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Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

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Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

DEFINITION

For definition of “institutions of higher education” as used in this section, see section 2 of Pub. L. 114-329, set out as a note under section 1862s of this title.

§ 6626. Working group on inclusion in STEM fields

(a) Establishment

The Office of Science and Technology Policy, in collaboration with Federal departments and agencies, shall establish an interagency working group to compile and summarize available research and best practices on how to promote diversity and inclusions in STEM fields and examine whether barriers exist to promoting diversity and inclusion within Federal agencies employing scientists and engineers.

(b) Responsibilities

The working group shall be responsible for reviewing and assessing research, best practices, and policies across Federal science agencies related to the inclusion of individuals identified in sections 1885a and 1885b of this title in the Federal STEM workforce, including available research and best practices on how to promote diversity and inclusion in STEM fields, including—

- (1) policies providing flexibility for scientists and engineers that are also caregivers, particularly on the timing of research grants;
- (2) policies to address the proper handling of claims of sexual harassment;
- (3) policies to minimize the effects of implicit bias and other systemic factors in hiring, promotion, evaluation and the workplace in general; and
- (4) other evidence-based strategies that the working group considers effective for promoting diversity and inclusion in the STEM fields.

(c) Stakeholder input

In carrying out the responsibilities under section (b), the working group shall solicit and consider input and recommendations from non-Federal stakeholders, including—

- (1) the Council of Advisors on Science and Technology;
- (2) federally funded and non-federally funded researchers, institutions of higher education, scientific disciplinary societies, and associations;
- (3) nonprofit research institutions;

- (4) industry, including small businesses;
- (5) federally funded research and development centers;
- (6) non-governmental organizations; and
- (7) such other members of the public interested in promoting a diverse and inclusive Federal STEM workforce.

(d) Public reports

Not later than 1 year after January 6, 2017, and periodically thereafter, the working group shall publish a report on the review and assessment under subsection (b), including a summary of available research and best practices, any recommendations for Federal actions to promote a diverse and inclusive Federal STEM workforce, and updates on the implementation of previous recommendations for Federal actions.

(e) Termination

The interagency working group established under subsection (a) shall terminate on the date that is 10 years after the date that it is established.

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§ 6627. Federally-funded research with enhanced pathogens of pandemic potential

(a) Review and oversight of enhanced pathogens of pandemic potential

(1) In general

The Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy (referred to in this section as the “Director”), in consultation with the heads of relevant Federal departments and agencies, shall—

(A) not later than 1 year after December 29, 2022—

(i) continue or conduct a review of existing Federal policies related to research proposed for Federal funding that may be reasonably anticipated to involve the creation, transfer, or use of enhanced pathogens of pandemic potential; and

(ii) establish or update a Federal policy for the consistent review and oversight of such proposed research that appropriately considers the risks associated with, and potential benefits of, such research; and

(B) not less than every 4 years thereafter, review and update such policy, as necessary and appropriate, to ensure that such policy fully accounts for relevant research that may be reasonably anticipated to involve the creation, transfer, or use of enhanced