

any reduction in total assistance payments, and the consequences of cash payments on household expenditures, and food consumption. The evaluation plan shall take into consideration the evaluation requirements and administrative obligations of the State. The evaluation will measure the effects of the Project in regard to goals of increasing family income, prevention of long-term dependency, movement toward self-support, and simplification of the welfare system.

(2) The State shall pay 50 percent of the cost of developing and implementing such plan and the Federal Government shall pay the remainder.

#### (j) Definitions

For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

(1) The term “family” means the following individuals who live together: a minor child or a group of minor children related to each other as siblings, half siblings, stepsiblings, or adopted siblings, together with their natural or adoptive parents, or their caregiver. Family also includes a pregnant woman in the third trimester of pregnancy with no children.

(2) The term “contract” means a plan to help a family pursue self-sufficiency, based on the State’s assessment of the family’s needs and abilities and developed with a parental caregiver.

(3) The term “caregiver” means a minor child’s natural or adoptive parent or parents who live in the home with the minor child. For purposes of determining eligibility for the Project, “caregiver” also means any of the following individuals who live with and provide care and support to a minor child when the minor child’s natural or adoptive parent or parents do not reside in the same home: grandfather, grandmother, brother, sister, stepfather, stepmother, stepbrother, stepsister, uncle, aunt, first cousin, nephew, niece, persons of preceding generations as denoted by prefixes of “great” or “great-great” or a spouse of any person named in the above groups even after the marriage ends by death or divorce.

(4) The term “State” means the State of Minnesota.

(Pub. L. 88-525, §22, as added Pub. L. 101-202, Dec. 6, 1989, 103 Stat. 1796; amended Pub. L. 102-237, title IX, §941(11), Dec. 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 1893; Pub. L. 107-171, title IV, §4118(d), May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 321.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Social Security Act, referred to in subsecs. (a), (b)(2), (3)(A), (B)(ii), (iii), (C)(ii), (iii), (5), (7), and (g)(1), is act Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, 49 Stat. 620, as amended. Part A of title IV of the Act is classified generally to part A (§601 et seq.) of subchapter IV of chapter 7 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare. Part F of title IV of the Act was classified generally to part F (§681 et seq.) of subchapter IV of chapter 7 of Title 42, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 104-193, title I, §108(e), Aug. 22, 1996, 110 Stat. 2167. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 1305 of Title 42 and Tables.

Section 482 of the Social Security Act, referred to in subsec. (b)(11), was classified to section 682 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 104-193, title I, §108(e), Aug. 22, 1996, 110 Stat. 2167.

#### AMENDMENTS

Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 107-171 substituted “section 2025(c)(1) of this title” for “section 2025(c)(1)(C) of this title” and struck out “Payments for administrative costs incurred by the State shall be included for purposes of establishing the adjustment under section 2025(c)(1)(A) of this title.” at end.

1991—Pub. L. 102-237, §941(11)(A), inserted section catchline.

Subsec. (d)(2)(B). Pub. L. 102-237, §941(11)(B), substituted “subsection (b)(3)(D)(iii)” for “paragraph (b)(3)(D)(iii)”.

Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 102-237, §941(11)(C), substituted “subsection (b)(12)” for “subsection b(12)”.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2002 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 107-171 not applicable with respect to any sanction, appeal, new investment agreement, or other action by the Secretary of Agriculture or a State agency that is based on a payment error rate calculated for any fiscal year before fiscal year 2003, see section 4118(e) of Pub. L. 107-171, set out as a note under section 2022 of this title.”

Amendment by Pub. L. 107-171 effective Oct. 1, 2002, except as otherwise provided, see section 4405 of Pub. L. 107-171, set out as an Effective Date note under section 1161 of Title 2, The Congress.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1991 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 102-237 effective and to be implemented no later than Feb. 1, 1992, see section 1101(d)(1) of Pub. L. 102-237, set out as a note under section 1421 of this title.

#### TERMINATION OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

For termination, effective May 15, 2000, of provisions in subsec. (f)(2) of this section relating to submitting reports on periodic audits to certain committees of Congress, see section 3003 of Pub. L. 104-66, as amended, set out as a note under section 1113 of Title 31, Money and Finance, and page 2 of House Document No. 103-7.

### § 2032. Automated data processing and information retrieval systems

#### (a) Standards and procedures for reviews

##### (1) Initial reviews

##### (A) In general

Not later than 1 year after November 28, 1990, the Secretary shall complete a review of regulations and standards (in effect on November 28, 1990) for the approval of an automated data processing and information retrieval system maintained by a State (hereinafter in this section referred to as a “system”) to determine the extent to which the regulations and standards contribute to a more effective and efficient program.

##### (B) Revision of regulations

The Secretary shall revise regulations (in effect on November 28, 1990) to take into account the findings of the review conducted under subparagraph (A).

##### (C) Incorporation of existing systems

The regulations shall require States to incorporate all or part of systems in use elsewhere, unless a State documents that the design and operation of an alternative system would be less costly. The Secretary shall establish standards to define the extent of modification of the systems for which payments will be made under either section 2025(a) or 2025(g) of this title.

**(D) Implementation**

Proposed systems shall meet standards established by the Secretary for timely implementation of proper changes.

**(E) Cost effectiveness**

Criteria for the approval of a system under section 2025(g) of this title shall include the cost effectiveness of the proposed system. On implementation of the approved system, a State shall document the actual cost and benefits of the system.

**(2) Operational reviews**

The Secretary shall conduct such reviews as are necessary to ensure that systems—

(A) comply with conditions of initial funding approvals; and

(B) adequately support program delivery in compliance with this chapter and regulations issued under this chapter.

**(b) Standards for approval of systems****(1) In general**

After conducting the review required under subsection (a) of this section, the Secretary shall establish standards for approval of systems.

**(2) Implementation**

A State shall implement the standards established by the Secretary within a reasonable period of time, as determined by the Secretary.

**(3) Periodic compliance reviews**

The Secretary shall conduct appropriate periodic reviews of systems to ensure compliance with the standards established by the Secretary.

**(c) Report**

Not later than October 1, 1993, the Secretary shall report to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate on the extent to which State agencies have developed and are operating effective systems that support food stamp program delivery in compliance with this chapter and regulations issued under this chapter.

(Pub. L. 88-525, § 23, as added Pub. L. 101-624, title XVII, § 1763(a), Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3805.)

**CODIFICATION**

November 28, 1990, referred to in subsec. (a)(1)(B), was in the original “the date of enactment of this Act”, which was translated as meaning the date of enactment of Pub. L. 101-624, which enacted this section, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

**SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS**

This section is referred to in section 2020 of this title.

**§ 2033. Repealed. Pub. L. 107-171, title IV, § 4124(b), May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 326**

Section, Pub. L. 88-525, § 24, as added Pub. L. 104-127, title IV, § 401(g), Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1027, related to payments by the Secretary to the Territory of American Samoa for fiscal years 1996 through 2002 to finance expenditures for nutrition assistance program extended under section 1469d(c) of title 48.

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL**

Repeal effective May 13, 2002 and applicable beginning on Oct. 1, 2002, see section 4124(c), (d) of Pub. L. 107-171,

set out as an Effective Date of 2002 Amendment note under section 2028 of this title.

**§ 2034. Assistance for community food projects****(a) “Community food projects” defined**

In this section, the term “community food project” means a community-based project that requires a 1-time infusion of Federal assistance to become self-sustaining and that is designed to—

(1)(A) meet the food needs of low-income people;

(B) increase the self-reliance of communities in providing for their own food needs; and

(C) promote comprehensive responses to local food, farm, and nutrition issues; or

(2) meet specific State, local, or neighborhood food and agricultural needs, including needs for—

(A) infrastructure improvement and development;

(B) planning for long-term solutions; or

(C) the creation of innovative marketing activities that mutually benefit agricultural producers and low-income consumers.

**(b) Authority to provide assistance****(1) In general**

From amounts made available to carry out this chapter, the Secretary may make grants to assist eligible private nonprofit entities to establish and carry out community food projects.

**(2) Limitation on grants**

The total amount of funds provided as grants under this section may not exceed—

(A) \$1,000,000 for fiscal year 1996; and

(B) \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1997 through 2007.

**(c) Eligible entities**

To be eligible for a grant under subsection (b) of this section, a private nonprofit entity must—

(1) have experience in the area of—

(A) community food work, particularly concerning small and medium-sized farms, including the provision of food to people in low-income communities and the development of new markets in low-income communities for agricultural producers; or

(B) job training and business development activities for food-related activities in low-income communities;

(2) demonstrate competency to implement a project, provide fiscal accountability, collect data, and prepare reports and other necessary documentation; and

(3) demonstrate a willingness to share information with researchers, practitioners, and other interested parties.

**(d) Preference for certain projects**

In selecting community food projects to receive assistance under subsection (b) of this section, the Secretary shall give a preference to projects designed to—

(1) develop linkages between 2 or more sectors of the food system;

(2) support the development of entrepreneurial projects;