

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

## CHANGE OF NAME

Committee on Energy and Commerce of House of Representatives treated as referring to Committee on Commerce of House of Representatives by section 1(a) of Pub. L. 104-14, set out as a note preceding section 21 of Title 2, The Congress. Committee on Commerce of House of Representatives changed to Committee on Energy and Commerce of House of Representatives, and jurisdiction over matters relating to securities and exchanges and insurance generally transferred to Committee on Financial Services of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 5, One Hundred Seventh Congress, Jan. 3, 2001.

**§ 4017. Recovery of costs****(a) Loan condition**

(1) As a condition of the award of any financial assistance under section 4014 of this title, the recipient of any such loan or grant shall permit the United States to sue on behalf of such recipient any person determined by the Attorney General to be liable to the recipient for the costs of any activities undertaken by the recipient under such section.

(2) The proceeds from any judgment recovered in any suit brought by the United States under paragraph (1) (or, if the recipient files a similar suit on its own behalf, the proceeds from a judgment recovered by the recipient in such suit) shall be used to repay to the United States, by deposit in the Asbestos Trust Fund established by section 4022 of this title, to the extent that the proceeds are sufficient to provide for such repayment, an amount equal to the sum of—

(A) the amount (i) outstanding on any loan and (ii) of any grant made to the recipient; and

(B) an amount equal to the interest which would have been charged on such loan were the loan made by a commercial lender at prevailing interest rates (as determined by the Administrator).

**(b) Expeditious recovery**

The Attorney General shall, where appropriate, proceed in an expeditious manner to recover the amounts expended by the United States to carry out this subchapter from the persons identified by the Attorney General as being liable for such costs.

(Pub. L. 98-377, title V, §508, Aug. 11, 1984, 98 Stat. 1293; Pub. L. 101-637, §§9, 14(a)(8), (b)(10), (11), (c)(5), Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4592, 4594-4596.)

**Editorial Notes**

## AMENDMENTS

1990—Pub. L. 101-637, §14(a)(8), inserted section catchline.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 101-637, §14(b)(10), inserted heading.

Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 101-637, §14(c)(5), substituted "section" for "sections" after "such".

Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 101-637, §9, inserted "by deposit in the Asbestos Trust Fund established by section 4022 of this title," after "repay to the United States,".

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 101-637, §14(b)(11), inserted heading.

**§ 4018. Employee protection**

No State or local educational agency receiving assistance under this subchapter may discharge

any employee or otherwise discriminate against any employee with respect to the employee's compensation, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment because the employee has brought to the attention of the public information concerning any asbestos problem in the school buildings within the jurisdiction of such agency.

(Pub. L. 98-377, title V, §509, Aug. 11, 1984, 98 Stat. 1294; Pub. L. 101-637, §14(a)(9), Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4594.)

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## AMENDMENTS

1990—Pub. L. 101-637 inserted section catchline.

**§ 4019. Affect on rights under other laws**

Except as otherwise provided in section 4017 of this title, nothing in this subchapter shall—

(1) affect the right of any party to seek legal redress in connection with the purchase or installation of asbestos materials in schools or any claim of disability or death related to exposure to asbestos in a school setting; or

(2) affect the rights of any party under any other law.

(Pub. L. 98-377, title V, §510, Aug. 11, 1984, 98 Stat. 1294; Pub. L. 101-637, §14(a)(10), Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4594.)

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**§ 4020. Definitions**

For purposes of this subchapter:

(1) The term "asbestos" means—

(A) chrysotile, amosite, or crocidolite; or

(B) in fibrous form, tremolite, anthophyllite, or actinolite.

(2) The term "Attorney General" means the Attorney General of the United States.

(3) The term "threat" or "hazard" means that an asbestos material is friable or easily damaged, or within reach of students or employees or otherwise susceptible to damage (including damage from water, vibration, or air circulation) which could result in the dispersal of asbestos fibers into the school environment.

(4) The term "local educational agency" means—

(A) any local educational agency as defined in section 7801 of this title; and

(B) the governing authority of any non-profit elementary or secondary school.

(5) The term "nonprofit elementary or secondary school" means—

(A) any elementary school or secondary school as defined in section 7801 of this title owned and operated by one or more non-profit corporations or associations no part of the net earnings of which inures, or may lawfully inure, to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual; and

(B) any school of any agency of the United States.

(6) The term "school buildings" means—