

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

## DEFINITION

For definition of “Secretary” as used in this section, see section 3 of Pub. L. 107-228, set out as a note under section 2651 of this title.

**§ 2465. John Lewis Civil Rights Fellowship Program****(a) Establishment**

There is established the John Lewis Civil Rights Fellowship Program (referred to in this section as the “Fellowship Program”) within the J. William Fulbright Educational Exchange Program.

**(b) Purposes**

The purposes of the Fellowship Program are—

(1) to honor the legacy of Representative John Lewis by promoting a greater understanding of the history and tenets of nonviolent civil rights movements; and

(2) to advance foreign policy priorities of the United States by promoting studies, research, and international exchange in the subject of nonviolent movements that established and protected civil rights around the world.

**(c) Administration**

The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (referred to in this section as the “Bureau”) shall administer the Fellowship Program in accordance with policy guidelines established by the Board, in consultation with the binational Fulbright Commissions and United States Embassies.

**(d) Selection of fellows****(1) In general**

The Board shall annually select qualified individuals to participate in the Fellowship Program. The Bureau may determine the number of fellows selected each year, which, whenever feasible, shall be not fewer than 25.

**(2) Outreach****(A) In general**

To the extent practicable, the Bureau shall conduct outreach at institutions, including—

(i) minority serving institutions, including historically Black colleges and universities; and

(ii) other appropriate institutions that are likely to produce a range of qualified applicants, as determined by the Bureau.

**(B) Definitions**

In this paragraph:

**(i) Historically Black college and university**

The term “historically Black college and university” has the meaning given the term “part B institution” in section 1061 of title 20.

**(ii) Minority serving institution**

The term “minority-serving institution” means an eligible institution under section 1067q(a) of title 20.

**(e) Fellowship orientation**

Annually, the Bureau shall organize and administer a fellowship orientation, which shall—

(1) be held in Washington, D.C., or at another location selected by the Bureau; and

(2) include programming to honor the legacy of Representative John Lewis.

**(f) Structure****(1) Work plan**

To carry out the purposes described in subsection (b)—

(A) each fellow selected pursuant to subsection (d) shall arrange an internship or research placement—

(i) with a nongovernmental organization, academic institution, or other organization approved by the Bureau; and

(ii) in a country with an operational Fulbright U.S. Student Program; and

(B) the Bureau shall, for each fellow, approve a work plan that identifies the target objectives for the fellow, including specific duties and responsibilities relating to those objectives.

**(2) Conferences; presentations**

Each fellow shall—

(A) attend a fellowship orientation organized and administered by the Bureau under subsection (e);

(B) not later than the date that is 1 year after the end of the fellowship period, attend a fellowship summit organized and administered by the Bureau, which—

(i) whenever feasible, shall be held in a location of importance to the civil rights movement in the United States; and

(ii) may coincide with other events facilitated by the Bureau; and

(C) at such summit, give a presentation on lessons learned during the period of the fellowship.

**(3) Fellowship period**

Each fellowship under this section shall continue for a period determined by the Bureau, which, whenever feasible, shall be not fewer than 10 months.

**(g) Fellowship award**

The Bureau shall provide each fellow under this section with an allowance that is equal to the amount needed for—

(1) the reasonable costs of the fellow during the fellowship period; and

(2) travel and lodging expenses related to attending the orientation and summit required under subsection (e)(2).

**(h) Annual report**

Not later than 1 year after the date of the completion of the Fellowship Program by the initial cohort of fellows selected under subsection (d), and annually thereafter, the Secretary of State shall submit to the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives a report on the implementation of the Fellowship Program, including—

(1) a description of the demographics of the cohort of fellows who completed a fellowship during the preceding 1-year period;

(2) a description of internship and research placements, and research projects selected by

such cohort, under the Fellowship Program, including feedback from—

- (A) such cohort on implementation of the Fellowship Program; and  
(B) the Secretary on lessons learned;

(3) a plan for factoring such lessons learned into future programming, and

(4) an analysis of trends relating to the diversity of each cohort of fellows and the topics of projects completed since the establishment of the Fellowship Program.

(Pub. L. 87–256, §115, as added Pub. L. 118–31, div. F, title LXVI, §6604(a), Dec. 22, 2023, 137 Stat. 1011.)

#### TERMINATION OF SECTION

*For termination of section by section 6604(c) of Pub. L. 118–31, see Termination Date note set out below.*

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##### TERMINATION DATE

Pub. L. 118–31, div. F, title LXVI, §6604(c), Dec. 22, 2023, 137 Stat. 1013, provided that: “The authority to carry out the John Lewis Civil Rights Fellowship Program established under section 115 of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2451 et seq.) [22 U.S.C. 2465], as added by subsection (a), shall expire on the date that is 10 years after the date of the enactment of this division [Dec. 22, 2023].”

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#### § 2501. Congressional declaration of purpose

(a) The Congress of the United States declares that it is the policy of the United States and the purpose of this chapter to promote world peace and friendship through a Peace Corps, which shall make available to interested countries and areas men and women of the United States qualified for service abroad and willing to serve, under conditions of hardship if necessary, to help the peoples of such countries and areas in meeting their needs for trained manpower, particularly in meeting the basic needs of those living in the poorest areas of such countries, and to help promote a better understanding of the American people on the part of the peoples served and a better understanding of other peoples on the part of the American people.

(b) The Congress declares that it is the policy of the United States and a purpose of the Peace Corps to maintain, to the maximum extent appropriate and consistent with programmatic and fiscal considerations, a volunteer corps of at least 10,000 individuals.

(Pub. L. 87–293, title I, §2, Sept. 22, 1961, 75 Stat. 612; Pub. L. 95–331, §2, Aug. 2, 1978, 92 Stat. 414; Pub. L. 99–83, title XI, §1102(a), Aug. 8, 1985, 99 Stat. 272.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in subsec. (a), was in the original “this Act”, meaning Pub. L. 87–293, Sept. 22, 1961, 75 Stat. 612, known as the Peace Corps Act. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out below and Tables.

##### AMENDMENTS

1985—Pub. L. 99–83 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a) and added subsec. (b).

1978—Pub. L. 95–331 inserted “particularly in meeting the basic needs of those living in the poorest areas of such countries” after “manpower”.

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##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1985 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 99–83 effective Oct. 1, 1985, see section 1301 of Pub. L. 99–83, set out as a note under section 2151–1 of this title.

##### EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 87–293, title I, §28, formerly §27, Sept. 22, 1961, 75 Stat. 625, as renumbered by Pub. L. 99–83, title XI, §1105(a)(1), Aug. 8, 1985, 99 Stat. 276, provided that: “This Act [see Short Title note below] shall take effect on the date of its enactment [Sept. 22, 1961].”

##### SHORT TITLE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 115–256, §1(a), Oct. 9, 2018, 132 Stat. 3650, provided that: “This Act [enacting section 2504a of this title, amending sections 2504, 2506 to 2507e, 2509, and 2522 of this title and section 8142 of Title 5, Government