

Division H—Investment for Quality and
Innovation

PRIOR PROVISIONS

This division is comprised of subtitle H, §§ 198–198C, 198H, 198K, 198O, 198P, and 198S, of title I of Pub. L. 101–610. A prior part H (§ 12653 et seq.), comprised of subtitle H, §§ 195–195O, of title I of Pub. L. 101–610, was renumbered subtitle E, §§ 151–166, of title I of Pub. L. 101–610 by Pub. L. 103–82, § 104(b), and transferred to division E (§ 12611 et seq.) of this subchapter.

PART I—ADDITIONAL CORPORATION ACTIVITIES
TO SUPPORT NATIONAL SERVICE

§ 12653. Additional Corporation activities to support national service

(a) Methods of conducting activities

The Corporation may carry out this section directly (except as provided in subsection (g)) or through grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements with other entities.

(b) Innovation and quality improvement

The Corporation may undertake activities to address emergent needs through summer programs and other activities, and to support service-learning programs and national service programs, including—

- (1) programs, including programs for rural youth, under division B or C;
- (2) employer-based retiree programs;
- (3) intergenerational programs;
- (4) programs involving individuals with disabilities as participants providing service; and
- (5) programs sponsored by Governors.

(c) Conferences and materials

The Corporation may organize and hold conferences, and prepare and publish materials, to disseminate information and promote the sharing of information among programs for the purpose of improving the quality of programs and projects.

(d) Research

The Corporation may support research on national service, including service-learning.

(e) Youth leadership

The Corporation may support activities to enhance the ability of youth and young adults to play leadership roles in national service.

(f) National program identity

The Corporation may support the development and dissemination of materials, including training materials, and arrange for uniforms and insignia, designed to promote unity and shared features among programs that receive assistance under the national service laws.

(g) Global Youth Service Day

(1) Designation

April 24, 2009, and April 23, 2010, are each designated as “Global Youth Service Days”. The President is authorized and directed to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe the day with appropriate youth-led community improvement and service-learning activities.

(2) Federal activities

In order to observe Global Youth Service Day at the Federal level, the Corporation and

other Federal departments and agencies may organize and carry out appropriate youth-led community improvement and service-learning activities.

(3) Activities

The Corporation and other Federal departments and agencies may make grants to public or private nonprofit organizations with demonstrated ability to carry out appropriate activities, in order to support such activities on Global Youth Service Day.

(h) Assistance for Head Start

The Corporation may make grants to, and enter into contracts and cooperative agreements with, public or nonprofit private agencies and organizations that receive grants or contracts under the Foster Grandparent Program (part B of title II of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 [42 U.S.C. 5011 et seq.]), for projects of the type described in section 211(a) of such Act [42 U.S.C. 5011] operating under memoranda of agreement with the Corporation, for the purpose of increasing the number of low-income individuals who provide services under such program to children who participate in Head Start programs under the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C 9831 et seq.).

(i) Martin Luther King, Jr., Service Day

(1) Assistance

The Corporation may make grants to eligible entities described in paragraph (2) to pay for the Federal share of the cost of planning and carrying out service opportunities in conjunction with the Federal legal holiday honoring the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. Such service opportunities shall consist of activities reflecting the life and teachings of Martin Luther King, Jr., such as cooperation and understanding among racial and ethnic groups, nonviolent conflict resolution, equal economic and educational opportunities, and social justice.

(2) Eligible entities

Any entity otherwise eligible for assistance under the national services laws shall be eligible to receive a grant under this subsection.

(3) Repealed. Pub. L. 105–354, § 2(b), Nov. 3, 1998, 112 Stat. 3244

(4) Federal share

Grants provided under this subsection to an eligible entity to support the planning and carrying out of a service opportunity in conjunction with the Federal legal holiday honoring the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., together with all other Federal funds used to plan or carry out the service opportunity, may not exceed 30 percent of the cost of planning and carrying out the service opportunity.

(5) Calculation of entity contributions

In determining the non-Federal share of the costs of planning and carrying out a service opportunity supported by a grant under this subsection, the Corporation shall consider in-kind contributions (including facilities, equipment, and services) made to plan or carry out the service opportunity.

(j) Call to Service Campaign

Not later than 180 days after April 21, 2009, the Corporation shall conduct a nationwide “Call To

Service” campaign, to encourage all people of the United States, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, religion, or economic status, to engage in full- or part-time national service, long- or short-term public service in the nonprofit sector or government, or volunteering. In conducting the campaign, the Corporation may collaborate with other Federal agencies and entities, State Commissions, Governors, nonprofit and faith-based organizations, businesses, institutions of higher education, elementary schools, and secondary schools.

(k) September 11th Day of Service

(1) Federal activities

The Corporation may organize and carry out appropriate ceremonies and activities, which may include activities that are part of the broader Call to Service Campaign under subsection (j), in order to observe the September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance at the Federal level.

(2) Activities

The Corporation may make grants and provide other support to community-based organizations to assist in planning and carrying out appropriate service, charity, and remembrance opportunities in conjunction with the September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance.

(3) Consultation

The Corporation may consult with and make grants or provide other forms of support to nonprofit organizations with expertise in representing families of victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and other impacted constituencies, and in promoting the establishment of September 11 as an annually recognized National Day of Service and Remembrance.

(Pub. L. 101-610, title I, §198, as added and amended Pub. L. 103-82, title I, §104(c), title IV, §405(p)(2), Sept. 21, 1993, 107 Stat. 840, 922; Pub. L. 103-304, §3(a), (b)(6), Aug. 23, 1994, 108 Stat. 1566, 1568; Pub. L. 105-354, §2(b), Nov. 3, 1998, 112 Stat. 3244; Pub. L. 111-13, title I, §1802, Apr. 21, 2009, 123 Stat. 1552.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, referred to in subsec. (h), is Pub. L. 93-113, Oct. 1, 1973, 87 Stat. 394. Title I and part B of title II of the Act are classified generally to subchapter I (§4951 et seq.) and part B (§5011 et seq.) of subchapter II, respectively, of chapter 66 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 4950 of this title and Tables.

The Head Start Act, referred to in subsec. (h), is subchapter B (§§635-657) of chapter 8 of subtitle A of title VI of Pub. L. 97-35, Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 499, which is classified generally to subchapter II (§9831 et seq.) of chapter 105 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 9801 of this title and Tables.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 12653, Pub. L. 101-610, title I, §195, as added Pub. L. 102-484, div. A, title X, §1092(a)(1), Oct. 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 2522, which stated purpose of Civilian Community Corps, was renumbered section 151 of Pub. L. 101-610 by Pub. L. 103-82, §104(b), and transferred to section 12611 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2009—Pub. L. 111-13, §1802(a)(3), redesignated subsecs. (g), (k), (n), (o), (q), (r), and (s) as (c) to (i), respectively, and struck out former subsecs. (c) to (f), (h) to (j), (l), (m), and (p), which related to summer programs, community-based agencies, improving ability to apply for assistance, national service fellowships, Peace Corps and VISTA training, promotion and recruitment, training, intergenerational support, planning coordination, and service-learning, respectively.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 111-13, §1802(a)(1), substituted “subsection (g)” for “subsection (r) of this section”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 111-13, §1802(a)(2), substituted “to address emergent needs through summer programs and other activities, and to support service-learning programs and national service programs, including—” for “to improve the quality of national service programs, including service-learning programs, and to support innovative and model programs, including—” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 111-13, §1802(b)(1)(A), substituted “Global” for “National” in heading.

Subsec. (g)(1). Pub. L. 111-13, §1802(b)(1)(B), (C), substituted “April 24, 2009, and April 23, 2010, are each designated as ‘Global Youth Service Days.’” for “April 19, 1994, and April 18, 1995, are each designated as ‘National Youth Service Day.’” and “appropriate youth-led community improvement and service-learning activities” for “appropriate ceremonies and activities”.

Subsec. (g)(2). Pub. L. 111-13, §1802(b)(1)(B), (D), substituted “Global Youth” for “National Youth”, inserted “and other Federal departments and agencies” after “Corporation”, and substituted “youth-led community improvement and service-learning activities” for “ceremonies and activities”.

Subsec. (g)(3). Pub. L. 111-13, §1802(b)(1)(B), (E), inserted “and other Federal departments and agencies” after “Corporation” and substituted “Global Youth” for “National Youth”.

Subsecs. (j), (k). Pub. L. 111-13, §1802(c), added subsecs. (j) and (k).

1998—Subsec. (s)(3). Pub. L. 105-354 struck out heading and text of par. (3). Text read as follows: “In making grants under this subsection, the Corporation shall consult with the Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Holiday Commission established under section 169j-1 of title 36.”

1994—Subsec. (q)(1). Pub. L. 103-304, §3(b)(6), substituted “1995,” for “1995”.

Subsec. (s). Pub. L. 103-304, §3(a), added subsec. (s).

1993—Subsec. (r). Pub. L. 103-82, §405(p)(2), substituted “Corporation” for “ACTION Agency”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2009 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 111-13 effective Oct. 1, 2009, see section 6101(a) of Pub. L. 111-13, set out as a note under section 4950 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1993 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 405(p)(2) of Pub. L. 103-82 effective Apr. 4, 1994, see section 406(b) of Pub. L. 103-82, set out as a note under section 8332 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Division effective Oct. 1, 1993, see section 123 of Pub. L. 103-82, set out as an Effective Date of 1993 Amendment note under section 1701 of Title 16, Conservation.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 13560

Ex. Ord. No. 13560, Dec. 14, 2010, 75 F.R. 78875, which established the White House Council for Community Solutions, was superseded and revoked by Ex. Ord. No. 13748, §5, Nov. 16, 2016, 81 F.R. 83621, set out as a note under section 601 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

§ 12653a. Presidential awards for service**(a) Presidential awards****(1) In general**

The President, acting through the Corporation, may make Presidential awards for service to individuals providing significant service, and to outstanding service programs.

(2) Individuals and programs

Notwithstanding section 12511 of this title—

(A) an individual receiving an award under this subsection need not be a participant in a program authorized under this chapter; and

(B) a program receiving an award under this subsection need not be a program authorized under this chapter.

(3) Nature of award

In making an award under this section to an individual or program, the President, acting through the Corporation—

(A) is authorized to incur necessary expenses for the honorary recognition of the individual or program; and

(B) is not authorized to make a cash award to such individual or program.

(b) Information

The President, acting through the Corporation, shall ensure that information concerning individuals and programs receiving awards under this section is widely disseminated.

(Pub. L. 101-610, title I, § 198A, formerly § 198B, as added Pub. L. 103-82, title I, § 104(c), Sept. 21, 1993, 107 Stat. 843; renumbered § 198A and amended Pub. L. 111-13, title I, §§ 1803(b), 1804, Apr. 21, 2009, 123 Stat. 1554.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in subsec. (a)(2), was in the original “this Act”, meaning Pub. L. 101-610, Nov. 16, 1990, 104 Stat. 3127, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 12501 of this title and Tables.

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 12653b of this title.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 12653a, Pub. L. 101-610, title I, § 198A, as added Pub. L. 103-82, title I, § 104(c), Sept. 21, 1993, 107 Stat. 842, related to clearinghouses, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 111-13, title I, § 1803(a)(1), Apr. 21, 2009, 123 Stat. 1554, effective Oct. 1, 2009.

Another prior section 12653a, Pub. L. 101-610, title I, § 195A, as added Pub. L. 102-484, div. A, title X, § 1092(a)(1), Oct. 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 2523, which provided for establishment of Civilian Community Corps Demonstration Program, was renumbered section 152 of Pub. L. 101-610 by Pub. L. 103-82, § 104(b), and transferred to section 12612 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2009—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 111-13, § 1804, substituted “section 12511” for “section 12511(19)”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2009 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 111-13 effective Oct. 1, 2009, see section 6101(a) of Pub. L. 111-13, set out as a note under section 4950 of this title.

§ 12653b. ServeAmerica Fellowships**(a) Definitions**

In this section:

(1) Area of national need

The term “area of national need” means an area involved in efforts to—

(A) improve education in schools for economically disadvantaged students;

(B) expand and improve access to health care;

(C) improve energy efficiency and conserve natural resources;

(D) improve economic opportunities for economically disadvantaged individuals; or

(E) improve disaster preparedness and response.

(2) Eligible fellowship recipient

The term “eligible fellowship recipient” means an individual who is selected by a State Commission under subsection (c) and, as a result of such selection, is eligible for a ServeAmerica Fellowship.

(3) Fellow

The term “fellow” means an eligible fellowship recipient who is awarded a ServeAmerica Fellowship and is designated a fellow under subsection (e)(2).

(4) Small service sponsor organization

The term “small service sponsor organization” means a service sponsor organization described in subsection (d)(1) that has not more than 10 full-time employees and 10 part-time employees.

(b) Grants**(1) In general**

From the amounts appropriated under section 12681(a)(4)(B) of this title and allotted under paragraph (2)(A), the Corporation shall make grants (including financial assistance and a corresponding allotment of approved national service positions), to the State Commission of each of the several States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico with an application approved under this section, to enable such State Commissions to award ServeAmerica Fellowships under subsection (e).

(2) Allotment; administrative costs**(A) Allotment**

The amount allotted to a State Commission for a fiscal year shall be equal to an amount that bears the same ratio to the amount appropriated under section 12681(a)(4)(B) of this title, as the population of the State bears to the total population of the several States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

(B) Reallotment

If a State Commission does not apply for an allotment under this subsection for any fiscal year, or if the State Commission’s application is not approved, the Corporation shall reallot the amount of the State Commission’s allotment to the remaining State Commissions in accordance with subparagraph (A).