

DAVID L. BOREN NATIONAL SECURITY EDUCATION ACT OF 1991

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TITLE VIII—NATIONAL SECURITY SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

SEC. 801. [50 U.S.C. 1901] SHORT TITLE, FINDINGS, AND PURPOSES.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This title may be cited as the “David L. Boren National Security Education Act of 1991”.

(b) FINDINGS.—The Congress makes the following findings:

(1) The security of the United States is and will continue to depend on the ability of the United States to exercise international leadership.

(2) The ability of the United States to exercise international leadership is, and will increasingly continue to be, based on the political and economic strength of the United States, as well as on United States military strength around the world.

(3) Recent changes in the world pose threats of a new kind to international stability as Cold War tensions continue to decline while economic competition, regional conflicts, terrorist activities, and weapon proliferations have dramatically increased.

(4) The future national security and economic well-being of the United States will depend substantially on the ability of its citizens to communicate and compete by knowing the languages and cultures of other countries.

(5) The Federal Government has an interest in ensuring that the employees of its departments and agencies with national security responsibilities are prepared to meet the challenges of this changing international environment.

(6) The Federal Government also has an interest in taking actions to alleviate the problem of American undergraduate and graduate students being inadequately prepared to meet the challenges posed by increasing global interaction among nations.

(7) American colleges and universities must place a new emphasis on improving the teaching of foreign languages, area studies, counterproliferation studies, and other international fields to help meet those challenges.

(c) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this title are as follows:

(1) To provide the necessary resources, accountability, and flexibility to meet the national security education needs of the United States, especially as such needs change over time.

(2) To increase the quantity, diversity, and quality of the teaching and learning of subjects in the fields of foreign lan-

guages, area studies, counterproliferation studies, and other international fields that are critical to the Nation's interest.

(3) To produce an increased pool of applicants for work in the departments and agencies of the United States Government with national security responsibilities.

(4) To expand, in conjunction with other Federal programs, the international experience, knowledge base, and perspectives on which the United States citizenry, Government employees, and leaders rely.

(5) To permit the Federal Government to advocate the cause of international education.

SEC. 802. [50 U.S.C. 1902] SCHOLARSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, AND GRANT PROGRAM.

(a) PROGRAM REQUIRED.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall carry out a program for—

(A) awarding scholarships to undergraduate students who—

(i) are United States citizens in order to enable such students to study, for at least one academic semester or equivalent term, in foreign countries that are critical countries (as determined under section 803(d)(4)(A)) in those languages and study areas where deficiencies exist (as identified in the assessments undertaken pursuant to section 806(d)); and

(ii) pursuant to subsection (b)(2)(A), enter into an agreement to work in a national security position or work in the field of higher education in the area of study for which the scholarship was awarded;

(B) awarding fellowships to graduate students who—

(i) are United States citizens to enable such students to pursue education as part of a graduate degree program of a United States institution of higher education in the disciplines of foreign languages, area studies, counterproliferation studies, and other international fields relating to the national security interests of the United States that are critical areas of those disciplines (as determined under section 803(d)(4)(B)) and in which deficiencies exist (as identified in the assessments undertaken pursuant to section 806(d)); and

(ii) pursuant to subsection (b)(2)(B), enter into an agreement to work in a national security position or work in the field of education in the area of study for which the fellowship was awarded;

(C) awarding grants to institutions of higher education to enable such institutions to establish, operate, or improve programs in foreign languages, area studies, counterproliferation studies, and other international fields that are critical areas of those disciplines (as determined under section 803(d)(4)(C)); and

(D) awarding grants to institutions of higher education to carry out activities under the National Flagship Language Initiative (described in subsection (i)).

(2) FUNDING ALLOCATIONS.—Of the amount available for obligation out of the National Security Education Trust Fund for any fiscal year for the purposes stated in paragraph (1), the Secretary shall have a goal of allocating—

- (A) $\frac{1}{3}$ of such amount for the awarding of scholarships pursuant to paragraph (1)(A);
- (B) $\frac{1}{3}$ of such amount for the awarding of fellowships pursuant to paragraph (1)(B); and
- (C) $\frac{1}{3}$ of such amount for the awarding of grants pursuant to paragraph (1)(C).

The funding allocation under this paragraph shall not apply to grants under paragraph (1)(D) for the National Flagship Language Initiative described in subsection (i). For the authorization of appropriations for the National Flagship Language Initiative, see section 811.

(3) CONSULTATION WITH NATIONAL SECURITY EDUCATION BOARD.—The program required under this title shall be carried out in consultation with the National Security Education Board established under section 803.

(4) CONTRACT AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may enter into one or more contracts, with private national organizations having an expertise in foreign languages, area studies, counterproliferation studies, and other international fields, for the awarding of the scholarships, fellowships, and grants described in paragraph (1) in accordance with the provisions of this title. The Secretary may enter into such contracts without regard to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes (41 U.S.C. 5) or any other provision of law that requires the use of competitive procedures. In addition, the Secretary may enter into personal service contracts for periods up to one year for program administration, except that not more than 10 such contracts may be in effect at any one time.

(b) SERVICE AGREEMENT.—In awarding a scholarship or fellowship under the program, the Secretary or contract organization referred to in subsection (a)(4), as the case may be, shall require a recipient of any fellowship, or any scholarship to enter into an agreement that, in return for such assistance, the recipient—

(1) will maintain satisfactory academic progress, as determined in accordance with regulations issued by the Secretary, and agrees that failure to maintain such progress shall constitute grounds upon which the Secretary or contract organization referred to in subsection (a)(4) may terminate such assistance;

(2) will—

(A) not later than eight years after such recipient's completion of the study for which scholarship assistance was provided under the program, and in accordance with regulations issued by the Secretary—

(i) work in a national security position for a period specified by the Secretary, which period shall be no longer than the period for which scholarship assistance was provided; or

(ii) if the recipient demonstrates to the Secretary (in accordance with such regulations) that no national security position in an agency or office of the Federal

Government having national security responsibilities is available, work in other offices or agencies of the Federal Government or in the field of higher education in a discipline relating to the foreign country, foreign language, area study, or international field of study for which the scholarship was awarded, for a period specified by the Secretary, which period shall be determined in accordance with clause (i); or

(B) upon completion of such recipient's education under the program, and in accordance with such regulations—

(i) work in a national security position for a period specified by the Secretary, which period shall be not less than one and not more than three times the period for which the fellowship assistance was provided; or

(ii) if the recipient demonstrates to the Secretary (in accordance with such regulations) that no national security position is available upon the completion of the degree, work in other offices or agencies of the Federal Government or in the field of higher education in a discipline relating to foreign country, foreign language, area study, or international field of study for which the fellowship was awarded, for a period specified by the Secretary, which period shall be determined in accordance with clause (i); and

(3) if the recipient fails to meet either of the obligations set forth in paragraph (1) or (2), will reimburse the United States Government for the amount of the assistance provided the recipient under the program, together with interest at a rate determined in accordance with regulations issued by the Secretary.

(c) EVALUATION OF PROGRESS IN LANGUAGE SKILLS.—The Secretary shall, through the National Security Education Program office, administer a test of the foreign language skills of each recipient of a scholarship or fellowship under this title before the commencement of the study or education for which the scholarship or fellowship is awarded and after the completion of such study or education. The purpose of these tests is to evaluate the progress made by recipients of scholarships and fellowships in developing foreign language skills as a result of assistance under this title.

(d) DISTRIBUTION OF ASSISTANCE.—In selecting the recipients for awards of scholarships, fellowships, or grants pursuant to this title, the Secretary or a contract organization referred to in subsection (a)(4), as the case may be, shall take into consideration (1) the extent to which the selections will result in there being an equitable geographic distribution of such scholarships, fellowships, or grants (as the case may be) among the various regions of the United States, and (2) the extent to which the distribution of scholarships and fellowships to individuals reflects the cultural, racial, and ethnic diversity of the population of the United States.

(e) MERIT REVIEW.—The Secretary shall award scholarships, fellowships, and grants under the program based upon a merit review process.

(f) **LIMITATION ON USE OF PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS.**—No person who receives a grant, scholarship, or fellowship or any other type of assistance under this title shall, as a condition of receiving such assistance or under any other circumstances, be used by any department, agency, or entity of the United States Government engaged in intelligence activities to undertake any activity on its behalf during the period such person is pursuing a program of education for which funds are provided under the program carried out under this title.

(g) **DETERMINATION OF AGENCIES AND OFFICES OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAVING NATIONAL SECURITY RESPONSIBILITIES.**—(1) The Secretary, in consultation with the Board, shall annually determine and develop a list identifying each agency or office of the Federal Government having national security responsibilities at which a recipient of a fellowship or scholarship under this title will be able to make the recipient's foreign area and language skills available to such agency or office. The Secretary shall submit the first such list to the Congress and include each subsequent list in the annual report to the Congress, as required by section 806(b)(6).

(2) Notwithstanding section 804, funds may not be made available from the Fund to carry out this title for fiscal year 1997 until 30 days after the date on which the Secretary of Defense submits to the Congress the first such list required by paragraph (1).

(h) **USE OF AWARDS TO ATTEND THE FOREIGN LANGUAGE CENTER OF THE DEFENSE LANGUAGE INSTITUTE.**—(1) The Secretary shall provide for the admission of award recipients to the Foreign Language Center of the Defense Language Institute (hereinafter in this subsection referred to as the "Center"). An award recipient may apply a portion of the applicable scholarship or fellowship award for instruction at the Center on a space-available basis as a Department of Defense sponsored program to defray the additive instructional costs.

(2) Except as the Secretary determines necessary, an award recipient who receives instruction at the Center shall be subject to the same regulations with respect to attendance, discipline, discharge, and dismissal as apply to other persons attending the Center.

(3) In this subsection, the term "award recipient" means an undergraduate student who has been awarded a scholarship under subsection (a)(1)(A) or a graduate student who has been awarded a fellowship under subsection (a)(1)(B) who—

(A) is in good standing;

(B) has completed all academic study in a foreign country, as provided for under the scholarship or fellowship; and

(C) would benefit from instruction provided at the Center.

(i) **NATIONAL FLAGSHIP LANGUAGE INITIATIVE.**—(1) Under the National Flagship Language Initiative, institutions of higher education shall establish, operate, or improve activities designed to train students in programs in a range of disciplines to achieve advanced levels of proficiency in those foreign languages that the Secretary identifies as being the most critical in the interests of the national security of the United States.

(2) An undergraduate student who has been awarded a scholarship under subsection (a)(1)(A) or a graduate student who has been awarded a fellowship under subsection (a)(1)(B) may partici-

pate in the activities carried out under the National Flagship Language Initiative.

(3) An institution of higher education that receives a grant pursuant to subsection (a)(1)(D) shall give special consideration to applicants who are employees of the Federal Government.

(4) For purposes of this subsection, the Foreign Language Center of the Defense Language Institute and any other educational institution that provides training in foreign languages operated by the Department of Defense or an agency in the intelligence community is deemed to be an institution of higher education, and may carry out the types of activities permitted under the National Flagship Language Initiative.

SEC. 803. [50 U.S.C. 1903] NATIONAL SECURITY EDUCATION BOARD.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Defense shall establish a National Security Education Board.

(b) COMPOSITION.—The Board shall be composed of the following individuals or the representatives of such individuals:

- (1) The Secretary of Defense, who shall serve as the chairman of the Board.
- (2) The Secretary of Education.
- (3) The Secretary of State.
- (4) The Secretary of Commerce.
- (5) The Director of Central Intelligence.
- (6) The Secretary of Energy.
- (7) The Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

(8) Six individuals appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, who shall be experts in the fields of international, language, area, and counterproliferation studies education and who may not be officers or employees of the Federal Government.

(c) TERM OF APPOINTEES.—Each individual appointed to the Board pursuant to subsection (b)(7) shall be appointed for a period specified by the President at the time of the appointment, but not to exceed four years. Such individuals shall receive no compensation for service on the Board but may receive reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses.

(d) FUNCTIONS.—The Board shall perform the following functions:

- (1) Develop criteria for awarding scholarships, fellowships, and grants under this title, including an order of priority in such awards that favors individuals expressing an interest in national security issues or pursuing a career in a national security position.
- (2) Provide for wide dissemination of information regarding the activities assisted under this title.
- (3) Establish qualifications for students desiring scholarships or fellowships, and institutions of higher education desiring grants, under this title, including, in the case of students desiring a scholarship or fellowship, a requirement that the student have a demonstrated commitment to the study of the discipline for which the scholarship or fellowship is to be awarded.

(4) After taking into account the annual analyses of trends in language, international, area, and counterproliferation studies under section 806(b)(1), make recommendations to the Secretary regarding—

(A) which countries are not emphasized in other United States study abroad programs, such as countries in which few United States students are studying and countries which are of importance to the national security interests of the United States, and are, therefore, critical countries for the purposes of section 802(a)(1)(A);

(B) which areas within the disciplines described in section 802(a)(1)(B) relating to the national security interests of the United States are areas of study in which United States students are deficient in learning and are, therefore, critical areas within those disciplines for the purposes of that section;

(C) which areas within the disciplines described in section 802(a)(1)(C) are areas in which United States students, educators, and Government employees are deficient in learning and in which insubstantial numbers of United States institutions of higher education provide training and are, therefore, critical areas within those disciplines for the purposes of that section;

(D) how students desiring scholarships or fellowships can be encouraged to work for an agency or office of the Federal Government involved in national security affairs or national security policy upon completion of their education; and

(E) which foreign languages are critical to the national security interests of the United States for purposes of section 802(a)(1)(D) (relating to grants for the National Flagship Language Initiative).

(5) Encourage applications for fellowships under this title from graduate students having an educational background in any academic discipline, particularly in the areas of science or technology.

(6) Provide the Secretary biennially with a list of scholarship recipients and fellowship recipients, including an assessment of their foreign area and language skills, who are available to work in a national security position.

(7) Not later than 30 days after a scholarship or fellowship recipient completes the study or education for which assistance was provided under the program, provide the Secretary with a report fully describing the foreign area and language skills obtained by the recipient as a result of the assistance.

(8) Review the administration of the program required under this title.

SEC. 804. [50 U.S.C. 1904] NATIONAL SECURITY EDUCATION TRUST FUND.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF FUND.—There is established in the Treasury of the United States a trust fund to be known as the “National Security Education Trust Fund”. The assets of the Fund consist of amounts appropriated to the Fund and amounts credited to the Fund under subsection (e).

(b) AVAILABILITY OF SUMS IN THE FUND.—Sums in the Fund shall, to the extent provided in appropriations Acts, be available—

(1) for awarding scholarships, fellowships, and grants in accordance with the provisions of this title; and

(2) for properly allocable costs of the Federal Government for the administration of the program under this title.

(c) INVESTMENT OF FUND ASSETS.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall invest in full the amount in the Fund that is not immediately necessary for expenditure. Such investments may be made only in interest-bearing obligations of the United States or in obligations guaranteed as to both principal and interest by the United States. For such purpose, such obligations may be acquired on original issue at the issue price or by purchase of outstanding obligations at the market price. The purposes for which obligations of the United States may be issued under chapter 31 of title 31, United States Code, are hereby extended to authorize the issuance at par of special obligations exclusively to the Fund. Such special obligations shall bear interest at a rate equal to the average rate of interest, computed as to the end of the calendar month next preceding the date of such issue, borne by all marketable interest-bearing obligations of the United States then forming a part of the public debt, except that where such average rate is not a multiple of $\frac{1}{8}$ of 1 percent, the rate of interest of such special obligations shall be the multiple of $\frac{1}{8}$ of 1 percent next lower than such average rate. Such special obligations shall be issued only if the Secretary of the Treasury determines that the purchases of other interest-bearing obligations of the United States, or of obligations guaranteed as to both principal and interest by the United States or original issue or at the market price, is not in the public interest.

(d) AUTHORITY TO SELL OBLIGATIONS.—Any obligation acquired by the Fund (except special obligations issued exclusively to the Fund) may be sold by the Secretary of the Treasury at the market price, and such special obligations may be redeemed at par plus accrued interest.

(e) AMOUNTS CREDITED TO FUND.—(1) The interest on, and the proceeds from the sale or redemption of, any obligations held in the Fund shall be credited to and form a part of the Fund.

(2) Any amount paid to the United States under section 802(b)(3) shall be credited to and form a part of the Fund.

(3) Any gifts of money shall be credited to and form a part of the Fund.

SEC. 805. [50 U.S.C. 1905] REGULATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

(a) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary may prescribe regulations to carry out the program required by this title. Before prescribing any such regulations, the Secretary shall submit a copy of the proposed regulations to the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives. Such proposed regulations may not take effect until 30 days after the date on which they are submitted to those committees.

(b) ACCEPTANCE AND USE OF GIFTS.—In order to conduct the program required by this title, the Secretary may—

(1) receive money and other property donated, bequeathed, or devised, without condition or restriction other than that it be used for the purpose of conducting the program required by this title; and

(2) may use, sell, or otherwise dispose of such property for that purpose.

(c) VOLUNTARY SERVICES.—In order to conduct the program required by this title, the Secretary may accept and use the services of voluntary and noncompensated personnel.

(d) NECESSARY EXPENDITURES.—Expenditures necessary to conduct the program required by this title shall be paid from the Fund, subject to section 804(b).

SEC. 806. [50 U.S.C. 1906] ANNUAL REPORT.

(a) ANNUAL REPORT.—(1) The Secretary shall submit to the President and to the congressional intelligence committees an annual report of the conduct of the program required by this title.

(2) The report submitted to the President shall be submitted each year at the time that the President's budget for the next fiscal year is submitted to Congress pursuant to section 1105 of title 31, United States Code.

(3) The report submitted to the congressional intelligence committees shall be submitted on the date provided in section 507 of the National Security Act of 1947.

(b) CONTENTS OF REPORT.—Each such report shall contain—

(1) an analysis of the trends within language, international, area, and counterproliferation studies, along with a survey of such areas as the Secretary determines are receiving inadequate attention;

(2) the effect on those trends of activities under the program required by this title;

(3) an analysis of the assistance provided under the program for the previous fiscal year, to include the subject areas being addressed and the nature of the assistance provided;

(4) an analysis of the performance of the individuals who received assistance under the program during the previous fiscal year, to include the degree to which assistance was terminated under the program and the extent to which individual recipients failed to meet their obligations under the program;

(5) an analysis of the results of the program for the previous fiscal year, and cumulatively, to include, at a minimum—

(A) the percentage of individuals who have received assistance under the program who subsequently became employees of the United States Government;

(B) in the case of individuals who did not subsequently become employees of the United States Government, an analysis of the reasons why they did not become employees and an explanation as to what use, if any, was made of the assistance by those recipients; and

(C) the uses made of grants to educational institutions;

(6) the current list of agencies and offices of the Federal Government required to be developed by section 802(g); and

(7) any legislative changes recommended by the Secretary to facilitate the administration of the program or otherwise to enhance its objectives.

(c) SUBMISSION OF INITIAL REPORT.—The first report under this section shall be submitted at the time the budget for fiscal year 1994 is submitted to Congress.

(d) CONSULTATION.—During the preparation of each report required by subsection (a), the Secretary shall consult with the members of the Board specified in paragraphs (1) through (7) of section 803(b). Each such member shall submit to the Secretary an assessment of their hiring needs in the areas of language and area studies and a projection of the deficiencies in such areas. The Secretary shall include all assessments in the report required by subsection (a).

SEC. 807. [50 U.S.C. 1907] GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE AUDITS.

The conduct of the program required by this title may be audited by the General Accounting Office under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Comptroller General of the United States. Representatives of the General Accounting Office shall have access to all books, accounts, records, reports, and files and all other papers, things, or property of the Department of Defense pertaining to such activities and necessary to facilitate the audit.

SEC. 808. [50 U.S.C. 1908] DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this title:

(1) The term “Board” means the National Security Education Board established pursuant to section 803.

(2) The term “Fund” means the National Security Education Trust Fund established pursuant to section 804.

(3) The term “institution of higher education” has the meaning given that term by section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

(4) The term “national security position” means a position—

(A) having national security responsibilities in an agency or office of the Federal Government that has national security responsibilities, as determined under section 802(g); and

(B) in which the individual in such position makes their foreign language skills available to such agency or office.

(5) The term “congressional intelligence committees” means—

(A) the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate; and

(B) the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives.

SEC. 809. [50 U.S.C. 1909] FISCAL YEAR 1992 FUNDING.

(a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS TO THE FUND.—There is hereby authorized to be appropriated to the Fund for fiscal year 1992 the sum of \$150,000,000.

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF OBLIGATIONS FROM THE FUND.—During fiscal year 1992, there may be obligated from the Fund such amounts as may be provided in appropriations Acts, not to exceed

\$35,000,000. Amounts made available for obligation from the Fund for fiscal year 1992 shall remain available until expended.

SEC. 810. [50 U.S.C. 1910] FUNDING.

(a) FISCAL YEARS 1993 AND 1994.—Amounts appropriated to carry out this title for fiscal years 1993 and 1994 shall remain available until expended.

(b) FISCAL YEARS 1995 AND 1996.—There is authorized to be appropriated from, and may be obligated from, the Fund for each of the fiscal years 1995 and 1996 not more than the amount credited to the Fund in interest only for the preceding fiscal year under section 804(e).

SEC. 811. [50 U.S.C. 1911] ADDITIONAL ANNUAL AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In addition to amounts that may be made available to the Secretary under the Fund for a fiscal year, there is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for each fiscal year, beginning with fiscal year 2003, \$10,000,000, to carry out the grant program for the National Flagship Language Initiative under section 802(a)(1)(D).

(b) AVAILABILITY OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS.—Amounts appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropriations under subsection (a) shall remain available until expended.