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An Act

Nov. 17, 1988
[H.R. 5315]

Congressional
Award Act
Amendments of
1988.
2 USC 801 note.

To amend the Congressional Award Act to extend the Congressional Award Program.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Congressional Award Act Amendments of 1988".

SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONGRESSIONAL AWARD ACT.

(a) **ANNUAL REPORTS.**—Section 3(e) of the Congressional Award Act (2 U.S.C. 802(e)) is amended—

- (1) by redesignating paragraph (6) as paragraph (8); and
- (2) by inserting after paragraph (5) the following new paragraphs:

"(6) A detailed description of the goals and objectives of the Board and the role of Congressional participation in fulfilling those goals and objectives.

"(7) Plans for activities to be conducted during the remainder of the duration of the program, consistent with the functions and requirements established under this Act."

(b) **MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD.**—Section 4 of the Congressional Award Act (2 U.S.C. 803) is amended—

- (1) in subsection (a)(1)—

(A) by striking "thirty-three" and inserting "25";

(B) by striking "Eight" each place it appears and inserting "Six";

(C) by inserting ", 1 of whom shall be a member of the Congressional Award Association" before the period in each of subparagraphs (A) and (D); and

(D) by inserting ", 1 of whom shall be a representative of a local Congressional Award Council" before the period in each of subparagraphs (B) and (C); and

- (2) by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

"(d)(1) A meeting of the Board may be convened only if—

"(A) notice of the meeting was provided to each member in accordance with the bylaws; and

"(B) not less than 11 members are present for the meeting at the time given in the notice.

"(2) A majority of the members present when a meeting is convened shall constitute a quorum for the remainder of the meeting."

(c) **POWERS, FUNCTIONS, AND LIMITATIONS.**—(1) The heading of section 7 of the Congressional Award Act (2 U.S.C. 806) is amended to read as follows:

"POWERS, FUNCTIONS, AND LIMITATIONS".

(2) Section 7 of the Congressional Award Act (2 U.S.C. 806) is amended—

(A) by redesignating subsections (b) through (g) as subsections (c) through (h), respectively; and

(B) by inserting after subsection (a) the following new subsection:

“(b)(1) The Board shall establish such functions and procedures as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

“(2) The functions established by the Board under paragraph (1) shall include—

“(A) communication with local Congressional Award Councils concerning the Congressional Award Program;

“(B) provision, upon the request of any local Congressional Award Council, of such technical assistance as may be necessary to assist such council with its responsibilities, including the provision of medals, the preparation and provision of applications, guidance on disposition of applications, arrangements with respect to local award ceremonies, and other responsibilities of such council;

“(C) conducting of outreach activities to establish new State and local Congressional Award Councils, particularly in inner-city areas and rural areas;

“(D) fundraising;

“(E) conducting of an annual Gold Medal Awards ceremony in the District of Columbia;

“(F) consideration of implementation of the provisions of this Act relating to scholarships; and

“(G) carrying out of duties relating to management of the national office of the Congressional Award Program, including supervision of office personnel and of the office budget.”.

(d) REPORTS AND TERMINATION OF BOARD.—Section 9 of the Congressional Award Act is amended to read as follows:

“REPORTING AND TERMINATION PROVISIONS

“SEC. 9. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), the Board shall terminate on November 15, 1989.

2 USC 808.

“(b)(1) If the Board fails to submit any report required by subsection (c), the Board shall terminate within 30 days of the failure.

“(2) Unless the Board is in compliance with subsection (b) of section 7 not later than September 30, 1989, the Board shall terminate on October 30, 1989.

“(3) If the Board makes the certification required by subsection (d), the Board shall terminate on September 30, 1990.

“(c)(1) The Board shall submit to the appropriate committees of the Congress 4 reports that each include at least—

“(A) a description of all fundraising activities conducted by the Board during—

“(i) in the case of the first report, the period beginning on the date of the enactment of the Congressional Award Act Amendments of 1988 and ending on the date of the report; and

“(ii) in the case of the second, third, and final reports, the period beginning on the date the previous report was submitted under this subsection and ending on the date of the report;

“(B) a description of the fiscal position of the Board as of the date of the report, including—

“(i) available cash;

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“(ii) outstanding debts; and

“(iii) prospective operating expenses;

“(C) proposed fundraising activities to be carried out during the period beginning on the date of the report and ending on the date of the succeeding report;

“(D) the number and location of Congressional Award Councils established since the previous report in States or congressional districts where no such councils previously existed; and

“(E) any evidence of contacts between the Board or the Congressional Award Foundation and any congressional office, including copies of any correspondence between the Board or the Congressional Award Foundation and any congressional office.

“(2) The reports required by paragraph (1) shall be submitted as follows:

“(A) The first report shall be submitted not later than January 1, 1989.

“(B) The second report shall be submitted not later than April 1, 1989.

“(C) The third report shall be submitted not later than July 1, 1989.

“(D) The final report shall be submitted not later than September 30, 1989.

“(3) The date of the submission of a report under this subsection shall be considered to be the date of the report is registered to be mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested.

“(d) Not later than September 30, 1989, the Director shall certify to the congressional leadership that the Board complied with the requirements of this section in a timely manner.

“(e) Within 30 days of the submission of each report required under subsection (c) and the submission of the certification required under subsection (d), the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the appropriate committees of the Congress a report verifying the information submitted in the report or certification, as appropriate.

“(f) Prior to termination of the Board under this section, the Board shall take such actions as may be required to provide for the dissolution of any corporation established by the Board under section 7(h). The Board shall set forth, in its bylaws, the procedures for dissolution to be followed by the Board.”

2 USC 807.

(e) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 8(a) is amended by striking “section 7(g)” and inserting “section 7(h)”.

2 USC 803 note.

SEC. 3. TRANSITION PROVISIONS.

Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the congressional leadership shall appoint members to fill vacancies on the Congressional Award Board in accordance with section 4(a) of the Congressional Award Act (as amended by section 2(b)). In filling such vacancies, the congressional leadership shall first appoint members from the Congressional Award Association and local Congressional Award Councils in accordance with section 4(a) of the Congressional Award Act (as amended by section 2(b)).

SEC. 4. REPORT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Congressional Award Board shall submit to the appropriate committees and subcommittees of the Congress a report that describes in detail—

- (1) the goals and objectives of the Board;
- (2) the role of Congressional participation in fulfilling such goals and objectives; and
- (3) plans for activities to be conducted during the remainder of the duration of the Congressional Award Program established under section 3 of the Congressional Award Act, consistent with the duties and requirements established under such Act.

(b) **TIME FOR REPORT.**—The report required by subsection (a) shall be submitted not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

Approved November 17, 1988.

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