

coordination, evaluation, and oversight activities of the Secretary under this section.

(e) **LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF AMOUNTS.**—Amounts made available to the Secretary to carry out this section shall remain available for obligation by the Secretary for a period of 3 years after the last day of the fiscal year for which the amounts are authorized.

(f) **INFORMATION COLLECTION.**—Any survey, questionnaire, or interview that the Secretary determines to be necessary to carry out reporting requirements relating to any program assessment or evaluation activity under this section, including customer satisfaction assessments, shall not be subject to chapter 35 of title 44.

(Added and amended Pub. L. 105-178, title V, § 5110(a), (d), June 9, 1998, 112 Stat. 441; Pub. L. 105-206, title IX, § 9011(d), July 22, 1998, 112 Stat. 863; Pub. L. 109-59, title V, § 5401(a), Aug. 10, 2005, 119 Stat. 1814; Pub. L. 112-141, div. E, title II, § 52009(a), July 6, 2012, 126 Stat. 882; Pub. L. 114-94, div. A, title VI, § 6016, Dec. 4, 2015, 129 Stat. 1571; Pub. L. 117-58, div. B, title V, § 25017, Nov. 15, 2021, 135 Stat. 873.)

### Editorial Notes

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The date of enactment of this section, referred to in subsec. (c)(1), probably means the date of enactment of Pub. L. 114-94, which amended this section generally and was approved Dec. 4, 2015.

#### AMENDMENTS

2021—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 117-58, § 25017(1)(A), inserted “of Transportation, acting through the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology (referred to in this section as the ‘Secretary’),” after “The Secretary”.

Subsec. (a)(2)(B). Pub. L. 117-58, § 25017(1)(B)(i), inserted “multimodal” after “critical”.

Subsec. (a)(2)(C). Pub. L. 117-58, § 25017(1)(B)(ii), inserted “with respect to the matters described in subparagraphs (A) through (G) of section 6503(c)(1)” after “transportation leaders”.

Subsec. (b)(2)(A). Pub. L. 117-58, § 25017(2)(A), substituted “as a lead institution under this section, except as provided in subparagraph (B)” for “for each of the transportation centers described under paragraphs (2), (3), and (4) of subsection (c)”.

Subsec. (b)(4)(A). Pub. L. 117-58, § 25017(2)(B)(i), substituted “described in subparagraphs (A) through (G) of section 6503(c)(1)” for “identified in chapter 65”.

Subsec. (b)(4)(B). Pub. L. 117-58, § 25017(2)(B)(ii), substituted “the heads of the modal administrations of the Department of Transportation,” for “the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology and the Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration and other modal administrations” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (b)(5)(B). Pub. L. 117-58, § 25017(2)(C), substituted “make available to the public on a website of the Department of Transportation” for “submit to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Science, Space, and Technology of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (c)(3)(E). Pub. L. 117-58, § 25017(3), added cl. (i), designated existing provisions as cl. (ii) and inserted heading, and inserted “, including the cybersecurity implications of technologies relating to connected vehicles, connected infrastructure, and autonomous vehicles” after “autonomous vehicles”.

Subsec. (d)(2). Pub. L. 117-58, § 25017(4)(A)(i), (ii), substituted “Review” for “Annual review” in heading and “biennially” for “annually” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (d)(2)(B). Pub. L. 117-58, § 25017(4)(A)(iii), substituted “make available to the public on a website of the Department of Transportation” for “submit to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Science, Space, and Technology of the House of Representatives and the Committees on Environment and Public Works and Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate”.

Subsec. (d)(3). Pub. L. 117-58, § 25017(4)(B), substituted “2022 through 2026” for “2016 through 2020”.

2015—Pub. L. 114-94 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section related to the university transportation centers program.

2012—Pub. L. 112-141 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section related to national university transportation centers.

2005—Pub. L. 109-59 amended section catchline and text generally, substituting provisions relating to national university transportation centers for provisions relating to university transportation research.

1998—Subsec. (g)(2). Pub. L. 105-178, § 5110(d)(1), as added by Pub. L. 105-206, substituted “section 508 of title 23, United States Code,” for “section 5506,”.

Subsec. (i). Pub. L. 105-178, § 5110(d)(2), as added by Pub. L. 105-206, inserted “Subject to section 5338(e):” before par. (1) and substituted “institutions or groups of institutions” for “institutions” wherever appearing.

Subsec. (j)(4)(B). Pub. L. 105-178, § 5110(d)(3), as added by Pub. L. 105-206, substituted “on behalf of a consortium which may also include West Virginia University Institute of Technology, the College of West Virginia, and Bluefield State College” for “on behalf of a consortium of West Virginia colleges and universities”.

### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2015 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 114-94 effective Oct. 1, 2015, see section 1003 of Pub. L. 114-94, set out as a note under section 5313 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2012 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 112-141 effective Oct. 1, 2012, see section 3(a) of Pub. L. 112-141, set out as an Effective and Termination Dates of 2012 Amendment note under section 101 of Title 23, Highways.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Title IX of Pub. L. 105-206 effective simultaneously with enactment of Pub. L. 105-178 and to be treated as included in Pub. L. 105-178 at time of enactment, and provisions of Pub. L. 105-178, as in effect on day before July 22, 1998, that are amended by title IX of Pub. L. 105-206 to be treated as not enacted, see section 9016 of Pub. L. 105-206, set out as a note under section 101 of Title 23, Highways.

### § 5506. Advanced transportation research initiative

(a) **DEFINITION OF ELIGIBLE ENTITY.**—In this section, the term “eligible entity” means—

- (1) a State agency;
- (2) a local government agency;
- (3) an institution of higher education (as defined in section 102 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002)), including a university transportation center established under section 5505;
- (4) a nonprofit organization, including a nonprofit research organization; and
- (5) a private sector organization working in collaboration with an entity described in any of paragraphs (1) through (4).

(b) **PILOT PROGRAM.**—The Secretary of Transportation (referred to in this section as the “Secretary”) shall establish an advanced transportation research pilot program under which the Secretary—

(1) shall establish a process for eligible entities to submit to the Secretary unsolicited research proposals; and

(2) may enter into arrangements with 1 or more eligible entities to fund research proposed under paragraph (1), in accordance with this section.

(c) **ELIGIBLE RESEARCH.**—The Secretary may enter into an arrangement with an eligible entity under this section to fund research that—

(1) addresses—

(A) a research need identified by—

(i) the Secretary; or  
(ii) the Administrator of a modal administration of the Department of Transportation; or

(B) an issue that the Secretary determines to be important; and

(2) is not duplicative of—

(A) any other Federal research project; or  
(B) any project for which funding is provided by another Federal agency.

(d) **PROJECT REVIEW.**—The Secretary shall—

(1) review each research proposal submitted under the pilot program established under subsection (b); and

(2)(A) if funding is denied for the research proposal—

(i) provide to the eligible entity that submitted the proposal a written notice of the denial that, as applicable—

(I) explains why the research proposal was not selected, including whether the research proposal fails to cover an area of need; and

(II) recommends that the research proposal be submitted to another research program; and

(ii) if the Secretary recommends that the research proposal be submitted to another research program under clause (i)(II), provide guidance and direction to—

(I) the eligible entity; and  
(II) the proposed research program office; or

(B) if the research proposal is selected for funding—

(i) provide to the eligible entity that submitted the proposal a written notice of the selection; and

(ii) seek to enter into an arrangement with the eligible entity to provide funding for the proposed research.

(e) **COORDINATION.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall ensure that the activities carried out under subsection (c) are coordinated with, and do not duplicate the efforts of, programs of the Department of Transportation and other Federal agencies.

(2) **INTRAGENCY COORDINATION.**—The Secretary shall coordinate the research carried out under this section with—

(A) the research, education, and technology transfer activities carried out by grant recipients under section 5505; and

(B) the research, development, demonstration, and commercial application activities of other relevant programs of the Department of Transportation, including all modal administrations of the Department.

(3) **INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION.**—The Secretary shall coordinate, as appropriate, regarding fundamental research with the potential for application in the transportation sector with—

(A) the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy;

(B) the Director of the National Science Foundation;

(C) the Secretary of Energy;

(D) the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology;

(E) the Secretary of Homeland Security;

(F) the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration;

(G) the Secretary of Defense; and

(H) the heads of other appropriate Federal agencies, as determined by the Secretary.

(f) **REVIEW, EVALUATION, AND REPORT.**—Not less frequently than biennially, in accordance with the plan developed under section 6503, the Secretary shall—

(1) review and evaluate the pilot program established under subsection (b), including the research carried out under that pilot program; and

(2) make public on a website of the Department of Transportation a report describing the review and evaluation under paragraph (1).

(g) **FEDERAL SHARE.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Federal share of the cost of an activity carried out under this section shall not exceed 80 percent.

(2) **NON-FEDERAL SHARE.**—All costs directly incurred by the non-Federal partners (including personnel, travel, facility, and hardware development costs) shall be credited toward the non-Federal share of the cost of an activity carried out under this section.

(h) **LIMITATION ON CERTAIN EXPENSES.**—Of any amounts made available to carry out this section for a fiscal year, the Secretary may use not more than 1.5 percent for coordination, evaluation, and oversight activities under this section.

(i) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this section \$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026.

(Added Pub. L. 117-58, div. B, title V, §25013(a), Nov. 15, 2021, 135 Stat. 867.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 5506, added Pub. L. 105-178, title V, §5111(a), June 9, 1998, 112 Stat. 444; amended Pub. L. 109-59, title V, §5402(a), Aug. 10, 2005, 119 Stat. 1815; Pub. L. 110-244, title I, §§111(g)(3), 116, June 6, 2008, 122 Stat. 1605, 1607, related to grants for university transportation research, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 112-141, div. E, title II, §52010(a), July 6, 2012, 126 Stat. 887, effective Oct. 1, 2012.

§ 5507. Transportation workforce outreach program

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transportation (referred to in this section as the “Secretary”) shall establish and administer a transportation workforce outreach program, under which the Secretary shall carry out a series of public service announcement campaigns during each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026.

(b) PURPOSES.—The purpose of the campaigns carried out under the program under this section shall be—

(1) to increase awareness of career opportunities in the transportation sector, including aviation pilots, safety inspectors, mechanics and technicians, air traffic controllers, flight attendants, truck and bus drivers, engineers, transit workers, railroad workers, and other transportation professionals; and

(2) to target awareness of professional opportunities in the transportation sector to diverse segments of the population, including with respect to race, sex, ethnicity, ability (including physical and mental ability), veteran status, and socioeconomic status.

(c) ADVERTISING.—The Secretary may use, or authorize the use of, amounts made available to carry out the program under this section for the development, production, and use of broadcast, digital, and print media advertising and outreach in carrying out a campaign under this section.

(d) FUNDING.—The Secretary may use to carry out this section any amounts otherwise made available to the Secretary, not to exceed \$5,000,000, for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026.

(Added Pub. L. 117–58, div. B, title V, § 25020(c)(1), Nov. 15, 2021, 135 Stat. 877.)

SUBCHAPTER II—TERMINALS

§ 5561. Definition

In this chapter, “civic and cultural activities” includes libraries, musical and dramatic presentations, art exhibits, adult education programs, public meeting places, and other facilities for carrying on an activity any part of which is supported under a law of the United States.

(Pub. L. 103–272, §1(d), July 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 851.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Table with 3 columns: Revised Section, Source (U.S. Code), Source (Statutes at Large). Row 1: 5561, 49 App.:1653(i)(10), Oct. 15, 1966, Pub. L. 89-670, 80 Stat. 931, §4(i)(10); added Oct. 28, 1974, Pub. L. 93-496, §§6, 15, 88 Stat. 1530, 1533; Feb. 5, 1976, Pub. L. 94-210, §707(3), 90 Stat. 125; May 30, 1980, Pub. L. 96-254, §206(a), 94 Stat. 412.

In this chapter, both sections 6 and 15 of the Amtrak Improvement Act (Public Law 93-496, 88 Stat. 1528, 1533) are listed as source credits for the addition of section 4(i) to the Department of Transportation Act (Public Law 89-670, 80 Stat. 931). This is done to conform to the probable intent of Congress as evidenced by the directory language of section 15 of the Act of October 28, 1974.

In this section, the words “for community groups, convention visitors and others” are omitted as unnecessary.

§ 5562. Assistance projects

(a) REQUIREMENTS TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary of Transportation shall provide financial, technical, and advisory assistance under this chapter to—

(1) promote, on a feasibility demonstration basis, the conversion of at least 3 rail passenger terminals into intermodal transportation terminals;

(2) preserve rail passenger terminals that reasonably are likely to be converted or maintained pending preparation of plans for their reuse;

(3) acquire and use space in suitable buildings of historic or architectural significance but only if use of the space is feasible and prudent when compared to available alternatives; and

(4) encourage State and local governments, local and regional transportation authorities, common carriers, philanthropic organizations, and other responsible persons to develop plans to convert rail passenger terminals into intermodal transportation terminals and civic and cultural activity centers.

(b) EFFECT ON ELIGIBILITY.—This chapter does not affect the eligibility of any rail passenger terminal for preservation or reuse assistance under another program or law.

(c) ACQUIRING SPACE.—The Secretary may acquire space under subsection (a)(3) of this section only after consulting with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts.

(Pub. L. 103–272, §1(d), July 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 851.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Table with 3 columns: Revised Section, Source (U.S. Code), Source (Statutes at Large). Row 1: 5562(a), 49 App.:1653(i)(1), Oct. 15, 1966, Pub. L. 89-670, 80 Stat. 931, §4(i)(1); added Oct. 28, 1974, Pub. L. 93-496, §§6, 15, 88 Stat. 1528, 1533; Feb. 5, 1976, Pub. L. 94-210, §707(1), (2), 90 Stat. 125; May 30, 1980, Pub. L. 96-254, §206(a), 94 Stat. 412. Row 2: 5562(b), 49 App.:1653(i)(11), Oct. 15, 1966, Pub. L. 89-670, 80 Stat. 931, §4(i)(11); added Oct. 28, 1974, Pub. L. 93-496, §§6, 15, 88 Stat. 1530, 1533; Feb. 5, 1976, Pub. L. 94-210, §707(3), 90 Stat. 125; May 30, 1980, Pub. L. 96-254, §206(a), 94 Stat. 412. Row 3: 5562(c), 49 App.:1653(i)(4), Oct. 15, 1966, Pub. L. 89-670, 80 Stat. 931, §4(i)(4); added Feb. 5, 1976, Pub. L. 94-210, §707(4), 90 Stat. 125; May 30, 1980, Pub. L. 96-254, §206(a), 94 Stat. 412.

In subsection (a)(3), the words “but only if” are substituted for “unless . . . would not” for consistency.

In subsection (a)(4), the word “encourage” is substituted for “stimulating” for clarity.

In subsection (b), the words “This chapter does not affect” are substituted for “Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to invalidate” for clarity and consistency. The words “rail passenger terminal” are substituted for “station”, and the word “law” is substituted for “statute”, for consistency.