

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2009 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 111-39 effective as if enacted on the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-315 (Aug. 14, 2008), see section 3 of Pub. L. 111-39, set out as a note under section 1001 of this title.

## DEFINITIONS

For meaning of references to an intellectual disability and to individuals with intellectual disabilities in provisions amended by section 2 of Pub. L. 111-256, see section 2(k) of Pub. L. 111-256, set out as a note under section 1400 of this title.

## SUBPART 1—DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS TO SUPPORT POSTSECONDARY FACULTY, STAFF, AND ADMINISTRATORS IN EDUCATING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

**§ 1140a. Purpose**

It is the purpose of this subpart to support model demonstration projects to provide technical assistance or professional development for postsecondary faculty, staff, and administrators in institutions of higher education to enable such faculty, staff, and administrators to provide students with disabilities with a quality postsecondary education.

(Pub. L. 89-329, title VII, §761, as added Pub. L. 110-315, title VII, §709(2), Aug. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 3362.)

**Editorial Notes**

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 1140a, Pub. L. 89-329, title VII, §762, as added Pub. L. 105-244, title VII, §701, Oct. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1801, related to authorization of competitive grants, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 110-315, title VII, §709(2), Aug. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 3361.

A prior section 761 of Pub. L. 89-329 was classified to section 1140 of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 110-315.

Another prior section 761 of Pub. L. 89-329 was classified to section 1132g of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 102-325.

Another prior section 761 of Pub. L. 89-329 was classified to section 1132d of this title, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 96-374.

**§ 1140b. Grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements authorized****(a) Competitive grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements authorized****(1) In general**

From amounts appropriated under section 1140e of this title, the Secretary may award grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements, on a competitive basis, to institutions of higher education to enable the institutions to carry out the activities under subsection (b).

**(2) Awards for professional development and technical assistance**

Not less than two grants, contracts, cooperative agreements, or a combination of such awards shall be awarded to institutions of higher education that provide professional development and technical assistance in order for students with learning disabilities to receive a quality postsecondary education.

**(b) Duration; activities****(1) Duration**

A grant, contract, or cooperative agreement under this subpart shall be awarded for a period of three years.

**(2) Authorized activities**

A grant, contract, or cooperative agreement awarded under this subpart shall be used to carry out one or more of the following activities:

**(A) Teaching methods and strategies**

The development of innovative, effective, and efficient teaching methods and strategies, consistent with the principles of universal design for learning, to provide postsecondary faculty, staff, and administrators with the skills and supports necessary to teach and meet the academic and programmatic needs of students with disabilities, in order to improve the retention of such students in, and the completion by such students of, postsecondary education. Such methods and strategies may include in-service training, professional development, customized and general technical assistance, workshops, summer institutes, distance learning, and training in the use of assistive and educational technology.

**(B) Effective transition practices**

The development of innovative and effective teaching methods and strategies to provide postsecondary faculty, staff, and administrators with the skill and supports necessary to ensure the successful and smooth transition of students with disabilities from secondary school to postsecondary education.

**(C) Synthesizing research and information**

The synthesis of research and other information related to the provision of postsecondary educational services to students with disabilities, including data on the impact of a postsecondary education on subsequent employment of students with disabilities. Such research, information, and data shall be made publicly available and accessible.

**(D) Distance learning**

The development of innovative and effective teaching methods and strategies to provide postsecondary faculty, staff, and administrators with the ability to provide accessible distance education programs or classes that would enhance the access of students with disabilities to postsecondary education, including the use of accessible curricula and electronic communication for instruction and advising.

**(E) Disability career pathways****(i) In general**

The provision of information, training, and technical assistance to secondary and postsecondary faculty, staff, and administrators with respect to disability-related fields that would enable such faculty, staff, and administrators to—

(I) encourage interest and participation in such fields, among students with disabilities and other students;