

be used to develop, incentivize, pilot test, field test, implement, administer, or distribute any federally sponsored national test in reading, mathematics, or any other subject, unless specifically and explicitly authorized by law, including any assessment or testing materials aligned to the Common Core State Standards developed under the Common Core State Standards Initiative or any other academic standards common to a significant number of States.

**(b) Exceptions**

Subsection (a) shall not apply to international comparative assessments developed under the authority of section 9543(a)(6) of this title and administered to only a representative sample of pupils in the United States and in foreign nations.

(Pub. L. 89–10, title VIII, §8529, formerly title IX, §9529, as added Pub. L. 107–110, title IX, §901, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1984; amended Pub. L. 107–279, title IV, §404(d)(9), Nov. 5, 2002, 116 Stat. 1986; renumbered title VIII, §8529, and amended Pub. L. 114–95, title VIII, §§8001(a)(6), 8026, Dec. 10, 2015, 129 Stat. 2088, 2089, 2115.)

**Editorial Notes**

**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior section 7909, Pub. L. 89–10, title IX, §9209, as added Pub. L. 103–382, title I, §101, Oct. 20, 1994, 108 Stat. 3803, related to Native Hawaiian curriculum development and teacher training and recruitment programs, prior to the general amendment of former subchapter IX of this chapter by Pub. L. 107–110.

**AMENDMENTS**

2015—Pub. L. 114–95, §8026, amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section consisted of subsecs. (a) and (b) relating to general prohibition on federally sponsored testing and exceptions, respectively.

2002—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 107–279 substituted “section 9543(a)(5) of this title” for “section 9003(a)(6) of this title”.

**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.

**§ 7910. Limitations on national testing or certification for teachers, principals, or other school leaders**

**(a) Mandatory national testing or certification of teachers, principals, or other school leaders**

Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter or any other provision of law, no funds available to the Department or otherwise available under this chapter may be used for any purpose relating to a mandatory nationwide test or certification of teachers, principals, other school leaders, or education paraprofessionals, including any planning, development, implementation, or administration of, or incentive regarding, such test or certification.

**(b) Prohibition on withholding funds**

The Secretary is prohibited from withholding funds from any State educational agency or

local educational agency if the State educational agency or local educational agency fails to adopt a specific method of teacher or paraprofessional certification.

(Pub. L. 89–10, title VIII, §8530, formerly title IX, §9530, as added Pub. L. 107–110, title IX, §901, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1984; renumbered title VIII, §8530, and amended Pub. L. 114–95, title VIII, §§8001(a)(6), 8027, Dec. 10, 2015, 129 Stat. 2088, 2089, 2116.)

**Editorial Notes**

**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior section 7910, Pub. L. 89–10, title IX, §9210, as added Pub. L. 103–382, title I, §101, Oct. 20, 1994, 108 Stat. 3804, related to Native Hawaiian community-based education learning centers, prior to the general amendment of former subchapter IX of this chapter by Pub. L. 107–110.

**AMENDMENTS**

2015—Pub. L. 114–95, §8027(1), inserted “, principals, or other school leaders” after “teachers” in section catchline.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 114–95, §8027(3), inserted “, principals, other school leaders,” after “teachers” and “, or incentive regarding,” after “administration of”.

Pub. L. 114–95, §8027(2), which directed amendment of subsection heading by inserting “, principals, or other school leaders” after “teachers”, was executed by making the insertion in the heading of subsec. (a) to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

**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.

**§ 7910a. Prohibition on requiring State participation**

Any State that opts out of receiving funds, or that has not been awarded funds, under one or more programs under this chapter shall not be required to carry out any of the requirements of such program or programs, and nothing in this chapter shall be construed to require a State to participate in any program under this chapter.

(Pub. L. 89–10, title VIII, §8530A, as added Pub. L. 114–95, title VIII, §8028, Dec. 10, 2015, 129 Stat. 2116.)

**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.

**§ 7911. Prohibition on nationwide database**

Nothing in this chapter (other than section 6398(b) of this title) shall be construed to authorize the development of a nationwide database of personally identifiable information on individuals involved in studies or other collections of data under this chapter.