

**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.

**§ 7919. Outreach and technical assistance for rural local educational agencies****(a) Outreach**

The Secretary shall engage in outreach to rural local educational agencies regarding opportunities to apply for competitive grant programs under this chapter.

**(b) Technical assistance**

If requested to do so, the Secretary shall provide technical assistance to rural local educational agencies with locale codes 32, 33, 41, 42, or 43, or an educational service agency representing rural local educational agencies with locale codes 32, 33, 41, 42, or 43 on applications or pre-applications for any competitive grant program under this chapter. No rural local educational agency or educational service agency shall be required to request technical assistance or include any technical assistance provided by the Secretary in any application.

(Pub. L. 89-10, title VIII, §8539, as added Pub. L. 114-95, title VIII, §8031, Dec. 10, 2015, 129 Stat. 2117.)

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**§ 7920. Consultation with the Governor****(a) In general**

A State educational agency shall consult in a timely and meaningful manner with the Governor, or appropriate officials from the Governor's office, in the development of State plans under subchapters I and II and section 7842 of this title.

**(b) Timing**

The consultation described in subsection (a) shall include meetings of officials from the State educational agency and the Governor's office and shall occur—

- (1) during the development of such plan; and
- (2) prior to submission of the plan to the Secretary.

**(c) Joint signature authority**

A Governor shall have 30 days prior to the State educational agency submitting the State plan under subchapter I or II or section 7842 of this title to the Secretary to sign such plan. If the Governor has not signed the plan within 30 days of delivery by the State educational agency to the Governor, the State educational agency shall submit the plan to the Secretary without such signature.

(Pub. L. 89-10, title VIII, §8540, as added Pub. L. 114-95, title VIII, §8032, Dec. 10, 2015, 129 Stat. 2118.)

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**§ 7921. Local governance****(a) Rule of construction**

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to allow the Secretary to—

- (1) exercise any governance or authority over school administration, including the development and expenditure of school budgets, unless otherwise authorized under this chapter;
- (2) issue any regulation without first complying with the rulemaking requirements of section 553 of title 5; or
- (3) issue any nonregulatory guidance without first, to the extent feasible, considering input from stakeholders.

**(b) Authority under other law**

Nothing in subsection (a) shall be construed to affect any authority the Secretary has under any other Federal law.

(Pub. L. 89-10, title VIII, §8541, as added Pub. L. 114-95, title VIII, §8033, Dec. 10, 2015, 129 Stat. 2118.)

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**§ 7922. Rule of construction regarding travel to and from school****(a) In general**

Subject to subsection (b), nothing in this chapter shall authorize the Secretary to, or shall be construed to—

- (1) prohibit a child from traveling to and from school on foot or by car, bus, or bike when the parents of the child have given permission; or
- (2) expose parents to civil or criminal charges for allowing their child to responsibly and safely travel to and from school by a means the parents believe is age appropriate.

**(b) No preemption of State or local laws**

Notwithstanding subsection (a), nothing in this section shall be construed to preempt State or local laws.

(Pub. L. 89-10, title VIII, §8542, as added Pub. L. 114-95, title VIII, §8034, Dec. 10, 2015, 129 Stat. 2118.)

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