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It is the purpose of this chapter to improve the quality of mathematics and science teaching and instruction in the United States.

(Pub. L. 98-377, § 2, Aug. 11, 1984, 98 Stat. 1267.)

SHORT TITLE OF 1985 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 99-159, § 1, Nov. 22, 1985, 99 Stat. 887, provided: “That this Act [enacting sections 366, 1221e-1c, and 3911 to 3922 of this title, and section 1886 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, amending sections 351a, 351c, 351d, 353, 1134h, 1221e-1b, 1411, 2007, 2311, 2312, 2322, 2323, 2333, 2361 to 2363, 2383, 2392, 2417, 2462, 2464, 2471, 2763, 3902, 3963 to 3973, 3982, 3983, 3985 to 3988, 4003, 4033, 4051, 4053, 4056, and 4059 of this title, sections 1503 and 1753 of Title 29, Labor, and sections 1862 to 1864, 1868 to 1872, 1873, 1874, 1881a, 1882, and 1885 to 1885d of Title 42, omitting sections 3911 to 3915, 3921 to 3923, 3931 to 3933, 3941, and 3951 to 3954 of this title, repealing sections 1873a and 1884 of Title 42, enacting provisions set out as notes under sections 351f, 1087bb, 1411, and 2311 of this title and section 1861 of Title 42, and amending provisions set out as notes under sections 1087bb and 2301 of this title and sections 1861 and 1882 of Title 42] may be cited as the ‘National Science, Engineering, and Mathematics Authorization Act of 1986’.”

SHORT TITLE

Section 1 of Pub. L. 98-377 provided: “That this Act [enacting this chapter] may be cited as the ‘Education for Economic Security Act’.”

Part A of title III of Pub. L. 98-377, as amended, which enacted part A of subchapter III of this chapter, is known as “Partnerships in Education for Mathematics, Science, and Engineering Act”, see note set out under section 3981 of this title.

Title V of Pub. L. 98-377, which enacted subchapter V of this chapter, is known as “Asbestos School Hazard

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Title VIII of Pub. L. 98-377, which enacted subchapter VIII of this chapter, is known as "The Equal Access Act", see note set out under section 4071 of this title.

Title IX of Pub. L. 98-377, which enacted subchapter IX of this chapter, is known as the "Star Schools Program Assistance Act", see note set out under section 4081 of this title.

§ 3902. Definitions

For the purpose of this chapter—

(1) The term "area vocational education school" has the same meaning given that term under section 2471(3)¹ of this title.²

(2) The term "Director" means the Director of the National Science Foundation.

(3) The term "elementary school" has the same meaning given that term under section 7801 of this title.

(4) The term "Governor" means the chief executive of a State.

(5) The term "Foundation" means the National Science Foundation.

(6) The term "institution of higher education" has the same meaning given that term by section 1001 of this title.

(7) The term "local educational agency" has the same meaning given that term under section 7801 of this title.

(8) The term "secondary school" has the same meaning given that term under section 198(a)(7)¹ of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

(9) The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of Education.

(10) The term "State" means each of the several States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

(11) The term "State agency for higher education" means the State board of higher education or other agency or officer primarily responsible for the State supervision of higher education, or, if there is no such officer or agency, an officer or agency designated for the purpose of this chapter¹ by the Governor or by State law.

(12) The term "State educational agency" has the meaning given that term under section 7801 of this title.

(Pub. L. 98-377, §3, Aug. 11, 1984, 98 Stat. 1267; Pub. L. 99-159, title II, §221, Nov. 22, 1985, 99 Stat. 897; Pub. L. 105-244, title I, §102(a)(6)(F), Oct. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1618; Pub. L. 107-110, title X, §1076(l)(1), Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 2092.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 2471 of this title, referred to in par. (1), was omitted in the general amendment of chapter 44 (§2301 et seq.) of this title by Pub. L. 105-332, §1(b), Oct. 30, 1998, 112 Stat. 3076.

Section 198 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, referred to in par. (8), is section 198 of Pub. L. 89-10, title I, as added by Pub. L. 95-561, title I, §101(a), Nov. 1, 1978, 92 Stat. 2198, which was classified to section 2854 of this title prior to the general amend-

ment of Pub. L. 89-10 by Pub. L. 100-297, Apr. 28, 1988, 102 Stat. 140. For definition of "secondary school", see section 7801 of this title.

This chapter, referred to in par. (11), was in the original "this title" and has been translated as if the reference was to "this Act" to reflect the probable intent of Congress inasmuch as this section is not part of a title of Pub. L. 98-377.

AMENDMENTS

2002—Par. (3). Pub. L. 107-110, §1076(l)(1)(A), substituted "7801 of this title" for "198(a)(7) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965".

Par. (7). Pub. L. 107-110, §1076(l)(1)(B), substituted "7801 of this title" for "198(a)(10) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965".

Par. (12). Pub. L. 107-110, §1076(l)(1)(C), substituted "7801 of this title" for "198(a)(17) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965".

1998—Par. (6). Pub. L. 105-244 substituted "section 1001" for "section 1141(a)".

1985—Par. (1). Pub. L. 99-159 substituted reference to section 2471(3) of this title for reference to section 195(2) of the Vocational Education Act of 1965.

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.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 105-244 effective Oct. 1, 1998, except as otherwise provided in Pub. L. 105-244, see section 3 of Pub. L. 105-244, set out as a note under section 1001 of this title.

TERMINATION OF TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

For termination of Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, see note set out preceding section 1681 of Title 48, Territories and Insular Possessions.

SUBCHAPTER I—NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING EDUCATION

§ 3911. Congressional declaration of policy

(a) The Congress declares that the science and engineering education responsibilities of the National Science Foundation are—

(1) to improve the quality of instruction in the fields of mathematics, science, and engineering;

(2) to support research, fellowships, teacher-faculty-business exchange programs in mathematics, science, and engineering;

(3) to improve the quality and availability of instrumentation for mathematics, science, and engineering instruction;

(4) to encourage partnerships in education between local and State education agencies, business and industry, colleges and universities, and cultural and professional institutions and societies; and

(5) to improve the quality of education at all levels in the fields of mathematics, science, and engineering.

(b) In exercising its responsibilities to strengthen scientific and engineering research potential and science and engineering education programs at all levels, the Foundation shall avoid undue concentration of support for research and education activities.

¹ See References in Text note below.

² So in original.