

2017—Subsec. (e)(2). Pub. L. 115–63 inserted “and \$4,986,301 for the period beginning on October 1, 2017, and ending on March 31, 2018,” after “fiscal years 2012 through 2017”.

2016—Subsec. (e)(2). Pub. L. 114–190 substituted “2017” for “2015”.

2012—Subsec. (c)(5)(F). Pub. L. 112–95, § 429(a), added subpar. (F).

Subsec. (e)(2). Pub. L. 112–95, § 429(b), amended par. (2) generally. Prior to amendment, par. (2) provided for authorization of appropriations for fiscal years 2001 through 2011 and for the portion of fiscal year 2012 ending before Feb. 18, 2012.

Pub. L. 112–91 substituted “and \$2,295,082 for the portion of fiscal year 2012 ending before February 18, 2012,” for “and \$2,016,393 for the portion of fiscal year 2012 ending before February 1, 2012,”.

2011—Subsec. (e)(2). Pub. L. 112–30 substituted “\$35,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2004 through 2011, and \$2,016,393 for the portion of fiscal year 2012 ending before February 1, 2012,” for “and \$35,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2004 through 2011”.

2010—Subsec. (e)(2). Pub. L. 111–249 substituted “2011” for “2010”.

2009—Subsec. (e)(2). Pub. L. 111–69 substituted “2010” for “2009”.

2008—Subsec. (e)(2). Pub. L. 110–330 substituted “2009” for “2008”.

2003—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 108–176, § 412(1), (2), struck out “PILOT” before “PROGRAM” in heading and “pilot” before “program” in text.

Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 108–176, § 225(b)(3)(A), struck out “(as that term is defined in section 41731(a)(5))” after “small hub airport” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (c)(3). Pub. L. 108–176, § 412(3)(A), added par. (3) and struck out heading and text of former par. (3). Text read as follows: “No more than four communities or consortia of communities, or a combination thereof, may be located in the same State.”

Subsec. (c)(4). Pub. L. 108–176, § 412(3)(B), inserted at end “No community, consortia of communities, nor combination thereof may participate in the program in support of the same project more than once, but any community, consortia of communities, or combination thereof may apply, subsequent to such participation, to participate in the program in support of a different project.”

Pub. L. 108–11 inserted before period at end “in each year for which funds are appropriated for the program”.

Subsec. (c)(5)(E). Pub. L. 108–176, § 412(3)(C), added subpar. (E).

Subsec. (e)(2). Pub. L. 108–176, § 412(4), substituted “fiscal year 2001,” for “fiscal year 2001 and” and inserted “, and \$35,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2004 through 2008” after “2003”.

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 108–176, §§ 225(b)(3)(B), 412(5), struck out “pilot” after “Under the” and “(as defined in section 41731(a)(3))” after “large hub airports”.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2010 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 111–249 effective Oct. 1, 2010, see section 5(l) of Pub. L. 111–249, set out as a note under section 40117 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 110–330 effective Oct. 1, 2008, see section 5(l) of Pub. L. 110–330, set out as a note under section 40117 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2003 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 108–176 applicable only to fiscal years beginning after Sept. 30, 2003, except as otherwise specifically provided, see section 3 of Pub. L. 108–176, set out as a note under section 106 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section applicable only to fiscal years beginning after Sept. 30, 1999, see section 3 of Pub. L. 106–181, set

out as an Effective Date of 2000 Amendments note under section 106 of this title.

§ 41744. Repealed. Pub. L. 118–63, title V, § 561(j), May 16, 2024, 138 Stat. 1216]

Section, added Pub. L. 106–181, title II, § 204(a), Apr. 5, 2000, 114 Stat. 93; amended Pub. L. 108–176, title II, § 225(b)(4), Dec. 12, 2003, 117 Stat. 2529, related to preservation of basic essential air service at single carrier dominated hub airports.

§ 41745. Community and regional choice programs

(a) ALTERNATE ESSENTIAL AIR SERVICE PILOT PROGRAM.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Transportation shall establish an alternate essential air service pilot program in accordance with the requirements of this section.

(2) ASSISTANCE TO ELIGIBLE PLACES.—In carrying out the program, the Secretary, instead of paying compensation to an air carrier to provide essential air service to an eligible place, may provide assistance directly to a unit of local government having jurisdiction over the eligible place or a State within the boundaries of which the eligible place is located.

(3) USE OF ASSISTANCE.—A unit of local government or State receiving assistance for an eligible place under the program may use the assistance for any of the following purposes:

(A) To provide assistance to air carriers that will use smaller equipment to provide the service and to consider increasing the frequency of service using such smaller equipment if the Secretary determines that passenger safety would not be compromised by the use of such smaller equipment and if the State or unit of local government waives the minimum service requirements under section 41732(b).

(B) To provide assistance to an air carrier to provide on-demand air taxi service to and from the eligible place.

(C) To provide assistance to a person to provide scheduled or on-demand surface transportation to and from the eligible place and an airport in another place.

(D) In combination with other units of local government in the same region, to provide transportation services to and from all the eligible places in that region at an airport or other transportation center that can serve all the eligible places in that region.

(E) To pay for other transportation or related services that the Secretary may permit.

(b) APPLICATIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—An entity seeking to participate in a program under this section shall submit to the Secretary an application in such form and containing such information as the Secretary may require.

(2) REQUIRED INFORMATION.—At a minimum, the application shall include—

(A) a statement of the amount of compensation or assistance required; and

(B) a description of how the compensation or assistance will be used.

(c) PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS.—An eligible place for which compensation or assistance is