

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

Section is comprised of section 3 of Pub. L. 116-115. Subsec. (d) of section 3 of Pub. L. 116-115 amended section 1862n-1 of this title. Subsec. (e) of section 3 of Pub. L. 116-115 amended section 1862n-1a of this title. Subsecs. (f) and (g) of section 3 of Pub. L. 116-115 amended section 7404 of Title 15, Commerce and Trade.

Section was enacted as part of the Supporting Veterans in STEM Careers Act, and not as part of the National Science Foundation Act of 1950 which comprises this chapter.

AMENDMENTS

2022—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 117-167 substituted “biennial” for “annual”.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

DEFINITIONS

Pub. L. 116-115, §2, Feb. 11, 2020, 134 Stat. 106, provided that: “In this Act [see Short Title of 2020 Amendment note set out under section 1861 of this title]:

“(1) DIRECTOR.—The term ‘Director’ means the Director of the National Science Foundation.

“(2) FOUNDATION.—The term ‘Foundation’ means the National Science Foundation.

“(3) STEM.—The term ‘STEM’ has the meaning given the term in section 2 of the America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010 [Pub. L. 111-358] (42 U.S.C. 6621 note).

“(4) VETERAN.—The term ‘veteran’ has the meaning given the term in section 101 of title 38, United States Code.”

§ 1862u. NSF support of research on opioid addiction

The Director of the National Science Foundation, in consultation with the Director of the National Institutes of Health, shall support merit-reviewed and competitively awarded research on the science of opioid addiction.

(Pub. L. 116-335, §2, Jan. 13, 2021, 134 Stat. 5117.)

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Section was enacted as part of the Expanding Findings for Federal Opioid Research and Treatment Act, also known as the EFFORT Act, and not as part of the National Science Foundation Act of 1950 which comprises this chapter.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

FINDINGS

Pub. L. 116-335, §1(b), Jan. 13, 2021, 134 Stat. 5117, provided that: “The Congress finds that—

“(1) research gaps currently exist in the prevention and treatment of opioid addiction;

“(2) the National Science Foundation’s research on opioid addiction has increased understanding of the neuroscience of addiction, substance abuse intervention, the role of illicit supply networks, the secondary effects on families, the use of technology to address the opioid epidemic, and options for alternative, non-addictive therapeutics for pain; and

“(3) the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health have recognized that fundamental questions in basic, clinical, and translational research would benefit greatly from multidisciplinary approaches and collaboration.”

§ 1862v. National Science Foundation research**(a) In general**

The Director of the National Science Foundation, in consultation with the Director of the

National Institutes of Health and the Director of the National Institute of Mental Health and taking into consideration prioritized research agendas or strategic plans, as appropriate, shall, subject to the availability of appropriations, award grants on a competitive, merit-reviewed basis to institutions of higher education (or consortia of such institutions) to support multidisciplinary, fundamental research with potential relevance to suicide, including potential relevance to prevention and treatment, including, but not limited to—

(1) basic understanding of human social behavior;

(2) the neural basis of human cognition;

(3) basic understanding of cognitive, linguistic, social, cultural, and biological processes related to human development across the lifespan;

(4) basic understanding of perceptual, motor, and cognitive processes, and their interaction, in typical human behavior; and

(5) basic understanding of the relevance of drug and alcohol abuse.

(b) Encouraging applications from early career researchers

To promote the development of early career researchers, in awarding funds under subsection (a), the Director of the National Science Foundation shall encourage applications submitted by early career researchers, including doctoral students or postdoctoral researchers.

(Pub. L. 116-339, §3, Jan. 13, 2021, 134 Stat. 5126.)

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Section was enacted as part of the Advancing Research to Prevent Suicide Act, and not as part of the National Science Foundation Act of 1950 which comprises this chapter.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

FINDINGS

Pub. L. 116-339, §2, Jan. 13, 2021, 134 Stat. 5126, provided that: “Congress finds the following:

“(1) The rate of Americans dying by suicide is on the rise, increasing 10.7 to 14.0 deaths per 100,000 people from 2001 to 2017.

“(2) Suicide is the tenth-leading cause of death among people in the United States and the second-leading cause of death for young people between the ages of 15 and 34.

“(3) The National Science Foundation funds research that is improving our basic understanding of factors with potential relevance to suicide, including potential relevance to prevention and treatment.

“(4) Despite progress in mental health research, current gaps exist in scientific understanding and basic knowledge of human neural, genetic, cognitive, perceptual, behavioral, social, and environmental factors with potential relevance to suicide.”

§ 1862w. NSF support of research on impacts of social media on human trafficking**(a) Definitions**

In this section:

(1) Human trafficking

The term “human trafficking” means an act or practice described in section 7102(11) of title 22.