

comprehensive economic development strategy for the area.

(d) Exception

This section shall not apply to grants awarded under section 3147 of this title or grants awarded under section 3149(c)(2) of this title for areas to which more than one comprehensive economic development strategy may apply.

(Pub. L. 89-136, title III, §302, as added Pub. L. 105-393, title I, §102(a), Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3608; amended Pub. L. 108-373, title III, §302, Oct. 27, 2004, 118 Stat. 1767; Pub. L. 118-272, div. B, title II, §2226, Jan. 4, 2025, 138 Stat. 3191.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 3162, Pub. L. 89-136, title IV, §402, Aug. 26, 1965, 79 Stat. 561; Pub. L. 92-65, title I, §107, Aug. 5, 1971, 85 Stat. 167, required annual review of area eligibility, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105-393, §102(a).

A prior section 302 of Pub. L. 89-136 was classified to section 3151a of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105-393, §102(a).

AMENDMENTS

2025—Subsec. (a)(3)(A). Pub. L. 118-272, §2226(1), inserted “including to mitigate and adapt to the economic impacts of extreme weather,” after “enhances and protects the environment.”

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 118-272, §2226(2), added subsec. (d).
2004—Subsec. (a)(3)(A). Pub. L. 108-373, §302(a), inserted “maximizes effective development and use of the workforce consistent with any applicable State or local workforce investment strategy, promotes the use of technology in economic development (including access to high-speed telecommunications),” after “access.”

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 108-373, §302(b), designated existing provisions as par. (1), inserted heading, and added par. (2).

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Feb. 11, 1999, see section 105 of Pub. L. 105-393, set out as a note under section 3121 of this title.

SUBCHAPTER IV—ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS

§ 3171. Designation of economic development districts

(a) In general

In order that economic development projects of broad geographic significance may be planned and carried out, the Secretary may designate appropriate economic development districts in the United States, with the concurrence of the States in which the districts will be wholly or partially located, if—

(1) the proposed district is of sufficient size or population, and contains sufficient resources, to foster economic development on a scale involving more than a single area described in section 3161(a) of this title;

(2) the proposed district contains at least 1 area described in section 3161(a) of this title; and

(3) the proposed district has a comprehensive economic development strategy that—

(A) contains a specific program for intra-district cooperation, self-help, and public investment; and

(B) is approved by each affected State and by the Secretary.

(b) Authorities

The Secretary may, under regulations promulgated by the Secretary—

(1) invite the States to determine boundaries for proposed economic development districts;

(2) cooperate with the States—

(A) in sponsoring and assisting district economic planning and economic development groups; and

(B) in assisting the district groups in formulating comprehensive economic development strategies for districts; and

(3) encourage participation by appropriate local government entities in the economic development districts.

(Pub. L. 89-136, title IV, §401, as added Pub. L. 105-393, title I, §102(a), Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3608.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 3171, Pub. L. 89-136, title IV, §403, Aug. 26, 1965, 79 Stat. 562; Pub. L. 91-304, §1(d), July 6, 1970, 84 Stat. 375; Pub. L. 92-65, title I, §108, Aug. 5, 1971, 85 Stat. 167; Pub. L. 93-46, §4, June 18, 1973, 87 Stat. 96; Pub. L. 93-423, §7, Sept. 27, 1974, 88 Stat. 1161; Pub. L. 94-487, title I, §115, Oct. 12, 1976, 90 Stat. 2335; Pub. L. 96-506, §1(7), Dec. 8, 1980, 94 Stat. 2745; Pub. L. 97-35, title XVIII, §1821(a)(6), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 766, authorized Secretary to designate economic development districts and centers, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105-393, §102(a).

A prior section 401 of Pub. L. 89-136 was classified to section 3161 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105-393, §102(a).

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Feb. 11, 1999, see section 105 of Pub. L. 105-393, set out as a note under section 3121 of this title.

§ 3172. Termination or modification of economic development districts

The Secretary shall, by regulation, promulgate standards for the termination or modification of the designation of economic development districts.

(Pub. L. 89-136, title IV, §402, as added Pub. L. 105-393, title I, §102(a), Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3609.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 3172, Pub. L. 89-136, title IV, §404, as added Pub. L. 93-423, §8, Sept. 27, 1974, 88 Stat. 1162; amended Pub. L. 94-487, title I, §116, Oct. 12, 1976, 90 Stat. 2335; Pub. L. 96-506, §1(8), Dec. 8, 1980, 94 Stat. 2745; Pub. L. 97-35, title XVIII, §1821(a)(7), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 766, authorized additional appropriations for Indian economic development, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105-393, §102(a).

A prior section 402 of Pub. L. 89-136 was classified to section 3162 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105-393, §102(a).