stat. 4041.)

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