

Public Law 92-86

AN ACT

August 11, 1971
[H. R. 7960]

To authorize appropriations for activities of the National Science Foundation, and for other purposes.

National Science
Foundation Au-
thorization Act of
1972.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated to the National Science Foundation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1972, for the following categories:

- (1) Scientific Research Project Support, \$271,000,000.
- (2) Specialized Research Facilities and Equipment, \$9,300,000.
- (3) National and Special Research Programs, \$144,600,000.
- (4) National Research Centers, \$40,200,000.
- (5) Computing Activities, \$17,500,000.
- (6) Science Information Activities, \$9,800,000.
- (7) International Cooperative Scientific Activities, \$4,000,000.
- (8) Intergovernmental Science Programs, \$1,000,000.
- (9) Institutional Support for Science, \$28,800,000.
- (10) Science Education Support, \$99,300,000.
- (11) Planning and Policy Studies, \$2,700,000.
- (12) Program Development and Management, \$24,300,000.

SEC. 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act—

(1) not less than \$2,000,000 of the sum stipulated in section 1 for Science Education Support shall be available for the "Student Science Training" program;

(2) not less than \$4,000,000 of the sum stipulated in section 1 for Science Education Support shall be available for the "Undergraduate Research Participation" program;

(3) not to exceed \$59,000,000 of the sum stipulated in section 1 for National and Special Research Programs shall be available for the "Research Applied to National Needs" program.

SEC. 3. Appropriations made pursuant to authority provided in sections 1 and 5 shall remain available for obligation, for expenditure, or for obligation and expenditure, for such period or periods as may be specified in Acts making such appropriations.

SEC. 4. Appropriations made pursuant to this Act may be used, but not to exceed \$5,000, for official consultation, representation, or other extraordinary expenses upon the approval or authority of the Director of the National Science Foundation, and his determination shall be final and conclusive upon the accounting officers of the Government.

SEC. 5. In addition to such sums as are authorized by section 1, not to exceed \$3,000,000 is authorized to be appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1972, for expenses of the National Science Foundation incurred outside the United States to be paid for in foreign currencies which the Treasury Department determines to be excess to the normal requirements of the United States.

Transfer of
funds.

SEC. 6. No funds may be transferred from any particular category listed in section 1 to any other category or categories listed in such section if the total of the funds so transferred from that particular category would exceed 10 per centum thereof, and no funds may be transferred to any particular category listed in section 1 from any other category or categories listed in such section if the total of the funds so transferred to that particular category would exceed 10 per centum thereof, unless—

Report to
Congress.

(A) a period of thirty days has passed after the Director or his designee has transmitted to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to the President of the Senate and to the Committee on Science and Astronautics of the House of Representatives and to the Committee on Labor and Public Welfare of

the Senate a written report containing a full and complete statement concerning the nature of the transfer and the reason therefor, or

(B) each such committee before the expiration of such period has transmitted to the Director written notice to the effect that such committee has no objection to the proposed action.

SEC. 7. (a) If an institution of higher education determines, after affording notice and opportunity for hearing to an individual attending, or employed by, such institution, that such individual has been convicted by any court of record of any crime which was committed after the date of enactment of this Act and which involved the use of (or assistance to others in the use of) force, disruption, or the seizure of property under control of any institution of higher education to prevent officials or students in such institution from engaging in their duties or pursuing their studies, and that such crime was of a serious nature and contributed to a substantial disruption of the administration of the institution with respect to which such crime was committed, then the institution which such individual attends, or is employed by, shall deny for a period of two years any further payment to, or for the direct benefit of, such individual under any of the programs specified in subsection (c). If an institution denies an individual assistance under the authority of the preceding sentence of this subsection, then any institution which such individual subsequently attends shall deny for the remainder of the two-year period any further payments to, or for the direct benefit of, such individual under any of the programs specified in subsection (c).

Campus disrupters, denial of payment.

(b) If an institution of higher education determines, after affording notice and opportunity for hearing to an individual attending, or employed by, such institution, that such individual has willfully refused to obey a lawful regulation or order of such institution after the date of enactment of this Act, and that such refusal was of a serious nature and contributed to a substantial disruption of the administration of such institution, then such institution shall deny, for a period of two years, any further payment to, or for the direct benefit of, such individual under any of the programs specified in subsection (c).

(c) The programs referred to in subsections (a) and (b) are as follows:

(1) The programs authorized by the National Science Foundation Act of 1950; and

(2) The programs authorized under title IX of the National Defense Education Act of 1958 relating to establishing the Science Information Service.

64 Stat. 149.
42 USC 1861
note.
72 Stat. 1601.
42 USC 1876.

(d)(1) Nothing in this Act, or any Act amended by this Act, shall be construed to prohibit any institution of higher education from refusing to award, continue, or extend any financial assistance under any such Act to any individual because of any misconduct which in its judgment bears adversely on his fitness for such assistance.

(2) Nothing in this section shall be construed as limiting or prejudicing the rights and prerogatives of any institution of higher education to institute and carry out an independent, disciplinary proceeding pursuant to existing authority, practice, and law.

(3) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the freedom of any student to verbal expression of individual views or opinions.

SEC. 8. This Act may be cited as the "National Science Foundation Authorization Act of 1972".

Short title.

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