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SUBCHAPTER I—GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY; NATIONAL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE FOR THE DEAF; OTHER PROGRAMS

PART A—GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY

**§ 4301. Continuation of Gallaudet College as Gallaudet University**

**(a) Gallaudet University**

The Gallaudet College created by an Act entitled “An Act to amend the charter of the Columbia Institution for the Deaf, change its name, define its corporate powers, and provide for its organization and administration, and for other purposes”, approved June 18, 1954, is continued as a body corporate under the name of Gallaudet University. On and after August 4, 1986, Gallaudet College shall be known as Gallaudet University and have perpetual succession and shall have the powers and be subject to the limitations contained in this chapter.

**(b) Purpose**

The purpose of Gallaudet University shall be to provide education and training to individuals who are deaf and otherwise to further the education of individuals who are deaf.

(Pub. L. 99-371, title I, §101, Aug. 4, 1986, 100 Stat. 781; Pub. L. 102-421, title I, §151(a)(1), (4), Oct. 16, 1992, 106 Stat. 2163, 2164; Pub. L. 103-73, title II, §203(a), Aug. 11, 1993, 107 Stat. 732.)

**Editorial Notes**

REFERENCES IN TEXT

An Act to amend the charter of the Columbia Institution for the Deaf, change its name, define its corporate

powers, and provide for its organization and administration, and for other purposes, referred to in subsec. (a), is act June 18, 1954, ch. 324, 68 Stat. 265, which was classified generally to subchapter I (§691 et seq.) of chapter 20B of this title, and was repealed by Pub. L. 99-371, title IV, §410(a), Aug. 4, 1986, 100 Stat. 794.

This chapter, referred to in subsec. (a), was in the original “this Act”, meaning Pub. L. 99-371, Aug. 4, 1986, 100 Stat. 781, known as the Education of the Deaf Act of 1986, which is classified generally to this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note below and Tables.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to this section were contained in sections 691 and 691a of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 99-371.

AMENDMENTS

1993—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 103-73 inserted comma after “Hereafter” in original, which for purposes of codification had been translated as “On or after August 4, 1986,”, requiring no change in text.

1992—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 102-421 substituted “individuals who are deaf” for “deaf individuals” after “training to” and for “the deaf” after “education of”.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1992 AMENDMENT

Section 161 of title I of Pub. L. 102-421 provided that: “The amendments described in this title [enacting sections 4304, 4305, 4357, 4358, and 4359a of this title, amending this section and sections 4303, 4331, 4332, 4351 to 4356, and 4360 of this title, and repealing sections 4311, 4321, 4322, 4341 to 4344, 4357, and 4358 of this title] are made upon October 1, 1992, and take effect upon such date.”

SHORT TITLE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 105-244, title IX, §911, Oct. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1829, provided that: “This part [part B (§§911-925) of title IX of Pub. L. 105-244, enacting sections 4359b, 4360, and 4360a of this title, amending sections 4304, 4305, 4332, 4351, 4353 to 4355, 4357, 4359, and 4359a of this title, and repealing sections 4358 and 4360 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Education of the Deaf Amendments of 1998’.”

SHORT TITLE OF 1993 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 103-73, title II, §201(a), Aug. 11, 1993, 107 Stat. 732, provided that: “This title [amending this section and sections 4302 to 4305, 4331, 4332, 4351, 4353 to 4357, 4359, 4359a, and 4360 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Education of the Deaf Act Amendments of 1993’.”

SHORT TITLE OF 1992 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 102-421, §1, Oct. 16, 1992, 106 Stat. 2151, provided that: “This Act [enacting sections 4304, 4305, 4357, 4358, and 4359a of this title, amending this section and sections 1424a, 1431, 1441, 4303, 4331, 4332, 4351 to 4356, and 4360 of this title, repealing sections 4311, 4321, 4322, 4341 to 4344, 4357, and 4358 of this title, and enacting provisions set out as notes under this section and section 1424a of this title] may be cited as the ‘Education of the Deaf Act Amendments of 1992’.”

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 99-371, §1, Aug. 4, 1986, 100 Stat. 781, provided: “That this Act [enacting this chapter, repealing sections 681 to 685, 691 to 691g, 693 to 693b, and 695 to 695c of this title, and repealing provisions set out as notes under sections 681 and 693 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Education of the Deaf Act of 1986’.”

**§ 4302. Property rights**

**(a) Property rights described**

Gallaudet University is vested with all the property and the rights of property, and shall

have and be entitled to use all authority, privileges, and possessions and all legal rights which it has, or which it had or exercised under any former name, including the right to sue and be sued and to own, acquire, sell, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of property it may own now or hereafter acquire. Gallaudet University shall also be subject to all liabilities and obligations now outstanding against the corporation under any former name.

**(b) Disposal of real property**

(1) With the approval of the Secretary, the Board of Trustees of Gallaudet University may convey fee simple title by deed, convey by quitclaim deed, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of any or all real property title to which is vested in Gallaudet University, Gallaudet College, the Columbia Institution for the Deaf, or any predecessor corporation.

(2) The proceeds of any such disposition shall be considered a part of the capital structure of the corporation, and may be used solely for the acquisition of real estate for the use of the corporation, for the construction, equipment, or improvement of buildings for such use, or for investment purposes, but, if invested, only the income from the investment may be used for current expenses of the corporation.

(Pub. L. 99-371, title I, §102, Aug. 4, 1986, 100 Stat. 781; Pub. L. 103-73, title II, §203(b), Aug. 11, 1993, 107 Stat. 733.)

**Editorial Notes**

**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

Provisions similar to this section were contained in section 691b of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 99-371.

**AMENDMENTS**

1993—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 103-73, §203(b)(1), substituted “Secretary” for “Secretary of Education”.

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 103-73, §203(b)(2), substituted “but, if invested,” for “but if invested”.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

**REAL PROPERTY PROVISIONS**

The following acts contained provisions relating to acquisition, exchange, and adjustment of boundaries of properties of Gallaudet University and its predecessors, Gallaudet College and Columbia Institution for the Deaf:

July 1, 1916, ch. 209, 39 Stat. 310.  
 Aug. 3, 1939, ch. 414, 53 Stat. 1179.  
 Sept. 13, 1960, Pub. L. 86-776, §§1, 2, 74 Stat. 916, 917.  
 Nov. 20, 1981, Pub. L. 97-80, title II, §202(a)(1), 95 Stat. 1082.

**§ 4303. Board of Trustees**

**(a) Composition of Board**

(1) Gallaudet University shall be under the direction and control of a Board of Trustees, composed of twenty-one members who shall include—

(A) three public members of whom (i) one shall be a United States Senator appointed by the President of the Senate, and (ii) two shall be Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

(B) eighteen other members, all of whom shall be elected by the Board of Trustees and

of whom one shall be elected pursuant to regulations of the Board of Trustees, on nomination by the Gallaudet University Alumni Association, for a term of three years.

(2) The members appointed from the Senate and House of Representatives shall be appointed for a term of two years at the beginning of each Congress, shall be eligible for reappointment, and shall serve until their successors are appointed.

(3) The Board of Trustees shall have the power to fill any vacancy in the membership of the Board except for public members. Nine trustees shall constitute a quorum to transact business. The Board of Trustees, by vote of a majority of its membership, is authorized to remove any member of their body (except the public members) who may refuse or neglect to discharge the duties of a trustee, or whose removal would, in the judgment of said majority, be to the interest and welfare of said corporation.

**(b) Powers of Board**

The Board of Trustees is authorized to—

(1) make such rules, policies, regulations, and bylaws, not inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of the United States, as may be necessary for the good government of Gallaudet University, for the management of the property and funds of such corporation (including the construction of buildings and other facilities), and for the admission, instruction, care, and discharge of students;

(2) provide for the adoption of a corporate seal and for its use;

(3) fix the date of holding their annual and other meetings;

(4) appoint a president and establish policies, guidelines, and procedures related to the appointments, the salaries, and the dismissals of professors, instructors, and other employees of Gallaudet University, including the adoption of a policy of outreach and recruitment to employ and advance in employment qualified individuals with disabilities, particularly individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing;

(5) elect a chairperson and other officers and prescribe their duties and terms of office, and appoint an executive committee to consist of five members, and vest the committee with such of its powers during periods between meetings of the Board as the Board deems necessary;

(6) establish such schools, departments, and other units as the Board of Trustees deems necessary to carry out the purpose of Gallaudet University;

(7) confer such degrees and marks of honor as are conferred by colleges and universities generally, and issue such diplomas and certificates of graduation as, in its opinion, may be deemed advisable, and consistent with academic standards;

(8) subject to section 4353 of this title, control expenditures of all moneys appropriated by Congress for the benefit of Gallaudet University; and

(9) control the expenditure and investment of any moneys or funds or property which Gallaudet University may have or may receive from sources other than appropriations by Congress.