

ational limits of generation and transmission facilities.

**(c) Report to Congress and the States**

Not later than 90 days after August 8, 2005, and on a yearly basis following, the Secretary shall submit a report to Congress and the States on the results of the study conducted under subsection (a), including recommendations to Congress and the States for any suggested legislative or regulatory changes.

(Pub. L. 109-58, title XVIII, §1832, Aug. 8, 2005, 119 Stat. 1138.)

SUBCHAPTER XVII—PROTECTING AMERICA'S COMPETITIVE EDGE THROUGH ENERGY

**Editorial Notes**

CODIFICATION

This subchapter was enacted as part of the America COMPETES Act, also known as the America Creating Opportunities to Meaningfully Promote Excellence in Technology, Education, and Science Act, and also as part of the Protecting America's Competitive Edge Through Energy Act, also known as the PACE-Energy Act, and not as part of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, which enacted subchapters I to XVI of this chapter.

**§ 16531. Definitions**

In this subchapter:

**(1) Department**

The term “Department” means the Department of Energy.

**(2) Institution of higher education**

The term “institution of higher education” has the meaning given the term in section 1001(a) of title 20.

**(3) National Laboratory**

The term “National Laboratory” has the meaning given the term in section 15801 of this title.

**(4) Secretary**

The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Energy.

(Pub. L. 110-69, title V, §5002, Aug. 9, 2007, 121 Stat. 600.)

**Editorial Notes**

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This subchapter, referred to in introductory provisions, was in the original “this title”, meaning title V of Pub. L. 110-69, Aug. 9, 2007, 121 Stat. 600, known as the Protecting America's Competitive Edge Through Energy Act and also as the PACE-Energy Act, which is classified principally to this subchapter. For complete classification of this title to the Code, see Short Title of 2007 Amendment note set out under section 15801 of this title and Tables.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

SHORT TITLE

For short title of title V of Pub. L. 110-69, which enacted this subchapter, as the “Protecting America's Competitive Edge Through Energy Act” or the “PACE-Energy Act”, see section 5001 of Pub. L. 110-69, set out as a note under section 15801 of this title.

**§ 16532. Nuclear science talent expansion program for institutions of higher education**

**(a) Purposes**

The purposes of this section are—

(1) to address the decline in the number of and resources available to nuclear science programs at institutions of higher education; and

(2) to increase the number of graduates with degrees in nuclear science, an area of strategic importance to the economic competitiveness and energy security of the United States.

**(b) Definition of nuclear science**

In this section, the term “nuclear science” includes—

(1) nuclear science;

(2) nuclear engineering;

(3) nuclear chemistry;

(4) radio chemistry; and

(5) health physics.

**(c) Establishment**

The Secretary shall establish, in accordance with this section, a program to expand and enhance institution of higher education nuclear science educational capabilities.

**(d) Nuclear science program expansion grants for institutions of higher education**

**(1) In general**

The Secretary shall award up to 3 competitive grants for each fiscal year to institutions of higher education that establish new academic degree programs in nuclear science.

**(2) Priority**

In evaluating grants under this subsection, the Secretary shall give priority to proposals that involve partnerships with a National Laboratory or other eligible nuclear-related entity, as determined by the Secretary.

**(3) Criteria**

Criteria for a grant awarded under this subsection shall be based on—

(A) the potential to attract new students to the program;

(B) academic rigor; and

(C) the ability to offer hands-on learning opportunities.

**(4) Duration and amount**

**(A) Duration**

A grant under this subsection may be up to 5 years in duration.

**(B) Amount**

An institution of higher education that receives a grant under this subsection shall be eligible for up to \$1,000,000 for each year of the grant period.

**(5) Use of funds**

An institution of higher education that receives a grant under this subsection may use the grant to—

(A) recruit and retain new faculty;

(B) develop core and specialized course content;

(C) encourage collaboration between faculty and researchers in the nuclear science field; and