

(5) sections 9515 and 9516 of this title shall not apply to the National Assessment Governing Board.

**(b) Other activities**

The Secretary may assign the Institute responsibility for administering other activities, if those activities are consistent with—

- (1) the Institute's priorities, as approved by the National Board for Education Sciences under section 9516 of this title, and the Institute's mission, as described in section 9511(b) of this title; or
- (2) the Institute's mission, but only if those activities do not divert the Institute from its priorities.

(Pub. L. 107-279, title I, §113, Nov. 5, 2002, 116 Stat. 1945.)

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REFERENCES IN TEXT

The National Education Statistics Act of 1994, referred to in subsec. (a)(1), is title IV of Pub. L. 103-382, Oct. 20, 1994, 108 Stat. 4029, which was classified generally to chapter 71 (§9001 et seq.) of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 107-279, title IV, §403(1), Nov. 5, 2002, 116 Stat. 1985. Provisions relating to education statistics are now contained in part C (§9541 et seq.) of this subchapter.

This Act, referred to in subsec. (a)(3), means Pub. L. 107-279, Nov. 5, 2002, 116 Stat. 1940, which enacted this chapter and section 3419 of this title, amended sections 1232j, 3412, 3461, 6194, 6311, 6312, 7013, 7451, 7703, 7909, 9007, 9010, 9011, 9573, 9623, and 9624 and former sections 6317, 6491, 6932, 7253c, 7283b, and 7283d of this title and section 5315 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, transferred sections 9010 and 9011 of this title to sections 9621 and 9622 of this title, respectively, repealed sections 3419, 6011, 6021, 6031, 6041, 6051, 6053 to 6053e, 6054 to 6054b, 6055 to 6055h, 6056, 6056a, 9001 to 9009, and 9012 of this title, enacted provisions set out as notes under section 7703 and 9501 of this title, and repealed provisions set out as notes under sections 1221e and 9001 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

**§ 9514. Office of the Director**

**(a) Appointment**

Except as provided in subsection (b)(2), the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint the Director of the Institute.

**(b) Term**

**(1) In general**

The Director shall serve for a term of 6 years, beginning on the date of appointment of the Director.

**(2) First Director**

The President, without the advice and consent of the Senate, may appoint the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Educational Research and Improvement (as such office existed on the day before November 5, 2002) to serve as the first Director of the Institute.

**(3) Subsequent Directors**

The Board may make recommendations to the President with respect to the appointment of a Director under subsection (a), other than a Director appointed under paragraph (2).

**(c) Pay**

The Director shall receive the rate of basic pay for level II of the Executive Schedule.

**(d) Qualifications**

The Director shall be selected from individuals who are highly qualified authorities in the fields of scientifically valid research, statistics, or evaluation in education, as well as management within such areas, and have a demonstrated capacity for sustained productivity and leadership in these areas.

**(e) Administration**

The Director shall—

- (1) administer, oversee, and coordinate the activities carried out under the Institute, including the activities of the National Education Centers; and
- (2) coordinate and approve budgets and operating plans for each of the National Education Centers for submission to the Secretary.

**(f) Duties**

The duties of the Director shall include the following:

- (1) To propose to the Board priorities for the Institute, in accordance with section 9515(a) of this title.
- (2) To ensure the methodology applied in conducting research, development, evaluation, and statistical analysis is consistent with the standards for such activities under this subchapter.
- (3) To coordinate education research and related activities carried out by the Institute with such research and activities carried out by other agencies within the Department and the Federal Government.
- (4) To advise the Secretary on research, evaluation, and statistics activities relevant to the activities of the Department.
- (5) To establish necessary procedures for technical and scientific peer review of the activities of the Institute, consistent with section 9516(b)(3) of this title.
- (6) To ensure that all participants in research conducted or supported by the Institute are afforded their privacy rights and other relevant protections as research subjects, in accordance with section 9573 of this title, section 552a of title 5, and sections 1232g and 1232h of this title.
- (7) To ensure that activities conducted or supported by the Institute are objective, secular, neutral, and nonideological and are free of partisan political influence and racial, cultural, gender, or regional bias.
- (8) To undertake initiatives and programs to increase the participation of researchers and institutions that have been historically underutilized in Federal education research activities of the Institute, including historically Black colleges or universities or other institutions of higher education with large numbers of minority students.
- (9) To coordinate with the Secretary to promote and provide for the coordination of research and development activities and technical assistance activities between the Institute and comprehensive centers.
- (10) To solicit and consider the recommendations of education stakeholders, in order to ensure that there is broad and regular public and professional input from the educational

field in the planning and carrying out of the Institute's activities.

(1) To coordinate the wide dissemination of information on scientifically valid research.

(2) To carry out and support other activities consistent with the priorities and mission of the Institute.

**(g) Expert guidance and assistance**

The Director may establish technical and scientific peer-review groups and scientific program advisory committees for research and evaluations that the Director determines are necessary to carry out the requirements of this subchapter. The Director shall appoint such personnel, except that officers and employees of the United States shall comprise no more than ¼ of the members of any such group or committee and shall not receive additional compensation for their service as members of such a group or committee. The Director shall ensure that reviewers are highly qualified and capable to appraise education research and development projects. Chapter 10 of title 5 shall not apply to a peer-review group or an advisory committee established under this subsection.

**(h) Review**

The Director may, when requested by other officers of the Department, and shall, when directed by the Secretary, review the products and publications of other offices of the Department to certify that evidence-based claims about those products and publications are scientifically valid.

(Pub. L. 107-279, title I, §114, Nov. 5, 2002, 116 Stat. 1946; Pub. L. 117-286, §4(a)(153), Dec. 27, 2022, 136 Stat. 4322.)

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REFERENCES IN TEXT

Level II of the Executive Schedule, referred to in subsec. (c), is set out in section 5313 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

AMENDMENTS

2022—Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 117-286 substituted “Chapter 10 of title 5” for “The Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.)”.

**§ 9515. Priorities**

**(a) Proposal**

The Director shall propose to the Board priorities for the Institute (taking into consideration long-term research and development on core issues conducted through the national research and development centers). The Director shall identify topics that may require long-term research and topics that are focused on understanding and solving particular education problems and issues, including those associated with the goals and requirements of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.), the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.), and the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.), such as—

(1) closing the achievement gap between high-performing and low-performing children, especially achievement gaps between minority

and nonminority children and between disadvantaged children and such children's more advantaged peers; and

(2) ensuring—

(A) that all children have the ability to obtain a high-quality education (from early childhood through postsecondary education) and reach, at a minimum, proficiency on challenging State academic achievement standards and State academic assessments, particularly in mathematics, science, and reading or language arts;

(B) access to, and opportunities for, postsecondary education; and

(C) the efficacy, impact on academic achievement, and cost-effectiveness of technology use within the Nation's schools.

**(b) Approval**

The Board shall approve or disapprove the priorities for the Institute proposed by the Director, including any necessary revision of those priorities. The Board shall transmit any priorities so approved to the appropriate congressional committees.

**(c) Consistency**

The Board shall ensure that priorities of the Institute and the National Education Centers are consistent with the mission of the Institute.

**(d) Public availability and comment**

**(1) Priorities**

Before submitting to the Board proposed priorities for the Institute, the Director shall make such priorities available to the public for comment for not less than 60 days (including by means of the Internet and through publishing such priorities in the Federal Register). The Director shall provide to the Board a copy of each such comment submitted.

**(2) Plan**

Upon approval of such priorities, the Director shall make the Institute's plan for addressing such priorities available for public comment in the same manner as under paragraph (1).

(Pub. L. 107-279, title I, §115, Nov. 5, 2002, 116 Stat. 1948; Pub. L. 108-446, title II, §201(b)(2)(C), Dec. 3, 2004, 118 Stat. 2802.)

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REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, referred to in subsec. (a), is Pub. L. 89-10, Apr. 11, 1965, 79 Stat. 27, which is classified generally to chapter 70 (§6301 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 6301 of this title and Tables.

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, referred to in subsec. (a), is title VI of Pub. L. 91-230, Apr. 13, 1970, 84 Stat. 175, which is classified generally to chapter 33 (§1400 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 1400 of this title and Tables.

The Higher Education Act of 1965, referred to in subsec. (a), is Pub. L. 89-329, Nov. 8, 1965, 79 Stat. 1219, which is classified generally to chapter 28 (§1001 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1001 of this title and Tables.