

amended Pub. L. 108–11, title II, § 2503, Apr. 16, 2003, 117 Stat. 599, defined terms in former part G of this subchapter.

Section 6551, Pub. L. 89–10, title I, § 1801, as added Pub. L. 107–110, title I, § 101, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1610, provided that former part H of this subchapter could be cited as the “Dropout Prevention Act”.

Section 6552, Pub. L. 89–10, title I, § 1802, as added Pub. L. 107–110, title I, § 101, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1610, stated purposes of former part H of this subchapter.

Section 6553, Pub. L. 89–10, title I, § 1803, as added Pub. L. 107–110, title I, § 101, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1610, authorized appropriations.

Section 6555, Pub. L. 89–10, title I, § 1811, as added Pub. L. 107–110, title I, § 101, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1610, authorized national activities relating to dropout prevention.

Section 6561, Pub. L. 89–10, title I, § 1821, as added Pub. L. 107–110, title I, § 101, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1612, defined terms in subpart 2 of former part H of this subchapter.

Section 6561a, Pub. L. 89–10, title I, § 1822, as added Pub. L. 107–110, title I, § 101, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1612, authorized grants for school dropout prevention and re-entry programs.

Section 6561b, Pub. L. 89–10, title I, § 1823, as added Pub. L. 107–110, title I, § 101, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1614, related to applications for grants.

Section 6561c, Pub. L. 89–10, title I, § 1824, as added Pub. L. 107–110, title I, § 101, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1615, related to reservation of funds for administrative costs and State activities.

Section 6561d, Pub. L. 89–10, title I, § 1825, as added Pub. L. 107–110, title I, § 101, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1615, related to strategies and capacity building.

Section 6561e, Pub. L. 89–10, title I, § 1826, as added Pub. L. 107–110, title I, § 101, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1616, related to selection of local educational agencies for subgrants.

Section 6561f, Pub. L. 89–10, title I, § 1827, as added Pub. L. 107–110, title I, § 101, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1616, related to use of funds by community-based organizations.

Section 6561g, Pub. L. 89–10, title I, § 1828, as added Pub. L. 107–110, title I, § 101, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1616, related to technical assistance to secondary schools.

Section 6561h, Pub. L. 89–10, title I, § 1829, as added Pub. L. 107–110, title I, § 101, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1616, related to calculation of annual school dropout rate.

Section 6561i, Pub. L. 89–10, title I, § 1830, as added Pub. L. 107–110, title I, § 101, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1616, related to reporting and accountability.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Dec. 10, 2015, except with respect to certain noncompetitive programs and competitive programs, see section 5 of Pub. L. 114–95, set out as an Effective Date of 2015 Amendment note under section 6301 of this title.

#### PART F—GENERAL PROVISIONS

##### Editorial Notes

##### CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 114–95, title I, § 1501(a)(2), Dec. 10, 2015, 129 Stat. 1905, redesignated part I (§ 6571 et seq.) of this subchapter as part F of this subchapter.

##### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior part F, consisting of sections 6511 to 6518, related to comprehensive school reform, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 114–95, title I, § 1501(a)(1), Dec. 10, 2015, 129 Stat. 1905.

A prior part G, consisting of sections 6531 to 6537, related to advanced placement programs, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 114–95, title I, § 1501(a)(1), Dec. 10, 2015, 129 Stat. 1905.

A prior part H, consisting of sections 6551 to 6553, 6555, and 6561 to 6561i, related to school dropout prevention, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 114–95, title I, § 1501(a)(1), Dec. 10, 2015, 129 Stat. 1905.

A prior part I, consisting of sections 6571 to 6578, was redesignated part F of this subchapter, by Pub. L. 114–95, title I, § 1501(a)(2), Dec. 10, 2015, 129 Stat. 1905.

#### § 6571. Federal regulations

##### (a) In general

The Secretary may issue, in accordance with subsections (b) through (d) and subject to section 6311(e) of this title, such regulations as are necessary to reasonably ensure that there is compliance with this subchapter.

##### (b) Negotiated rulemaking process

###### (1) In general

Before publishing in the Federal Register proposed regulations to carry out this subchapter, the Secretary shall obtain the advice and recommendations of representatives of Federal, State, and local administrators, parents, teachers, principals, other school leaders (including charter school leaders), paraprofessionals, and members of local school boards and other organizations involved with the implementation and operation of programs under this subchapter.

###### (2) Meetings and electronic exchange

Such advice and recommendations may be obtained through such mechanisms as regional meetings and electronic exchanges of information. Such regional meetings and electronic exchanges of information shall be public and notice of such meetings and exchanges shall be provided to interested stakeholders.

###### (3) Proposed regulations

After obtaining such advice and recommendations, and before publishing proposed regulations, the Secretary shall—

(A) establish a negotiated rulemaking process on, at a minimum, standards, assessments under section 6311(b)(2) of this title, and the requirement under section 6321 of this title that funds under part A be used to supplement, and not supplant, State and local funds;

(B) select individuals to participate in such process from among individuals or groups that provided advice and recommendations, including representation from all geographic regions of the United States, in such numbers as will provide an equitable balance between representatives of parents and students and representatives of educators and education officials; and

(C) prepare a draft of proposed policy options that shall be provided to the individuals selected by the Secretary under subparagraph (B) not less than 15 days before the first meeting under such process.

###### (4) Process

Such process—

(A) shall not be subject to chapter 10 of title 5; and

(B) shall, unless otherwise provided as described in subsection (c), follow the provisions of subchapter III of chapter 5 of title

V<sup>1</sup> (commonly known as the “Negotiated Rulemaking Act of 1990”).

**(c) Alternative process for certain exceptions**

If consensus, as defined in section 562 of title 5, on any proposed regulation is not reached by the individuals selected under subsection (b)(3)(B) for the negotiated rulemaking process, or if the Secretary determines that a negotiated rulemaking process is unnecessary, the Secretary may propose a regulation in the following manner:

**(1) Notice to Congress**

Not less than 15 business days prior to issuing a notice of proposed rulemaking in the Federal Register, the Secretary shall provide to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate, the Committee on Education and the Workforce of the House of Representatives, and other relevant congressional committees, notice of the Secretary’s intent to issue a notice of proposed rulemaking that shall include—

- (A) a copy of the proposed regulation;
- (B) the need to issue the regulation;
- (C) the anticipated burden, including the time, cost, and paperwork burden, the regulation will impose on State educational agencies, local educational agencies, schools, and other entities that may be impacted by the regulation;
- (D) the anticipated benefits to State educational agencies, local educational agencies, schools, and other entities that may be impacted by the regulation; and
- (E) any regulations that will be repealed when the new regulation is issued.

**(2) Comment period for Congress**

The Secretary shall—

(A) before issuing any notice of proposed rulemaking under this subsection, provide Congress with a comment period of 15 business days to make comments on the proposed regulation, beginning on the date that the Secretary provides the notice of intent to the appropriate committees of Congress under paragraph (1); and

(B) include and seek to address all comments submitted by Congress in the public rulemaking record for the regulation published in the Federal Register.

**(3) Comment and review period; emergency situations**

The comment and review period for any proposed regulation shall be not less than 60 days unless an emergency requires a shorter period, in which case the Secretary shall—

- (A) designate the proposed regulation as an emergency with an explanation of the emergency in the notice to Congress under paragraph (1);
- (B) publish the length of the comment and review period in such notice and in the Federal Register; and
- (C) conduct immediately thereafter regional meetings to review such proposed regulation before issuing any final regulation.

**(d) Limitation**

Regulations to carry out this subchapter may not require local programs to follow a particular instructional model, such as the provision of services outside the regular classroom or school program.

**(e) Rule of construction**

Nothing in this section affects the applicability of subchapter II of chapter 5, and chapter 7, of title 5 (commonly known as the “Administrative Procedure Act”) or chapter 8 of title 5 (commonly known as the “Congressional Review Act”).

(Pub. L. 89–10, title I, §1601, formerly §1901, as added Pub. L. 107–110, title I, §101, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1617; renumbered §1601 and amended Pub. L. 114–95, title I, §§1501(a)(4), 1601(a), Dec. 10, 2015, 129 Stat. 1906, 1910; Pub. L. 117–286, §4(a)(152), Dec. 27, 2022, 136 Stat. 4322.)

**Editorial Notes**

**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior section 1601 of Pub. L. 89–10 was classified to section 6511 of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 114–95.

Another prior section 1601 of Pub. L. 89–10 was classified to section 6511 of this title, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 107–110.

**AMENDMENTS**

2022—Subsec. (b)(4)(A). Pub. L. 117–286 substituted “chapter 10 of title 5;” for “the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.);”.

2015—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 114–95, §1601(a)(1), inserted “, in accordance with subsections (b) through (d) and subject to section 6311(e) of this title,” after “may issue”.

Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 114–95, §1601(a)(2)(A), inserted “principals, other school leaders (including charter school leaders),” after “teachers,”.

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 114–95, §1601(a)(2)(B), inserted at end “Such regional meetings and electronic exchanges of information shall be public and notice of such meetings and exchanges shall be provided to interested stakeholders.”

Subsec. (b)(3)(A). Pub. L. 114–95, §1601(a)(2)(C), substituted “standards, assessments under section 6311(b)(2) of this title, and the requirement under section 6321 of this title that funds under part A be used to supplement, and not supplant, State and local funds” for “standards and assessments”.

Subsec. (b)(4). Pub. L. 114–95, §1601(a)(2)(D), added par. (4) and struck out former par. (4). Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “Such process—

“(A) shall be conducted in a timely manner to ensure that final regulations are issued by the Secretary not later than 1 year after January 8, 2002; and

“(B) shall not be subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, but shall otherwise follow the provisions of the Negotiated Rulemaking Act of 1990 (5 U.S.C. 561 et seq.).”

Subsec. (b)(5). Pub. L. 114–95, §1601(a)(2)(E), struck out par. (5). Text read as follows: “In an emergency situation in which regulations to carry out this subchapter must be issued within a very limited time to assist State educational agencies and local educational agencies with the operation of a program under this subchapter, the Secretary may issue proposed regulations without following such process but shall, immediately thereafter and before issuing final regulations, conduct regional meetings to review such proposed regulations.”

Subsecs. (c), (d). Pub. L. 114–95, §1601(a)(3)–(5), added subsec. (c), redesignated former subsec. (c) as (d), and

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be “5”.

in subsec. (d) substituted “this subchapter” for “this part”.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 114-95, §1601(a)(6), added subsec. (e).

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### CHANGE OF NAME

Committee on Education and the Workforce of House of Representatives changed to Committee on Education and Labor of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 6, One Hundred Sixteenth Congress, Jan. 9, 2019.

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2015 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 114-95 effective Dec. 10, 2015, except with respect to certain noncompetitive programs and competitive programs, see section 5 of Pub. L. 114-95, set out as a note under section 6301 of this title.

### § 6572. Agreements and records

#### (a) Agreements

In any case in which a negotiated rulemaking process is established under section 6571(b) of this title, all published proposed regulations shall conform to agreements that result from the rulemaking described in section 6571 of this title unless the Secretary reopens the negotiated rulemaking process.

#### (b) Records

The Secretary shall ensure that an accurate and reliable record of agreements reached during the negotiations process is maintained.

(Pub. L. 89-10, title I, §1602, formerly §1902, as added Pub. L. 107-110, title I, §101, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1618; renumbered §1602 and amended Pub. L. 114-95, title I, §§1501(a)(4), 1601(b), Dec. 10, 2015, 129 Stat. 1906, 1912.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 1602 of Pub. L. 89-10 was classified to section 6512 of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 114-95.

Another prior section 1602 of Pub. L. 89-10 was classified to section 6512 of this title, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 107-110.

##### AMENDMENTS

2015—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 114-95, §1601(b), amended subsec. (a) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “All published proposed regulations shall conform to agreements that result from negotiated rulemaking described in section 6571 of this title unless the Secretary reopens the negotiated rulemaking process or provides a written explanation to the participants involved in the process explaining why the Secretary decided to depart from, and not adhere to, such agreements.”

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2015 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 114-95 effective Dec. 10, 2015, except with respect to certain noncompetitive programs and competitive programs, see section 5 of Pub. L. 114-95, set out as a note under section 6301 of this title.

### § 6573. State administration

#### (a) Rulemaking

##### (1) In general

Each State that receives funds under this subchapter shall—

(A) ensure that any State rules, regulations, and policies relating to this subchapter conform to the purposes of this subchapter and provide any such proposed rules, regulations, and policies to the committee of practitioners created under subsection (b) for review and comment;

(B) minimize such rules, regulations, and policies to which the State’s local educational agencies and schools are subject;

(C) eliminate or modify State and local fiscal accounting requirements in order to facilitate the ability of schools to consolidate funds under schoolwide programs;

(D) identify any such rule, regulation, or policy as a State-imposed requirement; and

(E)(i) identify any duplicative or contrasting requirements between the State and Federal rules or regulations; and

(ii) eliminate the State rules and regulations that are duplicative of Federal requirements.

#### (2) Support and facilitation

State rules, regulations, and policies under this subchapter shall support and facilitate local educational agency and school-level systemic reform designed to enable all children to meet the challenging State academic standards.

#### (b) Committee of practitioners

##### (1) In general

Each State educational agency that receives funds under this subchapter shall create a State committee of practitioners to advise the State in carrying out its responsibilities under this subchapter.

##### (2) Membership

Each such committee shall include—

(A) as a majority of its members, representatives from local educational agencies;

(B) administrators, including the administrators of programs described in other parts of this subchapter;

(C) teachers from traditional public schools and charter schools (if there are charter schools in the State) and career and technical educators;

(D) principals and other school leaders;

(E) parents;

(F) members of local school boards;

(G) representatives of private school children;

(H) specialized instructional support personnel and paraprofessionals;

(I) representatives of authorized public chartering agencies (if there are charter schools in the State); and

(J) charter school leaders (if there are charter schools in the State).

##### (3) Duties

The duties of such committee shall include a review, before publication, of any proposed or final State rule or regulation pursuant to this subchapter. In an emergency situation where such rule or regulation must be issued within a very limited time to assist local educational agencies with the operation of the program