

Public Law 103-374
103d Congress

An Act

Oct. 19, 1994
[H.R. 3485]

To authorize appropriations for carrying out the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977 for fiscal years 1995 and 1996.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Section 12 of the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977 (42 U.S.C. 7706) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(7)—

(A) by inserting “of the Agency” after “to the Director”;

(B) by striking “and” after “September 30, 1992,”; and

(C) by inserting “, \$25,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995, and \$25,750,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996” after “September 30, 1993”;

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) by striking “and” after “September 30, 1992,”; and

(B) by inserting “, \$49,200,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995; and \$50,676,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996” after “September 30, 1993”;

(3) by adding at the end of subsection (c) the following new sentence: “There are authorized to be appropriated, out of funds otherwise authorized to be appropriated to the National Science Foundation: (1) \$16,200,000 for engineering research and \$10,900,000 for geosciences research for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995, and (2) \$16,686,000 for engineering research and \$11,227,000 for geosciences research for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996.”; and

(4) by adding at the end of subsection (d) the following new sentence: “There are authorized to be appropriated, out of funds otherwise authorized to be appropriated to the National Institute of Standards and Technology, \$1,900,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995, and \$1,957,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996.”.

SEC. 2. EARTHQUAKE ENGINEERING ASSESSMENT.

President.

(a) **ASSESSMENT.**—The President shall conduct an assessment of earthquake engineering research and testing capabilities in the United States. This assessment shall include—

(1) the need for shake tables and other earthquake engineering research and testing facilities in the United States;

(2) options to cooperate with other countries that have developed complementary earthquake engineering research and testing programs and facilities;

(3) projected costs for construction, maintenance, and operation of new earthquake engineering research and testing facilities in the United States; and

(4) options and recommendations to provide funding for the construction and operation of new earthquake engineering and testing facilities, including the feasibility and advisability of developing a comprehensive earthquake engineering research and testing program within the scope of the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977.

(b) DEADLINE.—The assessment required by subsection (a) shall be transmitted to Congress within nine months after the date of enactment of this Act.

Approved October 19, 1994.

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