

gineering and the Secretaries concerned shall coordinate and collaborate with the Director of the Office on covered academic engagement programs sponsored by the Under Secretary as Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) programs and activities.

(g) COVERED ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM DEFINED.—In this section, the term “covered academic engagement program” means any of the following:

(1) A primary, secondary, or post-secondary educational program with a cyber focus.

(2) A program of the Department of Defense for the recruitment or retention of cyberspace civilian and military personnel (including scholarship programs) other than a Reserve Officers’ Training Corps program.

(3) An academic partnership focused on establishing cyber talent among the personnel referred to in paragraph (2).

(Added Pub. L. 118–31, div. A, title XV, §1531(a), Dec. 22, 2023, 137 Stat. 560.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 1649 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020, referred to in subsec. (c)(2)(C), is section 1649 of Pub. L. 116–92, div. A, title XVI, Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 1758, which is not classified to the Code.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### DEADLINE FOR ESTABLISHMENT

Pub. L. 118–31, div. A, title XV, §1531(b), Dec. 22, 2023, 137 Stat. 562, provided that: “The Secretary of Defense shall establish the office under section 2192c of title 10, United States Code, as added by subsection (a), by not later than 270 days after the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 22, 2023].”

#### § 2193. Improvement of education in technical fields: grants for higher education in science and mathematics

(a)(1) The Secretary of Defense may, in accordance with the provisions of this subsection, carry out a program for awarding grants to students who have been accepted for enrollment in, or who are enrolled in, an institution of higher education as undergraduate or graduate students in scientific and engineering disciplines critical to the national security functions of the Department of Defense.

(2) Grant proceeds shall be disbursed on behalf of students awarded grants under this subsection to the institutions of higher education at which the students are enrolled. No grant proceeds shall be disbursed on behalf of a student until the student is enrolled at an institution of higher education.

(3) The amount of a grant awarded a student under this subsection may not exceed the student’s cost of attendance.

(4) The amount of a grant awarded a student under this subsection shall not be reduced on the basis of the student’s receipt of other forms of Federal student financial assistance, but shall be taken into account in determining the eligibility of the student for those other forms of Federal student financial assistance.

(5) The Secretary shall give priority to awarding grants under this subsection in a manner likely to stimulate the interest of women and members of minority groups in pursuing scientific and engineering careers. The Secretary may consider the financial need of applicants in making awards in accordance with such priority.

(b) In this section:

(1) The term “institution of higher education” has the meaning given such term in section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

(2) The term “cost of attendance” has the meaning given such term in section 472 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 10877l).

(Added Pub. L. 101–510, div. A, title II, §247(a)(1), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1521; amended Pub. L. 105–244, title I, §102(a)(2)(A), Oct. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1617; Pub. L. 106–65, div. A, title V, §580(c)(2), (3), (d)(2), Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 633.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, referred to in subsec. (b)(1), is classified to section 1001 of Title 20, Education.

##### AMENDMENTS

1999—Pub. L. 106–65, §580(d)(2), amended section catchline generally. Prior to amendment, catchline read as follows: “Science and mathematics education improvement program”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 106–65, §580(c)(3), redesignated subsec. (c) as (b).

Pub. L. 106–65, §580(c)(2), redesignated subsec. (b) as section 2193a of this title.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 106–65, §580(c)(3), redesignated subsec. (c) as (b).

1998—Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 105–244 substituted “section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965” for “section 1201(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1141(a))”.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### 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 Title 20, Education.

#### § 2193a. Improvement of education in technical fields: general authority for support of elementary and secondary education in science and mathematics

The Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of Education, may establish programs for the purpose of improving the mathematics and scientific knowledge and skills of elementary and secondary school students and faculty members.

(Added and amended Pub. L. 106–65, div. A, title V, §580(c)(1), (2), Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 632, 633.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### CODIFICATION

The text of section 2193(b) of this title, which was transferred to, and redesignated as text of, this section, was based on Pub. L. 101–510, div. A, title II, §247(a)(1), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1521.

## AMENDMENTS

1999—Pub. L. 106-65, § 580(c)(2), renumbered section 2193(b) of this title as text of this section. See Codification note above.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

PILOT PROGRAM ON ENHANCEMENT OF PREPARATION OF DEPENDENTS OF MEMBERS OF ARMED FORCES FOR CAREERS IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS

Pub. L. 113-291, div. A, title II, § 233, Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3334, which required the Secretary of Defense to carry out a pilot program related to the enhancement of preparation of certain students for careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, was repealed by Pub. L. 116-92, div. A, title II, § 211(c), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 1255. See section 2192b of this title.

**§ 2193b. Improvement of education in technical fields: program for support of elementary and secondary education in science, technology, engineering, art and design, and mathematics**

(a) **AUTHORITY FOR PROGRAM.**—The Secretary of Defense may conduct a science, technology, engineering, art and design, and mathematics education improvement program known as the “Department of Defense STARBASE Program”. The Secretary shall carry out the program in coordination with the Secretaries of the military departments and the Secretary of the Department in which the Coast Guard is operating.

(b) **PURPOSE.**—The purpose of the program is to improve knowledge and skills of students in kindergarten through twelfth grade in science, technology, engineering, art and design, and mathematics.

(c) **STARBASE ACADEMIES.**—(1) The Secretary shall provide for the establishment of at least 25 academies under the program.

(2) The Secretary of Defense shall establish guidelines, criteria, and a process for the establishment of STARBASE programs in addition to those in operation on October 5, 1999.

(3)(A) Except as otherwise provided under subparagraph (B), the Secretary may not support the establishment in any State of more than four academies under the program.

(B) The Secretary may support the establishment and operation of an academy in a State in excess of four academies in that State if the Secretary expressly waives, in writing, the limitation in subparagraph (A) with respect to that State. In the case of any such waiver, appropriated funds may be used for the establishment and operation of an academy in excess of four in that State only to the extent that appropriated funds are expressly available for that purpose. Any such waiver shall be made under criteria to be prescribed by the Secretary.

(d) **PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN PROGRAM.**—The Secretary shall prescribe standards and procedures for selection of persons for participation in the program.

(e) **REGULATIONS.**—The Secretary of Defense shall prescribe regulations governing the conduct of the program.

(f) **AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT FINANCIAL AND OTHER SUPPORT.**—(1) The Secretary of Defense, the Secretaries of the military departments, and the

Secretary of the Department in which the Coast Guard is operating may accept financial and other support for the program from other departments and agencies of the Federal Government, State governments, local governments, and not-for-profit and other organizations in the private sector.

(2) The Secretary of Defense shall remain the executive agent to carry out the program regardless of the source of funds for the program or any transfer of jurisdiction over the program within the executive branch.

(g) **ANNUAL REPORT.**—Not later than March 31 of each year, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report on the program under this section. The report shall contain a discussion of the design and conduct of the program and an evaluation of the effectiveness of the program.

(h) **STATE DEFINED.**—In this section, the term “State” includes the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, and Guam.

(Added Pub. L. 106-65, div. A, title V, § 580(a), Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 631; amended Pub. L. 107-107, div. A, title V, § 596(b), Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1127; Pub. L. 108-375, div. A, title V, § 519, title X, § 1084(d)(16), Oct. 28, 2004, 118 Stat. 1886, 2062; Pub. L. 110-181, div. A, title V, § 592, Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 138; Pub. L. 111-383, div. A, title V, § 595, Jan. 7, 2011, 124 Stat. 4234; Pub. L. 116-92, div. A, title V, § 552, Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 1386; Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title V, §§ 591(a), 592, Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3665, 3666.)

**Editorial Notes**

## AMENDMENTS

2021—Pub. L. 116-283, § 591(a)(1), substituted “science, technology, engineering, art and design, and mathematics” for “science, mathematics, and technology” in section catchline.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 116-283, § 591(a)(2), substituted “science, technology, engineering, art and design, and mathematics” for “science, mathematics, and technology”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 116-283, § 591(a)(3), substituted “science, technology, engineering, art and design, and mathematics” for “mathematics, science, and technology”.

Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 116-283, § 592, inserted “the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa,” before “Guam”.

2019—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 116-92, § 552(1), inserted “and the Secretary of the Department in which the Coast Guard is operating” after “military departments”.

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 116-92, § 552(2), substituted “, the Secretaries of the military departments, and the Secretary of the Department in which the Coast Guard is operating” for “and the Secretaries of the military departments”.

2011—Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 111-383 substituted “March 31 of each year” for “90 days after the end of each fiscal year”.

2008—Subsec. (c)(3)(A). Pub. L. 110-181, § 592(1), substituted “more than four academies” for “more than two academies”.

Subsec. (c)(3)(B). Pub. L. 110-181, § 592(2), substituted “in excess of four” for “in excess of two” in two places.

2004—Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 108-375, § 1084(d)(16), substituted “October 5, 1999” for “the date of the enactment of this section”.

Subsec. (c)(3). Pub. L. 108-375, § 519, amended par. (3) generally. Prior to amendment, par. (3) read as follows: