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AN ACT

To strengthen and improve the Older Americans Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

Older Americans
Comprehensive
Services Amend-
ments of 1973.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "Older Americans Comprehensive Services Amendments of 1973".

TITLE I—DECLARATION OF OBJECTIVES

FINDINGS AND PURPOSES

SEC. 101. The Congress finds that millions of older citizens in this Nation are suffering unnecessary harm from the lack of adequate services. It is therefore the purpose of this Act, in support of the objectives of the Older Americans Act of 1965, to—

(1) make available comprehensive programs which include a full range of health, education, and social services to our older citizens who need them,

(2) give full and special consideration to older citizens with special needs in planning such programs, and, pending the availability of such programs for all older citizens, give priority to the elderly with the greatest economic and social need,

(3) provide comprehensive programs which will assure the coordinated delivery of a full range of essential services to our older citizens, and, where applicable, also furnish meaningful employment opportunities for many individuals, including older persons, young persons, and volunteers from the community, and

(4) insure that the planning and operation of such programs will be undertaken as a partnership of older citizens, community agencies, and State and local governments, with appropriate assistance from the Federal Government.

SEC. 102. Section 101(8) of the Older Americans Act of 1965 is amended by inserting after "services" the following: ", including access to low-cost transportation,".

TITLE II—ADMINISTRATION ON AGING

SEC. 201. (a) Section 201 of the Older Americans Act of 1965 is amended to read as follows:

"ESTABLISHMENT OF ADMINISTRATION ON AGING

"SEC. 201. (a) There is established in the Office of the Secretary an Administration on Aging (hereinafter in this Act referred to as the 'Administration') which shall be headed by a Commissioner on Aging (hereinafter in this Act referred to as the 'Commissioner'). Except for title VI and as otherwise specifically provided by the Older Americans Comprehensive Services Amendments of 1973, the Administration shall be the principal agency for carrying out this Act. In the performance of his functions, the Commissioner shall be directly responsible to the Office of the Secretary. The Secretary shall not approve any delegation of the functions of the Commissioner to any other officer not directly responsible to the Commissioner unless the Secretary shall first submit a plan for such delegation to the Congress. Such delegation is effective at the end of the first period of sixty calen-

79 Stat. 218.
42 USC 3001
note.

42 USC 3001.

42 USC 3011.

dar days of continuous session of Congress after the date on which the plan for such delegation is transmitted to it: *Provided, however*, That within thirty days of such transmittal, the Secretary shall consult with the Committee on Labor and Public Welfare of the Senate and the Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives respecting such proposed delegation. For the purpose of this section, continuity of session is broken only by an adjournment of Congress sine die, and the days on which either House is not in session because of an adjournment of more than three days to a day certain are excluded in the computation of the thirty-day and sixty-day periods. Under provisions contained in a reorganization plan, a provision of the plan may be effective.

“(b) The Commissioner shall be appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.”

(b) (1) Section 202(4) of the Older Americans Act of 1965 is amended to read as follows:

“(4) develop plans, conduct and arrange for research in the field of aging, and assist in the establishment of and carry out programs designed to meet the needs of older persons for social services, including nutrition, hospitalization, preretirement training, continuing education, low-cost transportation and housing, and health services;”

(2) Section 202 of the Older Americans Act of 1965 is amended by striking out “and” at the end of paragraph (7), by striking out the period at the end of paragraph (8) and inserting in lieu thereof “; and”, and by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraphs:

“(9) develop basic policies and set priorities with respect to the development and operation of programs and activities conducted under authority of this Act;

“(10) provide for the coordination of Federal programs and activities related to such purposes;

“(11) coordinate, and assist in, the planning and development by public (including Federal, State, and local agencies) and non-profit private organizations of programs for older persons, with a view to the establishment of a nationwide network of comprehensive, coordinated services and opportunities for such persons;

“(12) convene conferences of such authorities and officials of public (including Federal, State, and local agencies) and non-profit private organizations concerned with the development and operation of programs for older persons as the Commissioner deems necessary or proper for the development and implementation of policies related to the purposes of this Act;

“(13) develop and operate programs providing services and opportunities as authorized by this Act which are not otherwise provided by existing programs for older persons;

“(14) carry on a continuing evaluation of the programs and activities related to the purposes of this Act, with particular attention to the impact of medicare and medicaid, the Age Discrimination Act of 1967, and the programs of the National Housing Act relating to housing for the elderly and the setting of standards for the licensing of nursing homes, intermediate care homes, and other facilities providing care for older people;

“(15) provide information and assistance to private nonprofit organizations for the establishment and operation by them of programs and activities related to the purposes of this Act; and

“(16) develop, in coordination with other agencies, a national plan for meeting the needs for trained personnel in the field of

Presidential
appointment.

Functions.
79 Stat. 220.
42 USC 3012.

81 Stat. 602.
29 USC 621
note.
48 Stat. 1246.
12 USC 1701
and note.

aging, and for training persons for carrying out programs related to the purposes of this Act, and conduct and provide for the conducting of such training.”

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(3) Section 202 of the Act (as amended by the preceding provisions of this subsection) is further amended by inserting “(a)” after “SEC. 202.”, and by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

“(b) In executing his duties and functions under this Act and carrying out the programs and activities provided for by this Act, the Commissioner, in consultation with the Director of Action, shall take all possible steps to encourage and permit voluntary groups active in social services, including youth organizations active at the high school or college levels, to participate and be involved individually or through representative groups in such programs or activities to the maximum extent feasible, through the performance of advisory or consultative functions, and in other appropriate ways.”

79 Stat. 220.
42 USC 3011.

(c) Title II of the Older Americans Act of 1965 is further amended by adding at the end thereof the following new sections:

“FEDERAL AGENCY COOPERATION

“SEC. 203. Federal agencies proposing to establish programs substantially related to the purposes of this Act shall consult with the Administration on Aging prior to the establishment of such services, and Federal agencies administering such programs shall cooperate with the Administration on Aging in carrying out such services.

“THE NATIONAL INFORMATION AND RESOURCE CLEARING HOUSE FOR THE AGING

Establishment.

“SEC. 204. (a) The Commissioner is authorized and directed to establish and operate a National Information and Resource Clearing House for the Aging which shall—

“(1) collect, analyze, prepare, and disseminate information related to the needs and interests of older persons;

“(2) obtain information concerning older persons from public and private agencies and other organizations serving the needs and interests of older persons and furnish, upon request, information to such agencies and organizations, including information developed by Federal, State, and local public agencies with respect to programs of such agencies designed to serve the needs and interests of older persons;

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“(3) encourage the establishment of State and local information centers and provide technical assistance to such centers, including sources established under section 304(c)(3) and section 305(a)(7), to assist older persons to have ready access to information; and

“(4) carry out a special program for the collection and dissemination of information relevant to consumer interests of older persons in order that such older persons may more readily obtain information concerning goods and services needed by them.

“(b) The Commissioner shall take whatever action is necessary to achieve coordination of activities carried out or assisted by all departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the Federal Government with respect to the collection, preparation, and dissemination of information relevant to older persons. To the extent practicable, the Commissioner shall carry out his functions under this subsection through the National Information and Resource Clearing House for the Aging.

“(c) There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out the purposes of this section during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1973, the fiscal year ending June 30, 1974, and the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975, such sums as may be necessary.

Appropriation.

“FEDERAL COUNCIL ON THE AGING

“SEC. 205. (a) There is established a Federal Council on the Aging to be composed of fifteen members appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate for terms of three years without regard to the provisions of title 5, United States Code. Members shall be appointed so as to be representative of older Americans, national organizations with an interest in aging, business, labor, and the general public. At least five of the members shall themselves be older persons.

Establishment;
membership.80 Stat. 378.
5 USC 101 *et seq.*

“(b) (1) Of the members first appointed, five shall be appointed for a term of one year, five shall be appointed for a term of two years, and five shall be appointed for a term of three years, as designated by the President at the time of appointment.

Appointments.

“(2) Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which his predecessor was appointed shall be appointed only for the remainder of such term. Members shall be eligible for reappointment and may serve after the expiration of their terms until their successors have taken office.

Vacancies.

“(3) Any vacancy in the Council shall not affect its powers, but shall be filled in the same manner by which the original appointment was made.

“(4) Members of the Council shall, while serving on business of the Council, be entitled to receive compensation at a rate not to exceed the daily rate specified for grade GS-18 in section 5332 of title 5, United States Code, including traveltime, and while so serving away from their homes or regular places of business, they may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as the expenses authorized by section 5703(b) of title 5, United States Code, for persons in the Government service employed intermittently.

Compensation,
travel expenses.5 USC 5332
note.80 Stat. 499;
83 Stat. 190.

“(c) The President shall designate the Chairman from among the members appointed to the Council. The Council shall meet at the call of the Chairman but not less often than four times a year. The Secretary and the Commissioner on Aging shall be *ex officio* members of the Council.

Chairman.
Meetings.

“(d) The Council shall—

Duties.

“(1) advise and assist the President on matters relating to the special needs of older Americans;

“(2) assist the Commissioner in making the appraisal of needs required by section 402;

“(3) review and evaluate, on a continuing basis, Federal policies regarding the aging and programs and other activities affecting the aging conducted or assisted by all Federal departments and agencies for the purpose of appraising their value and their impact on the lives of older Americans; and

“(4) serve as a spokesman on behalf of older Americans by making recommendations to the President, to the Secretary, the Commissioner, and to the Congress with respect to Federal policies regarding the aging and federally conducted or assisted programs and other activities relating to or affecting them;

“(5) inform the public about the problems and needs of the aging, in consultation with the National Information and Resource

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Clearing House for the Aging, by collecting and disseminating information, conducting or commissioning studies and publishing the results thereof, and by issuing publications and reports; and

“(6) provide public forums for discussing and publicizing the problems and needs of the aging and obtaining information relating thereto by conducting public hearings, and by conducting or sponsoring conferences, workshops, and other such meetings.

Information,
availability.

“(e) The Secretary and the Commissioner shall make available to the Council such staff, information, and other assistance as it may require to carry out its activities.

Report to Presi-
dent, transmittal
to Congress.

“(f) Beginning with the year 1974 the Council shall make such interim reports as it deems advisable and an annual report of its findings and recommendations to the President not later than March 31 of each year. The President shall transmit each such report to the Congress together with his comments and recommendations.

Benefit pro-
grams, study.
Report to Con-
gress.

“(g) The Council shall undertake a study of the interrelationships of benefit programs for the elderly operated by Federal, State, and local government agencies. Following the completion of this study, but no later than eighteen months after enactment of this Act, the President shall submit to Congress recommendations for bringing about greater uniformity of eligibility standards, and for eliminating the negative impact that one program's standards may have on another.

Tax impact on
elderly, study.
Report to Con-
gress and States.

“(h) The Council shall undertake a study of the combined impact of all taxes on the elderly—including but not limited to income, property, sales, social security taxes. Upon completion of this study, but no later than eighteen months after enactment of this Act, the President shall submit to Congress, and to the Governor and legislatures of the States, the results thereof and such recommendations as he deems necessary.

State allotment
formulae, study.
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“(i) The Council shall undertake a study or studies concerning the effects of the formulae specified in section 303 for allotment among the States of sums appropriated for area planning and social service programs authorized under title III of this Act. Upon completion of this study, but no later than January 1, 1975, the results of such study, together with recommendations for such changes, if any, in such formulae as may be determined to be desirable, and the justification for any changes recommended, shall be submitted to the Commissioner, the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, the Committee on Labor and Public Welfare of the Senate, and the Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives.

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Report to HEW
and congressional
committees.

“ADMINISTRATION OF THE ACT

“SEC. 206. (a) In carrying out the purposes of this Act, the Commissioner is authorized to:

“(1) provide consultative services and technical assistance to public or nonprofit private agencies and organizations;

“(2) provide short-term training and technical instruction;

“(3) conduct research and demonstrations;

“(4) collect, prepare, publish, and disseminate special educational or informational materials, including reports of the projects for which funds are provided under this Act; and

“(5) provide staff and other technical assistance to the Federal Council on the Aging.

“(b) In administering his functions under this Act, the Commissioner may utilize the services and facilities of any agency of the Federal Government and of any other public or nonprofit agency or organization, in accordance with agreements between the Commissioner and the head thereof, and is authorized to pay therefor, in

advance or by way of reimbursement, as may be provided in the agreement.

“(c) For the purpose of carrying out this section, there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary.

Appropriation.

“EVALUATION

“SEC. 207. (a) The Secretary shall measure and evaluate the impact of all programs authorized by this Act, their effectiveness in achieving stated goals in general, and in relation to their cost, their impact on related programs, and their structure and mechanisms for delivery of services, including, where appropriate, comparisons with appropriate control groups composed of persons who have not participated in such programs. Evaluations shall be conducted by persons not immediately involved in the administration of the program or project evaluated.

“(b) The Secretary may not make grants or contracts under section 308 or title IV of this Act until he has developed and published general standards to be used by him in evaluating the programs and projects assisted under such section or title. Results of evaluations conducted pursuant to such standards shall be included in the reports required by section 208.

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“(c) In carrying out evaluations under this section, the Secretary shall, whenever possible, arrange to obtain the opinions of program and project participants about the strengths and weaknesses of the programs and projects.

“(d) The Secretary shall annually publish summaries of the results of evaluative research and evaluation of program and project impact and effectiveness, the full contents of which shall be available to Congress and the public.

“(e) The Secretary shall take the necessary action to assure that all studies, evaluations, proposals, and data produced or developed with Federal funds shall become the property of the United States.

“(f) Such information as the Secretary may deem necessary for purposes of the evaluations conducted under this section shall be made available to him, upon request, by the departments and agencies of the executive branch.

“(g) The Secretary is authorized to use such sums as may be required, but not to exceed 1 per centum of the funds appropriated under this Act, or \$1,000,000 whichever is greater, to conduct program and project evaluations (directly, or by grants or contracts) as required by this title. In the case of allotments from such an appropriation, the amount available for such allotments (and the amount deemed appropriated therefor) shall be reduced accordingly.

“REPORTS

“SEC. 208. Not later than one hundred and twenty days after the close of each fiscal year, the Commissioner shall prepare and submit to the President for transmittal to the Congress a full and complete report on the activities carried out under this Act. Such annual reports shall include statistical data reflecting services and activities provided individuals during the preceding fiscal year.

Report to President,
transmittal
to Congress.

“JOINT FUNDING OF PROJECTS

“SEC. 209. Pursuant to regulations prescribed by the President, and to the extent consistent with the other provisions of this Act, where funds are provided for a single project by more than one Federal agency to any agency or organization assisted under this Act, the Federal agency principally involved may be designated to act for all in

administering the funds provided. In such cases, a single non-Federal share requirement may be established according to the proportion of funds advanced by each Federal agency, and any such agency may waive any technical grant or contract requirement (as defined by such regulations) which is inconsistent with the similar requirements of the administering agency or which the administering agency does not impose.

“ADVANCE FUNDING

“SEC. 210. (a) For the purpose of affording adequate notice of funding available under this Act, appropriations under this Act are authorized to be included in the appropriation Act for the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which they are available for obligation.

“(b) In order to effect a transition to the advance funding method of timing appropriation action, the amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply notwithstanding that its initial application will result in the enactment in the same year (whether in the same appropriation Act or otherwise) of two separate appropriations, one for the then current fiscal year and one for the succeeding fiscal year.”

Repeal.
86 Stat. 88.
42 USC 3051.

SEC. 202. Title VIII of the Older Americans Act of 1965 is hereby repealed.

TITLE III—GRANTS FOR STATE AND AREA PROGRAMS

79 Stat. 220;
83 Stat. 108.
42 USC 3021.

SEC. 301. The Older Americans Act of 1965 is amended by striking out title III and inserting in lieu thereof the following new title:

“TITLE III—GRANTS FOR STATE AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS ON AGING

“PURPOSE

“SEC. 301. It is the purpose of this title to encourage and assist State and local agencies to concentrate resources in order to develop greater capacity and foster the development of comprehensive and coordinated service systems to serve older persons by entering into new cooperative arrangements with each other and with providers of social services for planning for the provision of, and providing, social services and, where necessary, to reorganize or reassign functions, in order to—

“(1) secure and maintain maximum independence and dignity in a home environment for older persons capable of self-care with appropriate supportive services; and

“(2) remove individual and social barriers to economic and personal independence for older persons.

“DEFINITIONS

“SEC. 302. For purposes of this title—

“(1) The term ‘social services’ means any of the following services which meet such standards as the Commissioner may prescribe:

“(A) health, continuing education, welfare, informational, recreational, homemaker, counseling, or referral services;

“(B) transportation services where necessary to facilitate access to social services;

“(C) services designed to encourage and assist older persons to use the facilities and services available to them;

“(D) services designed to assist older persons to obtain adequate housing;

“(E) services designed to assist older persons in avoiding institutionalization, including preinstitutionalization evaluation and screening, and home health services; or

“(F) any other services;

if such services are necessary for the general welfare of older persons.

“(2) The term ‘unit of general purpose local government’ means (A) a political subdivision of the State whose authority is broad and general and is not limited to only one function or a combination of related functions, or (B) an Indian tribal organization.

“(3) The term ‘comprehensive and coordinated system’ means a system for providing all necessary social services in a manner designed to—

“(A) facilitate accessibility to and utilization of all social services provided within the geographic area served by such system by any public or private agency or organization;

“(B) develop and make the most efficient use of social services in meeting the needs of older persons; and

“(C) use available resources efficiently and with a minimum of duplication.

“AREA PLANNING AND SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS

“SEC. 303. (a) There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1973, \$103,600,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1974, and \$130,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975, to enable the Commissioner to make grants to each State with a State plan approved under section 305 (except as provided in section 307(a)) for paying part of the cost (pursuant to subsection (e) of this section and section 306) of—

Appropriation.

“(1) the administration of area plans by area agencies on aging designated pursuant to section 304(a)(2)(A), including the preparation of area plans on aging consistent with section 304(c) and the evaluation of activities carried out under such plans;

“(2) the development of comprehensive and coordinated systems for the delivery of social services; and

“(3) activities carried out pursuant to section 306.

“(b) (1) From the sums authorized to be appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1973, under subsection (a) of this section, (A) Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands shall each be allotted an amount equal to one-fourth of 1 per centum of such sum, (B) each other State shall be allotted an amount equal to one-half of 1 per centum of such sum, and (C) from the remainder of the sum so appropriated, each State shall be allotted an additional amount which bears the same ratio to such remainder as the population aged sixty or over in such State bears to the population aged sixty or over in all States.

Allotment.

“(2) From the sums appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1974, and for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975, each State shall be allotted an amount which bears the same ratio to such sums as the population aged sixty or over in such State bears to the population aged sixty or over in all States, except that (A) no State shall be allotted less than one-half of 1 per centum of the sum appropriated for the fiscal year for which the determination is made; (B) Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands shall each be allotted no less than one-fourth of 1 per centum of the sum appropriated for the fiscal year for which the determination is made; and (C) no State shall be allotted an amount

less than that State received for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1973. For the purpose of the exception contained in clause (A) of this paragraph only, the term 'State' does not include Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

"(3) The number of persons aged sixty or over in any State and in all States shall be determined by the Commissioner on the basis of the most recent and satisfactory data available to him.

"(c) Whenever the Commissioner determines that any amount allotted to a State for a fiscal year under this section will not be used by such State for carrying out the purpose for which the allotment was made, he shall make such amount available for carrying out such purpose to one or more other States to the extent he determines such other States will be able to use such additional amount for carrying out such purpose. Any amount made available to a State from an appropriation for a fiscal year pursuant to the preceding sentence shall, for purposes of this title, be regarded as part of such State's allotment (as determined under the preceding provisions of this section) for such year.

"(d) The allotment of a State under this section for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1973, shall remain available until the close of the following fiscal year.

"(e) From a State's allotment under this section for a fiscal year—

"(1) such amount as the State agency determines, but not more than 15 per centum thereof, shall be available for paying such percentage as such agency determines, but not more than 75 per centum, of the cost of administration of area plans; and

"(2) such amount as the State agency determines, but (beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975) not more than 20 per centum thereof, shall be available for paying such percentage as such agency determines, but not more than 75 per centum, of the cost of social services which are not provided as a part of a comprehensive and coordinated system in planning and service areas for which there is an area plan approved by the State agency.

The remainder of such allotment shall be available to such State only for paying such percentage as the State agency determines, but not more than 90 per centum of the cost of social services provided in the State as a part of comprehensive and coordinated systems in planning and service areas for which there is an area plan approved by the State agency.

"ORGANIZATION

"State Organization

"SEC. 304. (a) In order for a State to be eligible to participate in the programs of grants to States from allotments under section 303 and section 306—

"(1) the State shall, in accordance with regulations of the Commissioner, designate a State agency as the sole State agency (hereinafter in this title referred to as 'the State agency') to: (A) develop the State plan to be submitted to the Commissioner for approval under section 305, (B) administer the State plan within such State, (C) be primarily responsible for the coordination of all State activities related to the purposes of this Act, (D) review and comment on, at the request of any Federal department or agency, any application from any agency or organization within such State to such Federal department or agency for assistance related to meeting the needs of older persons; and (E) divide

the entire State into distinct areas (hereinafter in this title referred to as 'planning and service areas'), in accordance with regulations of the Commissioner, after considering the geographical distribution of individuals aged sixty and older in the State, the incidence of the need for social services (including the numbers of older persons with low incomes residing in such areas), the distribution of resources available to provide such services, the boundaries of existing areas within the State which were drawn for the planning or administration of social services programs, the location of units of general purpose local government within the State, and any other relevant factors: *Provided*, That any unit of general purpose local government which has a population aged sixty or over of fifty thousand or more or which contains 15 per centum or more of the State's population aged sixty or over shall be designated as a planning and service area; except that the State may designate as a planning and service area, any region within the State recognized for purposes of areawide planning which includes one or more such units of general purpose local government when the State determines that the designation of such a regional planning and service area is necessary for, and will enhance, the effective administration of the programs authorized by this title, the State may include in any planning and service area designated pursuant to this provision such additional areas adjacent to the unit of general purpose local government or region so designated as the State determines to be necessary for, and will enhance, the effective administration of the programs authorized by this title, and

"(2) the State agency designated pursuant to paragraph (1) shall—

"(A) determine for which planning and service areas an area plan will be developed, in accordance with subsection (c) of this section, and for each such area designate, after consideration of the views offered by the unit or units of general purpose local government in such area, a public or nonprofit private agency or organization as the area agency on aging for such area; and

"(B) provide assurances, satisfactory to the Commissioner that the State agency will take into account, in connection with matters of general policy arising in the development and administration of the State plan for any fiscal year, the views of recipients of social services provided under such plan.

"Area Organization

"(b) An area agency on aging designated under subsection (a) must be—

"(1) an established office of aging which is operating within a planning and service area designated pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, or

"(2) any office or agency of a unit of general purpose local government, which is designated for this purpose by the chief elected official or officials of such unit, or

"(3) any office or agency designated by the chief elected official or officials of a combination of units of general purpose local government to act on behalf of such combination for this purpose, or

"(4) any public or nonprofit private agency in a planning and service area which is under the supervision or direction for this purpose of the designated State agency and which can engage

in the planning or provision of a broad range of social services within such planning and service area, and must provide assurance, found adequate by the State agency, that it will have the ability to develop an area plan and to carry out, directly or through contractual or other arrangements, a program pursuant to the plan within the planning and service area. In designating an area agency on aging, the State agency shall give preference to an established office on aging, unless the State agency finds that no such office within the planning and service area will have the capacity to carry out the area plan.

“Area Plans

“(c) In order to be approved by the State agency, an area plan for a planning and service area shall be developed by the area agency on aging designated with respect to such area under subsection (a) and shall—

“(1) provide for the establishment of a comprehensive and coordinated system for the delivery of social services within the planning and service area covered by the plan, including determining the need for social services in such area (taking into consideration, among other things, the numbers of older persons with low incomes residing in such area), evaluating the effectiveness of the use of resources in meeting such need, and entering into agreements with providers of social services in such area, for the provision of such services to meet such need;

“(2) in accordance with criteria established by the Commissioner by regulation relating to priorities, provide for the initiation, expansion, or improvement of social services in the planning and service area covered by the area plan;

“(3) provide for the establishment or maintenance of information and referral sources in sufficient numbers to assure that all older persons within the planning and service area covered by the plan will have reasonably convenient access to such sources. For purposes of this section and section 305(a)(7), an information and referral source is a location where the State or other public or private agency or organization (A) maintains current information with respect to the opportunities and services available to older persons, and develops current lists of older persons in need of services and opportunities, and (B) employs a specially trained staff to inform older persons of the opportunities and services which are available, and assists such persons to take advantage of such opportunities and services; and

“(4) provide that the area agency on aging will—

“(A) conduct periodic evaluations of activities carried out pursuant to the area plan;

“(B) render appropriate technical assistance to providers of social services in the planning and service area covered by the area plan;

“(C) where necessary and feasible, enter into arrangements, consistent with the provisions of the area plan, under which funds under this title may be used to provide legal services to older persons in the planning and service area carried out through federally assisted programs or other public or nonprofit agencies;

“(D) take into account, in connection with matters of general policy arising in the development and administration of the area plan, the views of recipients of services under such plan;

“(E) where possible, enter into arrangements with organizations providing day care services for children so as to provide opportunities for older persons to aid or assist, on a voluntary basis, in the delivery of such services to children; and

“(F) establish an advisory council, consisting of representatives of the target population and the general public, to advise the area agency on all matters relating to the administration of the plan and operations conducted thereunder.

“STATE PLANS

“SEC. 305. (a) In order for a State to be eligible for grants for a fiscal year from its allotments under section 303 and section 306, except as provided in section 307(a), it shall submit to the Commissioner a State plan for such year which meets such criteria as the Commissioner may prescribe by regulation and which—

“(1) provides that the State agency will evaluate the need for social services within the State and determine the extent to which existing public or private programs meet such need;

“(2) provides for the use of such methods of administration (including methods relating to the establishment and maintenance of personnel standards on a merit basis, except that the Commissioner shall exercise no authority with respect to the selection, tenure of office, or compensation of an individual employed in accordance with such methods) as are necessary for the proper and efficient administration of the plan;

“(3) provides that the State agency will make such reports, in such form, and containing such information, as the Commissioner may from time to time require, and comply with such requirements as the Commissioner may impose to assure the correctness of such reports;

“(4) provides that the State agency will conduct periodic evaluations of activities and projects carried out under the State plan;

“(5) establishes objectives, consistent with the purposes of this title, toward which activities under the plan will be directed, identifies obstacles to the attainment of those objectives, and indicates how it proposes to overcome those obstacles;

“(6) provides that each area agency on aging designated pursuant to section 304(a)(2)(A) will develop and submit to the State agency for approval an area plan which complies with section 304(c);

“(7) provides for establishing or maintaining information and referral sources in sufficient numbers to assure that all older persons in the State who are not furnished adequate information and referral sources under section 304(c)(3) will have reasonably convenient access to such sources;

“(8) provides that no social service will be directly provided by the State agency or an area agency on aging, except where, in the judgment of the State agency, provision of such service by the State agency or an area agency on aging is necessary to assure an adequate supply of such service; and

“(9) provides that subject to the requirements of merit employment systems of State and local governments, preference shall be given to persons aged sixty or over for any staff positions (full time or part time) in State and area agencies for which such persons qualify.

“(b) The Commissioner shall approve any State plan which he finds fulfills the requirements of subsection (a) of this section.

Hearing.

“(c) The Commissioner shall not make a final determination disapproving any State plan, or any modification thereof, or make a final determination that a State is ineligible under section 304, without first affording the State reasonable notice and opportunity for a hearing.

“(d) Whenever the Commissioner, after reasonable notice and opportunity for hearing to the State agency, finds that—

“(1) the State is not eligible under section 304,

“(2) the State plan has been so changed that it no longer complies with the provisions of subsection (a), or

“(3) in the administration of the plan there is a failure to comply substantially with any such provision of subsection (a), the Commissioner shall notify such State agency that no further payments from its allotments under section 303 and section 306 will be made to the State (or, in his discretion, that further payments to the State will be limited to projects under or portions of the State plan not affected by such failure), until he is satisfied that there will no longer be any failure to comply. Until he is so satisfied, no further payments shall be made to such State from its allotments under section 303 and section 306 (or payments shall be limited to projects under or portions of the State plan not affected by such failure). The Commissioner shall, in accordance with regulations he shall prescribe, disburse the funds so withheld directly to any public or nonprofit private organization or agency or political subdivision of such State submitting an approved plan in accordance with the provisions of section 304 and section 306. Any such payment or payments shall be matched in the proportions specified in sections 303 and 306.

Appeal.

“(e) A State which is dissatisfied with a final action of the Commissioner under subsection (b), (c), or (d) may appeal to the United States court of appeals for the circuit in which the State is located, by filing a petition with such court within sixty days after such final action. A copy of the petition shall be forthwith transmitted by the clerk of the court to the Commissioner, or any officer designated by him for that purpose. The Commissioner thereupon shall file in the court the record of the proceedings on which he based his action, as provided in section 2112 of title 28, United States Code. Upon the filing of such petition, the court shall have jurisdiction to affirm the action of the Commissioner or to set it aside, in whole or in part, temporarily or permanently, but until the filing of the record, the Commissioner may modify or set aside his order. The findings of the Commissioner as to the facts, if supported by substantial evidence, shall be conclusive, but the court, for good cause shown, may remand the case to the Commissioner to take further evidence, and the Commissioner may thereupon make new or modified findings of fact and may modify his previous action, and shall file in the court the record of the further proceedings. Such new or modified findings of fact shall likewise be conclusive if supported by substantial evidence. The judgment of the court affirming or setting aside, in whole or in part, any action of the Commissioner shall be final, subject to review by the Supreme Court of the United States upon certiorari or certification as provided in section 1254 of title 28, United States Code. The commencement of proceedings under this subsection shall not, unless so specifically ordered by the court, operate as a stay of the Commissioners' action.

72 Stat. 941;
80 Stat. 1323.

62 Stat. 928.

“PLANNING, COORDINATION, EVALUATION, AND ADMINISTRATION OF STATE
PLANS

“SEC. 306. (a) (1) Amounts appropriated as authorized by section 303 may be used to make grants to States for paying such percentages as each State agency determines, but not more than 75 per centum, of the cost of the administration of its State plan, including the preparation of the State plan, the evaluation of activities carried out under such plan, the collection of data and the carrying out of analyses related to the need for social services within the State, the dissemination of information so obtained, the provision of short-term training to personnel of public or nonprofit private agencies and organizations engaged in the operation of programs authorized by this Act, and the carrying out of demonstration projects of statewide significance relating to the initiation, expansion, or improvement of social service.

“(2) Any sums allotted to a State under this section for covering part of the cost of the administration of its State plan which the State determines is not needed for such purpose may be used by such State to supplement the amount available under section 303(e) (1) to cover part of the cost of the administration of area plans.

“(3) Any State which has designated a single planning and service area pursuant to section 304(a) (1) (E) covering all, or substantially all, of the older persons in such State, as determined by the Commissioner, may elect to pay part of the costs of the administration of State and area plans either out of sums allotted under this section or out of sums made available for the administration of area plans pursuant to section 303(e) (1), but shall not pay such costs out of sums allotted under both such sections.

“(b) (1) From the sums appropriated for any fiscal year under section 303 for carrying out the purposes of this section, each State shall be allotted an amount which bears the same ratio to such sum as the population aged sixty or over in such State bears to the population aged sixty or over in all States, except that (A) no State shall be allotted less than one-half of 1 per centum of the sum appropriated for the fiscal year for which the determination is made, or \$160,000, whichever is greater, and (B) Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands shall each be allotted no less than one-fourth of 1 per centum of the sum appropriated for the fiscal year for which the determination is made, or \$50,000, whichever is greater. For the purpose of the exception contained in clause (A) of this paragraph, the term ‘State’ does not include Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

“(2) The number of persons aged sixty or over in any State and in all States shall be determined by the Commissioner on the basis of the most recent satisfactory data available to him.

“(c) The amounts of any State’s allotment under subsection (b) for any fiscal year which the Commissioner determines will not be required for that year shall be reallocated, from time to time and on such dates during such year as the Commissioner may fix, to other States in proportion to the original allotments to such States under subsection (b) for that year, but with such proportionate amount for any of such other States being reduced to the extent it exceeds the sum the Commissioner estimates such State needs and will be able to use for such year; and the total of such reductions shall be similarly reallocated among the States whose proportionate amounts were not so reduced. Such reallocations shall be made on the basis of the State plan so approved, after taking into consideration the population aged

Allotment.

Reallotment.

sixty or over. Any amount reallocated to a State under this subsection during a year shall be deemed part of its allotment under subsection (b) for that year.

“(d) The allotment of a State under this section for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1973, shall remain available until the close of the following fiscal year.

“PAYMENTS

“SEC. 307. (a) Payments of grants or contracts under this title may be made (after necessary adjustments on account of previously made overpayments or underpayments) in advance or by way of reimbursement, and in such installments, as the Commissioner may determine. From a State's allotment for a fiscal year which is available pursuant to section 306 the Commissioner may pay to a State which does not have a State plan approved under section 305 such amounts as he deems appropriate for the purpose of assisting such State in developing a State plan. From a State's allotment for a fiscal year which is available pursuant to section 303, the Commissioner may, during the period ending one year after the date of enactment of the Older Americans Comprehensive Services Amendments, pay, in accordance with such regulations as he may prescribe, to a State which does not have a State plan approved under section 305, such amounts as he deems appropriate for the purpose of continuing Federal financial assistance for activities assisted under the plan of such State approved under section 303 of this Act prior to enactment of the Older Americans Comprehensive Services Amendments.

Matching funds.

“(b) Beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975, not less than 25 per centum of the non-Federal share (pursuant to section 303(e)) of the total expenditures under the State plan shall be met from funds from State or local public sources.

“(c) A State's allotment under section 303 for a fiscal year shall be reduced by the percentage (if any) by which its expenditures for such year from State sources under its State plan approved under section 305 are less than its expenditures from such sources for the preceding fiscal year.

“MODEL PROJECTS

Grants.

“SEC. 308. (a) The Commissioner may, after consultation with the State agency, make grants to any public or nonprofit private agency or organization or contracts with any agency or organization within such State for paying part or all of the cost of developing or operating statewide, regional, metropolitan area, county, city, or community model projects which will expand or improve social services or otherwise promote the well-being of older persons. In making grants and contracts under this section, the Commissioner shall give special consideration to projects designed to—

Housing.

“(1) assist in meeting the special housing needs of older persons by (A) providing financial assistance to such persons, who own their own homes, necessary to enable them to make the repairs and renovations to their homes which are necessary for them to meet minimum standards, (B) studying and demonstrating methods of adapting existing housing, or construction of new housing, to meet the needs of older persons suffering from physical disabilities, and (C) demonstrating alternative methods of relieving older persons of the burden of real property taxes on their homes;

Continuing education.

“(2) provide continuing education to older persons designed to enable them to lead more productive lives by broadening the educational, cultural, or social awareness of such older persons,

emphasizing, where possible, free tuition arrangements with colleges and universities;

“(3) provide preretirement education, information, and relevant services (including the training of personnel to carry out such programs and the conducting of research with respect to the development and operation of such programs) to persons planning retirement; or

Preretirement services.

“(4) provide services to assist in meeting the particular needs of the physically and mentally impaired older persons including special transportation and escort services, homemaker, home health and shopping services, reader services, letter writing services, and other services designed to assist such individuals in leading a more independent life.

Physically or mentally impaired persons.

“(b) For the purpose of carrying out this section, there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1973, the fiscal year ending June 30, 1974, and the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975.”

Appropriation.

TITLE IV—TRAINING AND RESEARCH

SEC. 401. The Older Americans Act of 1965 is amended by striking out titles IV and V and by inserting immediately after title III the following new title:

79 Stat. 224;
83 Stat. 111.
42 USC 3031,
3041.

“TITLE IV—TRAINING AND RESEARCH

“PART A—TRAINING

“STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

“SEC. 401. The purpose of this part is to improve the quality of service and to help meet critical shortages of adequately trained personnel for programs in the field of aging by (1) developing information on the actual needs for personnel to work in the field of aging, both present and long range; (2) providing a broad range of quality training and retraining opportunities, responsive to changing needs of programs in the field of aging; (3) attracting a greater number of qualified persons into the field of aging; and (4) helping to make personnel training programs more responsive to the need for trained personnel in the field of aging.

“APPRAISING PERSONNEL NEEDS IN THE FIELD OF AGING

“SEC. 402. (a) The Commissioner shall from time to time appraise the Nation's existing and future personnel needs in the field of aging, at all levels and in all types of programs, and the adequacy of the Nation's efforts to meet these needs. In developing information relating to personnel needs in the field of aging, the Commissioner shall consult with, and make maximum utilization of statistical and other related information of the Department of Labor, the Veterans' Administration, the Office of Education, Federal Council on the Aging, the National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities, State educational agencies, other State and local public agencies and offices dealing with problems of the aging, State employment security agencies, and other appropriate public and private agencies.

Agency cooperation.

“(b) The Commissioner shall prepare and publish annually as a part of the annual report provided in section 208 a report on the professions dealing with the problems of the aging, in which he shall present in detail his view on the state of such professions and the

Report.
Ante, p. 35.

trends which he discerns with respect to the future complexion of programs for the aging throughout the Nation and the funds and the needs for well-educated personnel to staff such programs. The report shall indicate the Commissioner's plans concerning the allocation of Federal assistance under this title in relation to the plans and programs of other Federal agencies.

“ATTRACTING QUALIFIED PERSONS TO THE FIELD OF AGING

Grants.

Ante, p. 38.

“SEC. 403. The Commissioner may make grants to State agencies referred to in section 304, State or local educational agencies, institutions of higher education, or other public or nonprofit private agencies, organizations, or institutions, and he may enter into contracts with any agency, institution, or organization for the purpose of—

“(1) publicizing available opportunities for careers in the field of aging;

“(2) encouraging qualified persons to enter or reenter the field of aging;

“(3) encouraging artists, craftsmen, artisans, scientists, and persons from other professions and vocations and homemakers, to undertake assignments on a part-time basis or for temporary periods in the field of aging; or

“(4) preparing and disseminating materials, including audio-visual materials and printed materials, for use in recruitment and training of persons employed or preparing for employment in carrying out programs related to the purposes of this Act.

“TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR PERSONNEL IN THE FIELD OF AGING

Grants.

“SEC. 404. (a) The Commissioner may make grants to any public or nonprofit private agency, organization, or institution or with State agencies referred to in section 304, or contracts with any agency, organization, or institution, to assist them in training persons who are employed or preparing for employment in fields related to the purposes of this Act—

“(1) to assist in covering the cost of courses of training or study (including short-term or regular session institutes and other inservice and preservice training programs),

“(2) for establishing and maintaining fellowships to train persons to be supervisors or trainers of persons employed or preparing for employment in fields related to the purposes of this Act,

“(3) for seminars, conferences, symposiums, and workshops in the field of aging, including the conduct of conferences and other meetings for the purposes of facilitating exchange of information and stimulating new approaches with respect to activities related to the purposes of this Act,

“(4) for the improvement of programs for preparing personnel for careers in the field of aging, including design, development, and evaluation of exemplary training programs, introduction of high quality and more effective curricula and curricula materials, and

“(5) the provision of increased opportunities for practical experience.

“(b) The Commissioner may include in the terms of any contract or grant under this part provisions authorizing the payment, to persons participating in training programs supported under this part, of such stipends (including allowances for subsistence and other expenses for such persons and their dependents) as he determines to be consistent with prevailing practices under comparable federally supported pro-

grams. Where the Commissioner provides for the use of funds under this section for fellowships, he shall (in addition to stipends for the recipients) pay to colleges or universities in which the fellowship is being pursued such amounts as the Commissioner shall determine to be consistent with prevailing practices under comparable federally supported programs.

"PART B—RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

"DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES

"SEC. 411. The Commissioner may make grants to any public or nonprofit private agency, organization, or institution and contracts with any agency, organization, or institution or with any individual for the purpose of—

Grants.

"(1) studying current patterns and conditions of living of older persons and identifying factors which are beneficial or detrimental to the wholesome and meaningful living of such persons;

"(2) developing or demonstrating new approaches, techniques, and methods (including the use of multipurpose centers) which hold promise of substantial contribution toward wholesome and meaningful living for older persons;

"(3) developing or demonstrating approaches, methods, and techniques for achieving or improving coordination of community services for older persons;

"(4) evaluating these approaches, techniques, and methods, as well as others which may assist older persons to enjoy wholesome and meaningful lives and to continue to contribute to the strength and welfare of our Nation;

"(5) collecting and disseminating, through publications and other appropriate means, information concerning research findings, demonstration results, and other materials developed in connection with activities assisted under this part; or

"(6) conducting conferences and other meetings for the purposes of facilitating exchange of information and stimulating new approaches with respect to activities related to the purposes of this part.

"SPECIAL STUDY AND DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS ON THE TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS OF OLDER AMERICANS

"SEC. 412. (a) The Commissioner shall, after consultation with the Secretary of Transportation and the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, conduct a comprehensive study and survey of the transportation problems of older Americans with emphasis upon solutions that are practicable and can be implemented in a timely fashion. In conducting the study and survey, the Commissioner shall consider—

"(1) the use of all community transportation facilities, particularly public transportation systems, the possible use of school buses, and excess Department of Defense vehicles; and

"(2) the need for revised and improved procedures for obtaining motor vehicle insurance by older Americans to be implemented for use in a coordinated transportation system.

"(b) In connection with the study required by subsection (a), the Commissioner, in coordination with the Secretary of Transportation and the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, shall conduct research and demonstration projects, either directly or by grants or

contracts with public or private nonprofit agencies and organizations, in order to—

“(1) demonstrate possible solutions of economic and service aspect of furnishing adequate transportation to older persons in rural and urban areas including transportation services furnished by social service agencies;

“(2) demonstrate improvement of transportation services available to older persons with emphasis on (A) establishing special transportation subsystems for older persons or similar groups with similar mobility restrictions, (B) providing portal-to-portal service and demand actuated services, (C) making payments directly to older persons to enable them to obtain reasonable and necessary transportation services;

“(3) demonstrate improved coordination between transportation systems and social service delivery systems; and

“(4) demonstrate innovative solutions for other special transportation problems confronting older Americans.

“(c) At least half of the projects authorized under subsection (b) of this section shall be conducted in States that are predominantly rural in character.

“(d) Not later than January 1, 1975, the Commissioner shall prepare and transmit to the Secretary, to the President, and to the Congress, a report on his findings and recommendations, including a plan for implementation of improved transportation services for older Americans and recommendations for additional legislation, administrative and other measures to provide solutions to the transportation problems of older Americans not later than January 1, 1975, as he deems advisable.

“(e) In carrying out the study and survey, and the demonstration and research projects under this section, the Commissioner is authorized to—

“(1) procure temporary or intermittent services of experts and consultants in accordance with section 3109 of title 5, United States Code, and

“(2) secure directly from any executive department, bureau, agency, board, commission, office, independent establishment or instrumentality information, suggestions, estimates, and statistics for the purpose of this section; and each such department, bureau, agency, board, commission, office, independent establishment or instrumentality is authorized and directed, to the extent permitted by law, to furnish such information, suggestions, estimates, and statistics directly to the Commissioner upon request made by him.

“PART C—MULTIDISCIPLINARY CENTERS OF GERONTOLOGY

“SEC. 421. The Commissioner may make grants to public and private nonprofit agencies, organizations, and institutions for the purpose of establishing or supporting multidisciplinary centers of gerontology. A grant may be made under this section only if the application therefor—

“(1) provides satisfactory assurance that the applicant will expend the full amount of the grant to establish or support a multidisciplinary center of gerontology which shall—

“(A) recruit and train personnel at the professional and subprofessional levels,

“(B) conduct basic and applied research on work, leisure, and education of older people, living arrangements of older

Report to Secretary of Transportation, President, and Congress.

Experts and consultants.

80 Stat. 416.

Agency cooperation.

Grants.

people, social services for older people, the economics of aging, and other related areas,

“(C) provide consultation to public and voluntary organizations with respect to the needs of older people and in planning and developing services for them,

“(D) serve as a repository of information and knowledge with respect to the areas for which it conducts basic and applied research,

“(E) stimulate the incorporation of information on aging into the teaching of biological, behavioral, and social sciences at colleges or universities,

“(F) help to develop training programs on aging in schools of social work, public health, health care administration, education, and in other such schools at colleges and universities, and

“(G) create opportunities for innovative, multidisciplinary efforts in teaching, research, and demonstration projects with respect to aging;

“(2) provides for such fiscal control and fund accounting procedures as may be necessary to assure proper disbursement of and accounting for funds paid to the applicant under this section; and

“(3) provides for making such reports, in such form and containing such information, as the Commissioner may require to carry out his functions under this section, and for keeping such records and for affording such access thereto as the Commissioner may find necessary to assure the correctness and verification of such reports.

“PART D—AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

“AUTHORIZATION

“SEC. 431. There are authorized to be appropriated for the purposes of carrying out this title such sums as may be necessary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1973, the fiscal year ending June 30, 1974, and the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975.

“PAYMENTS OF GRANTS

“SEC. 432. (a) To the extent he deems it appropriate, the Commissioner shall require the recipient of any grant or contract under this title to contribute money, facilities, or services for carrying out the project for which such grant or contract was made.

“(b) Payments under this part pursuant to a grant or contract may be made (after necessary adjustment, in the case of grants, on account of previously made overpayments or underpayments) in advance or by way of reimbursement, and in such installments and on such conditions, as the Commissioner may determine.

“(c) The Commissioner shall make no grant or contract under this title in any State which has established or designated a State agency for purposes of title III of this Act unless the Commissioner has consulted with such State agency regarding such grant or contract.”

Advance payments.

Ante, p. 36.

TITLE V—MULTIPURPOSE SENIOR CENTERS

SEC. 501. The Older Americans Act of 1965 is further amended by inserting immediately after title IV the following new title:

"TITLE V—MULTIPURPOSE SENIOR CENTERS

"PART A—ACQUISITION, ALTERATION, OR RENOVATION OF MULTIPURPOSE SENIOR CENTERS

"GRANTS AUTHORIZED

"SEC. 501. (a) In order to provide a focal point in communities for the development and delivery of social services and nutritional services designed primarily for older persons, the Commissioner may make grants to units of general purpose local government or other public or nonprofit private agencies or organizations and may make contracts with any agency or organization to pay not to exceed 75 per centum of the cost of acquiring, altering, or renovating existing facilities to serve as multipurpose senior centers (including the initial equipment of such facilities). Facilities assisted by grants or contracts under this part shall be in close proximity to the majority of individuals eligible to use the multipurpose senior center, and within walking distance where possible.

Limitation.

"(b) The total payments made pursuant to grants or contracts under this section in any State for any fiscal year shall not exceed 10 per centum of the total amount appropriated for the year for the purposes of carrying out this part.

"Multipurpose senior center."

"(c) The term 'multipurpose senior center' means a community facility for the organization and provision of a broad spectrum of services (including provision of health, social, and educational services and provision of facilities for recreational activities) for older persons.

"REQUIREMENTS FOR APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS

"SEC. 502. (a) A grant or contract for purchase under this part may be made only if the application therefor is approved by the Commissioner upon his determination that—

"(1) the application contains or is supported by reasonable assurances that (A) for not less than ten years after purchase, the facility will be used for the purposes for which it is to be purchased, (B) sufficient funds will be available to meet the non-Federal share of the cost of purchase of the facility, (C) sufficient funds will be available, when purchase is completed, for effective use of the facility for the purpose for which it is being purchased, and (D) the facility will not be used and is not intended to be used for sectarian instruction or as a place for religious worship;

"(2) the application contains or is supported by reasonable assurances that there are no existing facilities in the community suitable for leasing as a multipurpose senior center;

"(3) the plans and specifications are in accordance with regulations relating to minimum standards of construction and equipment (promulgated with particular emphasis on securing compliance with the requirements of the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 (Public Law 90-480)); and

"(4) the application contains or is supported by adequate assurance that any laborer or mechanic employed by any contractors or subcontractors in the performance of work on the facility will be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing for similar work in the locality as determined by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. 276a-276a5). The Secretary of Labor shall have, with respect to the labor standards specified in this paragraph, the authority and functions set forth in Reorganization Plan Numbered 14 of 1950

82 Stat. 718.
42 USC 4151.

49 Stat. 1011.

(15 F.R. 3176; 64 Stat. 1267), and section 2 of the Act of June 13, 1934, as amended (40 U.S.C. 276c).

63 Stat. 108.

“(b) In making grants or contracts under this part, the Commissioner shall—

“(1) give preference to the acquisition of multipurpose senior centers in areas where there is being developed a comprehensive and coordinated system under title III of this Act; and

Ante, p. 36.

“(2) consult with the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development with respect to the technical adequacy of any proposed alteration or renovation.

“PAYMENTS

“SEC. 503. Upon approval of any application for a grant or contract under this part, the Commissioner shall reserve, from any appropriation available therefor, the amount of such grant or contract. The amount so reserved may be paid in advance or by way of reimbursement, and in such installments consistent with progress in alteration or renovation, as the Commissioner may determine. The Commissioner's reservation of any amount under this section may be amended by him, either upon approval of an amendment of the application or upon revision of the estimated cost of altering or renovating the facility.

“RECAPTURE OF PAYMENTS

“SEC. 504. If, within ten years after purchase of any facility for which funds have been paid under this part—

“(a) the owner of the facility ceases to be a public or nonprofit private agency or organization, or

“(b) the facility ceases to be used for the purposes for which it was purchased (unless the Commissioner determines, in accordance with regulations, that there is good cause for releasing the applicant or other owner from the obligation to do so),

the United States shall be entitled to recover from the applicant or other owner of the facility an amount which bears to the then value of the facility (or so much thereof as constituted an approved project or projects) the same ratio as the amount of such Federal funds bore to the cost of the facility financed with the aid of such funds. Such value shall be determined by agreement of the parties or by action brought in the United States district court for the district in which such facility is situated.

“AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

“SEC. 505. (a) There are authorized to be appropriated for the purpose of making grants or contracts under section 501, such sums as may be necessary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1973, the fiscal year ending June 30, 1974, and the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975.

“(b) Sums appropriated for any fiscal year under subsection (a) of this section and remaining unobligated at the end of such year shall remain available for such purpose for the next fiscal year.

“MORTGAGE INSURANCE FOR MULTIPURPOSE SENIOR CENTERS

“SEC. 506. (a) It is the purpose of this section to assist and encourage the provision of urgently needed facilities for programs for the elderly.

Definitions.

12 USC 1713.

“(b) For the purpose of this part the terms ‘mortgage’, ‘mortgagor’, ‘mortgagee’, ‘maturity date’, and ‘State’ shall have the meanings respectively set forth in section 207 of the National Housing Act.

“(c) The Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare is authorized to insure any mortgage (including advances on such mortgage during acquisition, alteration, or renovation) in accordance with the provisions of this section upon such terms and conditions as he may prescribe and make commitments for insurance of such mortgage prior to the date of its execution or disbursement thereon.

“(d) In order to carry out the purpose of this section, the Secretary is authorized to insure any mortgage which covers a new multipurpose senior center, including equipment to be used in its operation, subject to the following conditions:

“(1) The mortgage shall be executed by a mortgagor, approved by the Secretary, who demonstrates ability successfully to operate one or more programs for the elderly. The Secretary may in his discretion require any such mortgagor to be regulated or restricted as to minimum charges and methods of financing, and, in addition thereto, if the mortgagor is a corporate entity, as to capital structure and rate of return. As an aid to the regulation or restriction of any mortgagor with respect to any of the foregoing matters, the Secretary may make such contracts with and acquire for not to exceed \$100 such stock interest in such mortgagor as he may deem necessary. Any stock or interest so purchased shall be paid for out of the Multipurpose Senior Center Insurance Fund, and shall be redeemed by the mortgagor at par upon the termination of all obligations of the Secretary under the insurance.

Limitation.

“(2) The mortgage shall involve a principal obligation in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 and not to exceed 90 per centum of the estimated replacement cost of the property or project, including equipment to be used in the operation of the multipurpose senior center, when the proposed improvements are completed and the equipment is installed.

“(3) The mortgage shall—

“(A) provide for complete amortization by periodic payments within such term as the Secretary shall prescribe, and

“(B) bear interest (exclusive of premium charges for insurance and service charges, if any) at not to exceed such per centum per annum on the principal obligation outstanding at any time as the Secretary finds necessary to meet the mortgage market.

“(4) The Secretary shall not insure any mortgage under this section unless he has determined that the center to be covered by the mortgage will be in compliance with minimum standards to be prescribed by the Secretary.

“(5) In the plans for such Multipurpose Senior Center, due consideration shall be given to excellence of architecture and design, and to the inclusion of works of art (not representing more than 1 per centum of the cost of the project).

“(e) The Secretary shall fix and collect premium charges for the insurance of mortgages under this section which shall be payable annually in advance by the mortgagee, either in cash or in debentures of the Multipurpose Senior Center Insurance Fund (established by subsection (h)) issued at par plus accrued interest. In the case of any mortgage such charge shall be not less than an amount equivalent to one-fourth of 1 per centum per annum nor more than an amount equivalent to 1 per centum per annum of the amount of the principal obligation of the mortgage outstanding at any one time, without taking into account delinquent payments or prepayments. In addition to the

premium charge herein provided for, the Secretary is authorized to charge and collect such amounts as he may deem reasonable for the appraisal of a property or project during acquisition, alteration, or renovation; but such charges for appraisal and inspection shall not aggregate more than 1 per centum of the original principal face amount of the mortgage.

“(f) The Secretary may consent to the release of a part or parts of the mortgaged property or project from the lien of any mortgage insured under this section upon such terms and conditions as he may prescribe.

“(g) (1) The Secretary shall have the same functions, powers, and duties (insofar as applicable) with respect to the insurance of mortgages under this section as the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development has with respect to the insurance of mortgages under title II of the National Housing Act.

12 USC 1707.

“(2) The provisions of subsections (e), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), and (n) of section 207 of the National Housing Act shall apply to mortgages insured under this section; except that, for the purposes of their application with respect to such mortgages, all references in such provisions to the General Insurance Fund shall be deemed to refer to the Multipurpose Senior Center Insurance Fund, and all references in such provisions to ‘Secretary’ shall be deemed to refer to the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare.

12 USC 1713.

“(h) (1) There is hereby created a Multipurpose Senior Center Insurance Fund which shall be used by the Secretary as a revolving fund for carrying out all the insurance provisions of this section. All mortgages insured under this section shall be insured under and be the obligation of the Multipurpose Senior Center Insurance Fund.

Multipurpose
Senior Center In-
surance Fund,
establishment.

“(2) The general expenses of the operations of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare relating to mortgages insured under this section may be charged to the Multipurpose Senior Center Insurance Fund.

“(3) Moneys in the Multipurpose Senior Center Insurance Fund not needed for the current operations of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare with respect to mortgages insured under this section shall be deposited with the Treasurer of the United States to the credit of such fund, or invested in bonds or other obligations of, or in bonds or other obligations guaranteed as to principal and interest by, the United States. The Secretary may, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, purchase in the open market debentures issued as obligations of the Multipurpose Senior Center Insurance Fund. Such purchases shall be made at a price which will provide an investment yield of not less than the yield obtainable from other investments authorized by this section. Debentures so purchased shall be canceled and not reissued.

“(4) Premium charges, adjusted premium charges, and appraisal and other fees received on account of the insurance of any mortgage under this section, the receipts derived from property covered by such mortgages and from any claims, debts, contracts, property, and security assigned to the Secretary in connection therewith, and all earnings as the assets of the fund, shall be credited to the Multipurpose Senior Center Insurance Fund. The principal of, and interest paid and to be paid on, debentures which are the obligation of such fund, cash insurance payments and adjustments, and expenses incurred in the handling, management, renovation, and disposal of properties acquired, in connection with mortgages insured under this section, shall be charged to such fund.

Appropriation.

"(5) There are authorized to be appropriated to provide initial capital for the Multipurpose Senior Center Insurance Fund, and to assure the soundness of such fund thereafter, such sums as may be necessary.

"ANNUAL INTEREST GRANTS

"SEC. 507. (a) To assist nonprofit private agencies to reduce the cost of borrowing from other sources for the acquisition, alteration or renovation of facilities, the Secretary may make annual interest grants to such agencies.

"(b) Annual interest grants under this section with respect to any facility shall be made over a fixed period not exceeding forty years, and provision for such grants shall be embodied in a contract guaranteeing their payment over such period. Each such grant shall be in an amount not greater than the difference between (1) the average annual debt service which would be required to be paid, during the life of the loan, on the amount borrowed from other sources for the acquisition, alteration or renovation or such facilities, and (2) the average annual debt service which the institution would have been required to pay, during the life of the loan, with respect to such amounts if the applicable interest rate were 3 per centum per annum: *Provided*, That the amount on which such grant is based shall be approved by the Secretary.

Appropriation.

"(c) (1) There are hereby authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary such sums as may be necessary for payment of annual interest grants in accordance with this section.

"(2) Contracts for annual interest grants under this section shall not be entered into in an aggregate amount greater than is authorized in appropriation Acts.

Limitation.

"(d) Not more than 12½ per centum of the funds provided for in this section for grants may be used within any one State.

"PART B—INITIAL STAFFING OF MULTIPURPOSE SENIOR CENTERS

"PERSONNEL STAFFING GRANT PROGRAM AUTHORIZED

"SEC. 511. (a) For the purpose of assisting in the establishment and initial operation of multipurpose senior centers the Commissioner may, in accordance with the provisions of this part, make grants to meet, for the temporary periods specified in this part, all or part of the costs of compensation of professional and technical personnel for the initial operation of new multipurpose senior centers and for the delivery of social services established therein.

"(b) Grants for such costs of any center under this title may be made only for the period beginning with the first day of the first month for which such grant is made and ending with the close of three years after such first day. Such grants with respect to any center may not exceed 75 per centum of such costs for the first year of the project, 66⅔ per centum of such costs for the second year of the project, and 50 per centum of such costs for the third year of the project.

"(c) In making such grants, the Secretary shall take into account the relative needs of the several States for community centers for senior citizens, their relative financial needs, and their population of persons over sixty years of age.

Appropriation.

"(d) For the purpose of this part, there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1973, and for each of the next two succeeding fiscal years."

TITLE VI—NATIONAL OLDER AMERICANS VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

SEC. 601. Section 601 of the Older Americans Act of 1965 is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

83 Stat. 111.
42 USC 3044.

“(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no compensation provided to individual volunteers under this part shall be considered income for any purpose whatsoever.”

SEC. 602. Section 603 of the Older Americans Act of 1965 is amended by inserting immediately before the period at the end thereof the following: “and \$15,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1973, \$17,500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1974, and \$20,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975”.

42 USC 3044a.

SEC. 603. (a) The heading of part B of title VI of the Older Americans Act of 1965 is amended to read as follows:

“FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM AND OLDER AMERICANS COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS”.

(b) Section 611 of such Act is amended to read as follows:

Grants.
86 Stat. 705.
42 USC 3044b.

“SEC. 611. (a) The Commissioner is authorized to make grants to or contracts with public and nonprofit private agencies and organizations to pay part or all of the cost of development and operation of projects designed to provide opportunities for low-income persons aged sixty or over to render supportive person-to-person services in health, education, welfare, and related settings to children having exceptional needs, including services as ‘Foster Grandparents’ to children receiving care in hospitals, homes for dependent and neglected children, or other establishments providing care for children with special needs.

“(b) The Commissioner is also authorized to make grants or contracts to carry out the purposes described in subsection (a) in the case of persons (other than children) having exceptional needs, including services as ‘senior health aides’ to work with persons receiving home health care and nursing care, and as ‘senior companions’ to persons having developmental disabilities.

“(c) Payments under this part pursuant to a grant or contract may be made (after necessary adjustment on account of previously made overpayments or underpayments) in advance or by way of reimbursement, in such installments and on such conditions as the Commissioner may determine.

Advance pay-
ments.

“(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no compensation provided to individual volunteers under this part shall be considered income for any purpose whatsoever.”

(c) The first sentence of section 613 of such Act is amended to read as follows:

Interagency
cooperation.
83 Stat. 113.
42 USC 3044d.

“In administering this part, the Commissioner shall consult with the Office of Economic Opportunity, the Departments of Labor and Health, Education, and Welfare and any other Federal agencies administering relevant programs with a view to achieving optimal coordination with such other programs and shall promote the coordination of projects under this part with other public or private programs or projects carried out at State and local levels.”

SEC. 604. Section 614 of the Older Americans Act is amended to read as follows:

Appropriations.
42 USC 3044e.

“SEC. 614. (a) (1) There are authorized to be appropriated for grants or contracts under subsections (a) and (b) of section 611, \$25,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1973, \$32,500,000 for the fiscal year

ending June 30, 1974, and \$40,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975, respectively, of which (A) \$25,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1973, \$26,500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1974, and \$32,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975, respectively, shall be available for such years for grants or contracts under subsection (a) of section 611, and (B) \$6,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1974, and \$8,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975, respectively, shall be available for such years for grants or contracts under subsection (b) of such section.

“(2) If the sums authorized to be appropriated under paragraph (1) of this subsection for fiscal years beginning after June 30, 1973, are not appropriated and made available for each such fiscal year, then such sums as are so appropriated and made available for each such fiscal year shall be allocated so that—

“(A) any amounts appropriated not in excess of a sum which when added to carryover balances otherwise available for obligation under subsection (a) of section 611 equals \$25,000,000 shall be used for grants or contracts under such subsection; and

“(B) any amounts appropriated in excess of a sum which when added to carryover balances otherwise available for obligation under subsection (a) of section 611 equals \$31,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1974, and \$33,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975, respectively, shall be used for grants or contracts for such fiscal years under subsection (a) of such section.”

SEC. 605. The authorities conferred upon the Commissioner of the Administration on Aging by the amendments made in this title shall be carried out pursuant to delegations of authority, reorganization plans, and transfers made effective prior to the date of enactment of this Act with respect to authorities conferred upon the Secretary of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare under title VI of the Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended.

83 Stat. 111.
42 USC 3044.

TITLE VII—NUTRITION PROGRAM

AVAILABILITY OF SURPLUS COMMODITIES

SEC. 701. Section 707 of the Older Americans Act of 1965 is amended to read as follows:

86 Stat. 94.
42 USC 3045f.

“AVAILABILITY OF SURPLUS COMMODITIES

“SEC. 707. (a) Agricultural commodities and products purchased by the Secretary of Agriculture under section 32 of the Act of August 24, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c) may be donated to a recipient of a grant or contract to be used for providing nutritional services in accordance with the provisions of this title.

49 Stat. 774.

“(b) The Commodity Credit Corporation may dispose of food commodities under section 416 of the Agricultural Act of 1949 (7 U.S.C. 1431) by donating them to a recipient of a grant or contract to be used for providing nutritional services in accordance with the provisions of this title.

68 Stat. 458;
86 Stat. 1492.

“(c) Dairy products purchased by the Secretary of Agriculture under section 709 of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1965 (7 U.S.C. 1446a-1) may be used to meet the requirements of programs providing nutritional services in accordance with the provisions of this title.”

79 Stat. 1212;
80 Stat. 1538.

SEC. 702. Section 705(a) of the Older Americans Act of 1965 is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

86 Stat. 91.
42 USC 3045d.

“(5) provide that, when mutually agreed upon by recipients

of grants and contracts and area planning and service areas agencies, nutrition projects assisted under this title shall be made a part of the comprehensive and coordinated systems established under title III of this Act."

Ante, p. 36.

STATE PLANNING

SEC. 703. Section 705(a)(2)(B) of the Older Americans Act of 1965 is amended by inserting "for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1973," following "administrative cost,"; by striking out "any fiscal year" in this section and substituting in lieu thereof "such fiscal year"; and by adding at the end of the first sentence thereof the following sentence: "For the fiscal years ending after June 30, 1973, funds allotted to a State for State planning and administration pursuant to section 306 of this Act may be used for the administration of the State plan submitted pursuant to this section, except that wherever the governor of the State designates an agency other than the agency designated under section 304(a)(1) of this Act, then the Commissioner shall determine that portion of a State's allotment under section 306 which shall be available to the agency designated under section 705(a)(1) for planning and administration."

86 Stat. 91.
42 USC 3045d.

Ante, p. 38.

CONFORMING AMENDMENT

SEC. 704. (a) The first sentence of section 705(a) of the Older Americans Act of 1965 is amended by striking out "303" the first time it appears in such sentence and inserting in lieu thereof "304" and by striking out "303" the second time it appears in such sentence and inserting in lieu thereof, "305".

(b) Section 705(a)(1) of the Older Americans Act of 1965 is amended by striking out "303" and inserting in lieu thereof "304".

(c) Title VII of the Older Americans Act of 1965 is amended by striking out "Secretary" wherever in such title the term refers to the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, and inserting in lieu thereof "Commissioner".

42 USC 3045.

TITLE VIII—AMENDMENTS TO OTHER ACTS

AMENDMENT TO LIBRARY SERVICES AND CONSTRUCTION ACT

SEC. 801. (a) The Library Services and Construction Act (20 U.S.C. 351 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new title:

70 Stat. 293;
84 Stat. 1660.

"TITLE IV—OLDER READERS SERVICES

"GRANTS TO STATES FOR OLDER READERS SERVICES

"SEC. 401. The Commissioner shall carry out a program of making grants to States which have an approved basic State plan under section 6 and have submitted a long-range program and an annual program under section 403 for library services for older persons.

"USES OF FEDERAL FUNDS

"SEC. 402. (a) Funds appropriated pursuant to paragraph (4) of section 4(a) shall be available for grants to States from allotments under section 5(a) for the purpose of carrying out the Federal share of the cost of carrying out State plans submitted and approved under section 403. Such grants shall be used for (1) the training of librarians

to work with the elderly; (2) the conduct of special library programs for the elderly; (3) the purchase of special library materials for use by the elderly; (4) the payment of salaries for elderly persons who wish to work in libraries as assistants on programs for the elderly; (5) the provision of in-home visits by librarians and other library personnel to the elderly; (6) the establishment of outreach programs to notify the elderly of library services available to them; and (7) the furnishing of transportation to enable the elderly to have access to library services.

Federal
share.

“(b) For the purposes of this title, the Federal share shall be 100 per centum of the cost of carrying out the State plan.

“STATE ANNUAL PROGRAM FOR LIBRARY SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY

“SEC. 403. Any State desiring to receive a grant from its allotment for the purposes of this title for any fiscal year shall, in addition to having submitted, and having had approved, a basic State plan under section 6, submit for that fiscal year an annual program for library services for older persons. Such program shall be submitted at such time, in such form, and contain such information as the Commissioner may require by regulation and shall—

“(1) set forth a program for the year submitted under which funds paid to the State from appropriations pursuant to paragraph (4) of section 4(a) will be used, consistent with its long-range program for the purposes set forth in section 402, and

“(2) include an extension of the long-range program taking into consideration the results of evaluations.

“COORDINATION WITH PROGRAMS FOR OLDER AMERICANS

“SEC. 404. In carrying out the program authorized by this title, the Commissioner shall consult with the Commissioner of the Administration on Aging and the Director of ACTION for the purpose of coordinating where practicable, the programs assisted under this title with the programs assisted under the Older Americans Act of 1965.”

(b) Section 4(a) of the Library Services and Construction Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

“(4) For the purpose of making grants to States to enable them to carry out public library service programs for older persons authorized by title IV, there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1973, the fiscal year ending June 30, 1974, the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975, and the fiscal year ending June 30, 1976.”

(c) (1) Section 5(a)(1) of such Act is amended by striking out “or (3)” and inserting in lieu thereof “(3), or (4)”.

(2) Section 5(a)(2) of such Act is amended by striking out “or (3)” and inserting in lieu thereof “(3), or (4)”.

(3) Section 5(a) of such Act is amended by striking out the word “and” at the end of such paragraph (B) thereof, by striking out the period at the end of subparagraph (C) and inserting in lieu thereof a semicolon and the word “and”, and by inserting after subparagraph (C) thereof the following:

“(D) with respect to appropriations for the purposes of title IV, \$40,000 for each State, except that it shall be \$10,000 in the case of Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.”

(4) The last sentence of section 5(a)(3) of such Act is amended by striking out “or (3)” and inserting in lieu thereof “(3), or (4)”.

Ante, p. 30.
Appropriation.
84 Stat. 1662.
20 USC 351b.

Ante, p. 57.

Allotments,
20 USC 351c.

(5) Section 5(b) of such Act is amended by striking out "or (3)" and inserting in lieu thereof "(3), or (4)".

84 Stat. 1662.
20 USC 351c.
20 USC 351d.

(c) Section 6(a) of such Act is amended by striking out "and III" and inserting in lieu thereof "III and IV".

20 USC 351e.

(d) (1) Section 7(a) of such Act is amended by striking out "or (3)" and inserting in lieu thereof "(3), or (4)".

(2) Section 7(b) (1) of such Act is amended by inserting "and title IV" after "title III".

(e) The amendments made by subsections (a), (b), and (c) of this section shall be effective after June 30, 1973.

Effective date.

AMENDMENT TO NATIONAL COMMISSION ON LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SCIENCE ACT

SEC. 802. (a) Section 5(a)(2) of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science Act is amended by striking out "and" after "areas" and inserting a comma in lieu thereof, and by inserting after "deprived persons," the following: "and of elderly persons."

84 Stat. 441.
20 USC 1504.

(b) The second sentence of section 6(a) (20 U.S.C. 1505(a)) of such Act is amended by inserting before the period at the end thereof the following: ", and at least one other of whom shall be knowledgeable with respect to the library and information service and science needs of the elderly".

AMENDMENT TO HIGHER EDUCATION ACT OF 1965

SEC. 803. Title I of the Higher Education Act of 1965 is amended by redesignating sections 110, 111, and 112 (and cross references thereto) as 111, 112, and 113, respectively, and by inserting after section 109 the following new section:

86 Stat. 236.
20 USC 1009-1011.

"SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS RELATING TO PROBLEMS OF THE ELDERLY

"SEC. 110. (a) The Commissioner is authorized to make grants to institutions of higher education (and combinations thereof) to assist such institutions in planning, developing, and carrying out, consistent with the purpose of this title, programs specifically designed to apply the resources of higher education to the problems of the elderly, particularly with regard to transportation and housing problems of elderly persons living in rural and isolated areas.

Grants.

"(b) For purposes of making grants under this section, there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1973, and each succeeding fiscal year ending prior to July 1, 1977.

Appropriation.

"(c) In carrying out the program authorized by this section, the Commissioner shall consult with the Commissioner of the Administration on Aging for the purpose of coordinating, where practicable, the programs assisted under this section with the programs assisted under the Older Americans Act of 1965."

Ante, p. 30.

AMENDMENT TO ADULT EDUCATION ACT

SEC. 804. (a) The Adult Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1201 et seq.) is amended by redesignating sections 310, 311, and 312 (and cross references thereto) as sections 311, 312, and 313, respectively, and by inserting after section 309 the following new section:

84 Stat. 163.
20 USC 1209-1211.

“SPECIAL PROJECTS FOR THE ELDERLY

Grants.

“SEC. 310. (a) The Commissioner is authorized to make grants to State and local educational agencies or other public or private non-profit agencies for programs to further the purpose of this Act by providing educational programs for elderly persons whose ability to speak and read the English language is limited and who live in an area with a culture different than their own. Such programs shall be designed to equip such elderly persons to deal successfully with the practical problems in their everyday life, including the making of purchases, meeting their transportation and housing needs, and complying with governmental requirements such as those for obtaining citizenship, public assistance and social security benefits, and housing.

Appropriation.

“(b) For the purpose of making grants under this section there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1973, and each succeeding fiscal year ending prior to July 1, 1975.

“(c) In carrying out the program authorized by this section, the Commissioner shall consult with the Commissioner of the Administration on Aging for the purpose of coordinating, where practicable, the programs assisted under this section with the programs assisted under the Older Americans Act of 1965.”

Ante, p. 30.

Ante, p. 59.

(b) Section 313(a) of such Act, as redesignated, is amended by inserting before the period at the end thereof the following: “(other than section 310)”.

ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZATION FOR SENIOR OPPORTUNITIES AND SERVICES

SEC. 805. In addition to the amounts authorized to be appropriated and allocated pursuant to the Economic Opportunity Amendments of 1972, there is further authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1973, and the succeeding fiscal year, to be used for the Senior Opportunities and Services program described in section 222(a)(7) of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964.

86 Stat. 688.
42 USC 2701
note.

81 Stat. 698;
82 Stat. 1019.
42 USC 2809.

TITLE IX—COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT FOR OLDER AMERICANS

SHORT TITLE

Citation of title.

SEC. 901. This title may be cited as the “Older American Community Service Employment Act”.

OLDER AMERICAN COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

SEC. 902. (a) In order to foster and promote useful part-time work opportunities in community service activities for unemployed low-income persons who are fifty-five years old or older and who have poor employment prospects, the Secretary of Labor (hereinafter referred to as the “Secretary”) is authorized to establish an older American community service employment program (hereinafter referred to as the “program”).

(b) In order to carry out the provisions of this title, the Secretary is authorized—

- (1) to enter into agreements with public or private nonprofit agencies or organizations, agencies of a State government or a political subdivision of a State (having elected or duly appointed governing officials), or a combination of such political subdivisions, or Indian tribes on Federal or State reservations in

order to further the purposes and goals of the program. Such agreements may include provisions for the payment of costs, as provided in subsection (c), of projects developed by such organizations and agencies in cooperation with the Secretary in order to make the program effective or to supplement it. No payments shall be made by the Secretary toward the cost of any project established or administered by any such organization or agency unless he determines that such project—

(A) will provide employment only for eligible individuals, except for necessary technical, administrative, and supervisory personnel, but such personnel shall, to the fullest extent possible, be recruited from among eligible individuals;

(B) will provide employment for eligible individuals in the community in which such individuals reside, or in nearby communities;

(C) will employ eligible individuals in services related to publicly owned and operated facilities and projects, or projects sponsored by organizations exempt from taxation under the provisions of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (other than political parties), except projects involving the construction, operation, or maintenance of any facility used or to be used as a place for sectarian religious instruction or worship;

68A Stat. 163.
26 USC 501.

(D) will contribute to the general welfare of the community;

(E) will provide employment for eligible individuals whose opportunities for other suitable public or private paid employment are poor;

(F) will result in an increase in employment opportunities for eligible individuals, and will not result in the displacement of employed workers or impair existing contracts;

(G) will utilize methods of recruitment and selection (including, but not limited to, listing of job vacancies with the employment agency operated by any State or political subdivision thereof) which will assure that the maximum number of eligible individuals will have an opportunity to participate in the project;

(H) will include such training as may be necessary to make the most effective use of the skills and talents of those individuals who are participating, and will provide for the payment of the reasonable expenses of individuals being trained, including a reasonable subsistence allowance;

(I) will assure that safe and healthy conditions of work will be provided, and will assure that persons employed in public service jobs assisted under this title shall be paid wages which shall not be lower than whichever is the highest of (i) the minimum wage which would be applicable to the employee under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, if section 6(a)(1) of such Act applied to the participant and if he were not exempt under section 13 thereof, (ii) the State or local minimum wage for the most nearly comparable covered employment, or (iii) the prevailing rates of pay for persons employed in similar public occupations by the same employer;

52 Stat. 1060.
29 USC 201.
80 Stat. 838.
29 USC 206.
29 USC 213.

(J) will be established or administered with the advice of persons competent in the field of service in which employment is being provided, and of persons who are knowledgeable with regard to the needs of older persons;

(K) will authorize pay for necessary transportation costs of eligible individuals which may be incurred in employment

in any project funded under this title in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Secretary; and

(L) will assure that to the extent feasible such projects will serve the needs of minority, Indian, and limited English-speaking eligible individuals in proportion to their numbers in the State;

Regulations.

(2) to make, issue, and amend such regulations as may be necessary to effectively carry out the provisions of this title.

Costs.

(c)(1) The Secretary is authorized to pay not to exceed 90 per centum of the cost of any project which is the subject of an agreement entered into under subsection (b), except that the Secretary is authorized to pay all of the costs of any such project which is (A) an emergency or disaster project or (B) a project located in an economically depressed area as determined in consultation with the Secretary of Commerce and the Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity.

Non-Federal share.

(2) The non-Federal share shall be in cash or in kind. In determining the amount of the non-Federal share, the Secretary is authorized to attribute fair market value to services and facilities contributed from non-Federal sources.

ADMINISTRATION

SEC. 903. (a) In order to effectively carry out the purposes of this title, the Secretary is authorized to consult with agencies of States and their political subdivisions with regard to—

(1) the localities in which community service projects of the type authorized by this title are most needed;

(2) consideration of the employment situation and the types of skills possessed by available local individuals who are eligible to participate; and

(3) potential projects and the number and percentage of eligible individuals in the local population.

Agency cooperation.

(b)(1) The Secretary is authorized and directed to require agencies and organizations administering community service projects and other activities assisted under this title to coordinate their projects and activities with agencies and organizations conducting related manpower and unemployment programs receiving assistance under this Act and under other authorities such as the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, the Manpower Development and Training Act of 1962, and the Emergency Employment Act of 1971. In carrying out the provisions of this paragraph, the Secretary is authorized to make necessary arrangements to include projects and activities assisted under this title within a common agreement and a common application with projects assisted under this Act and other provisions of law such as the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, the Manpower Development and Training Act of 1962, the Emergency Employment Act of 1971.

(2) The Secretary is authorized to make whatever arrangements that are necessary to carry out the programs assisted under this title as part of any general manpower legislation hereafter enacted, except that appropriations for programs assisted under this title may not be expended for programs assisted under that title.

(c) In carrying out the provisions of this title, the Secretary is authorized to use, with their consent, the services, equipment, personnel, and facilities of Federal and other agencies with or without reimbursement, and on a similar basis to cooperate with other public and private agencies, and instrumentalities in the use of services, equipment, and facilities.

Non-Federal offices, utilization.

(d) The Secretary shall establish criteria designed to assure equitable participation in the administration of community service proj-

Criteria.

78 Stat. 508.
76 Stat. 23.
42 USC 2701
note, 2571 note.
85 Stat. 146.
42 USC 4871
note.

ects by agencies and organizations eligible for payment under section 902(b).

(c) Payments under this title may be made in advance or by way of reimbursement and in such installments as the Secretary may determine.

Advance
payments.

(f) The Secretary shall not delegate his functions and duties under this title to any other department or agency of Government.

PARTICIPANTS NOT FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

SEC. 904. (a) Eligible individuals who are employed in any project funded under this title shall not be considered to be Federal employees as a result of such employment and shall not be subject to the provisions of part III of title 5, United States Code.

80 Stat. 407.
5 USC 2101.

(b) No contract shall be entered into under this title with a contractor who is, or whose employees are, under State law, exempted from operation of the State workmen's compensation law, generally applicable to employees, unless the contractor shall undertake to provide either through insurance by a recognized carrier, or by self insurance, as allowed by State law, that the persons employed under the contract, shall enjoy workmen's compensation coverage equal to that provided by law for covered employment. The Secretary must establish standards for severance benefits, in lieu of unemployment insurance coverage, for eligible individuals who have participated in qualifying programs and who have become unemployed.

Severance bene-
fits, standards.

INTERAGENCY COOPERATION

SEC. 905. The Secretary shall consult and cooperate with the Office of Economic Opportunity, the Administration on Aging, the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, and any other related Federal agency administering related programs, with a view to achieving optimal coordination with such other programs and shall promote the coordination of projects under this title with other public and private programs or projects of a similar nature. Such Federal agencies shall cooperate with the Secretary in disseminating information about the availability of assistance under this title and in promoting the identification and interests of individuals eligible for employment in projects funded under this title.

EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF ASSISTANCE

SEC. 906. (a) (1) From the sums appropriated for any fiscal year under section 908 there shall be initially allotted for projects within each State an amount which bears the same ratio to such sum as the population, aged fifty-five or over in such State bears to the population aged fifty-five or over in all States, except that (A) no State shall be allotted less than one-half of 1 per centum of the sum appropriated for the fiscal year for which the determination is made; and (B) Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands shall each be allotted an amount equal to one-fourth of 1 per centum of the sum appropriated for the fiscal year for which the determination is made. For the purpose of the exception contained in this paragraph, the term "State" does not include Guam,

"State."

American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

(2) The number of persons aged fifty-five or over in any State and for all States shall be determined by the Secretary on the basis of the most satisfactory data available to him.

(b) The amount allotted for projects within any State under subsection (a) for any fiscal year which the Secretary determines will not be required for that year shall be reallocated, from time to time and on such dates during such year as the Secretary may fix, to projects within other States in proportion to the original allotments to projects within such States under subsection (a) for that year, but with such proportionate amount for any of such other States being reduced to the extent it exceeds the sum the Secretary estimates that projects within such State need and will be able to use for such year; and the total of such reductions shall be similarly reallocated among the States whose proportionate amounts were not so reduced. Any amount reallocated to a State under this subsection during a year shall be deemed part of its allotment under subsection (a) for that year.

(c) The amount apportioned for projects within each State under subsection (a) shall be apportioned among areas within each such State in an equitable manner, taking into consideration the proportion which eligible persons in each such area bears to such total number of such persons, respectively, in that State.

DEFINITIONS

SEC. 907. As used in this title—

(a) "State" means any of the several States of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands;

(b) "eligible individual" means an individual who is fifty-five years old or older, who has a low income, and who has or would have difficulty in securing employment, except that pursuant to regulations prescribed by the Secretary any such individual who is sixty years old or older shall have priority for the work opportunities provided for under this Act;

(c) "community service" means social, health, welfare, educational, library, recreational, and other similar services; conservation, maintenance or restoration of natural resources; community betterment or beautification; antipollution and environmental quality efforts; economic development; and such other services which are essential and necessary to the community as the Secretary, by regulation, may prescribe.

AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

SEC. 908. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated \$60,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1973, and \$100,000,000 for fiscal year ending June 30, 1974, to carry out the provisions of this title.

Approved May 3, 1973.