

“ADMINISTRATION

“SEC. 605. (a) In establishing regulations for the purpose of this title the Commissioner shall consult with the Secretary of the Interior. 42 USC 3057d.

“(b) The Commissioner shall prescribe final regulations for the administration of this title not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of the Comprehensive Older Americans Act Amendments of 1978. Regulations.

“SURPLUS EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

“SEC. 606. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of the Interior through the Bureau of Indian Affairs shall make available surplus Indian educational facilities to tribal organizations, and nonprofit organizations with tribal approval, for use as multipurpose senior centers. Such centers may be altered so as to provide extended care facilities, community center facilities, nutritional services, child care services, and other social services. Available for use as multipurpose senior centers. 42 USC 3057e.

“(b) Each eligible tribal organization desiring to take advantage of such surplus facilities shall submit an application to the Secretary of the Interior at such time and in such manner, and containing or accompanied by such information, as the Secretary of the Interior determines to be necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

“PAYMENTS

“SEC. 607. Payments may be made under this title (after necessary adjustments, in the case of grants, 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. 42 USC 3057f.

“AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

“SEC. 608. (a) Except as provided in subsection (c), there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 1979, 1980, and 1981, to carry out the provisions of this title. 42 USC 3057g.

“(b) For any fiscal year in which less than \$5,000,000 is appropriated under subsection (a) tribal organizations are authorized to receive assistance in accordance with the provisions of title III.

Ante, p. 1517.

“(c) There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 1979, 1980, and 1981, to carry out the provisions of section 606.”

TITLE II—WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING

1981 White House Conference on Aging Act.

SHORT TITLE

SEC. 201. This title may be cited as the “1981 White House Conference on Aging Act”. 42 USC 3001 note.

FINDINGS AND POLICY

SEC. 202. (a) The Congress finds that—

(1) the number of individuals fifty-five years of age or older was approximately 43,000,000 in 1976, and will, by the end of this century, be over 57,000,000;

42 USC 3001 note.

(2) nearly 5,200,000 individuals fifty-five years of age or older had incomes below the poverty level in 1976, as determined by the Federal Government;

(3) there is a great need to improve the economic well-being of older individuals;

(4) there is a great need to make comprehensive and quality health care more readily available to older individuals;

(5) there is a great need for expanding the availability of suitable and reasonably priced housing for older individuals, together with services needed for independent or semi-independent living;

(6) there is a great need for a more comprehensive and effective social service delivery system for older individuals;

(7) there is a great need for a more comprehensive long-term care policy responsive to the needs of older patients and their families;

(8) there is a great need to promote greater employment opportunities for middle-aged and older individuals who want or need to work;

(9) there is a great need to develop a national retirement policy that contributes to the fulfillment, dignity, and satisfaction of retirement years for older individuals;

(10) there is a great need for a national policy with respect to increasing, coordinating, and expediting biomedical and other appropriate research directed at determining the causes of the aging process; and

(11) false stereotypes about aging and the process of aging are prevalent throughout the Nation and policies should be developed to overcome such stereotypes.

(b)(1) It is the policy of the Congress that the Federal Government should work jointly with the States and their citizens to develop recommendations and plans for action to meet the challenges and needs of older individuals, consistent with the objectives of this title.

(2) In developing programs for the aging pursuant to this title, emphasis should be placed upon the right and obligation of older individuals to free choice and self-help in planning their own futures.

AUTHORITY OF THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY; FINAL REPORT

White House
Conference on
Aging, 1981.
42 USC 3001
note.

SEC. 203. (a) The President may call a White House Conference on Aging in 1981 in order to develop recommendations for further research and action in the field of aging which will further the policies set forth in section 202. The Conference shall be planned and conducted under the direction of the Secretary in cooperation with the Commissioner on Aging and the Director of the National Institute on Aging, and the heads of such other Federal departments and agencies as are appropriate. Such assistance may include the assignment of personnel.

(b) For the purpose of arriving at facts and recommendations concerning the utilization of skills, experience, and energies and the improvement of the conditions of older individuals, the Conference shall bring together representatives of Federal, State, and local governments, professional and lay people who are working in the field of aging (including researchers on problems of the elderly and the process of aging), and representatives of the general public, including older individuals.

(c) A final report of the Conference, which shall include a statement of a comprehensive coherent national policy on aging together with

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recommendations for the implementation of the policy, shall be submitted to the President not later than 180 days following the date on which the Conference is adjourned. The findings and recommendations included in the report shall be immediately available to the public. The Secretary shall, within 90 days after submission of the report, transmit to the President and to the Congress his recommendations for administrative action and the legislation necessary to implement the recommendations contained in the report.

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SEC. 204. (a) In administering this title the Secretary shall—

42 USC 3001 note.

(1) request the cooperation and assistance of the heads of such other Federal departments and agencies as may be appropriate in carrying out the provisions of this title;

(2) render all reasonable assistance, including financial assistance, to State agencies on the aging and to area agencies on aging, and to other appropriate organizations to enable them to organize and conduct conferences on aging prior to the Conference;

(3) prepare and make available background materials for the use of delegates to the Conference which he deems necessary, and prepare and distribute any such report of the Conference as may be necessary and appropriate; and

(4) engage such additional personnel as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this title without regard to the provisions of title 5, United States Code, governing appointments in the competitive service, and without regard to chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of such title relating to classification and General Schedule pay rates.

5 USC 5101 et seq., 5331.

(b) In carrying out his functions under clause (2) of subsection (a) the Secretary shall assure that conferences will be so conducted as to assure broad participation of older individuals.

(c) In carrying out his responsibilities under this title the Secretary shall assure that current and adequate statistical data and other information on the well-being of older individuals in the United States are readily available, in advance of the Conference, to participants in the Conference, together with such information as may be necessary to evaluate Federal programs and policies relating to aging. In carrying out the requirements of this subsection the Secretary may make grants to, and enter into contracts with, public agencies and nonprofit private organizations.

Statistics and information availability.

Grants and contracts.

ADVISORY COMMITTEES

SEC. 205. (a) The Secretary shall establish an advisory committee to the Conference which shall include representation from the Federal Council on Aging and other public agencies and private nonprofit organizations as appropriate. The Secretary shall establish such other committees, including technical committees, as may be necessary to assist in planning, conducting, and reviewing the Conference. Each such committee shall be composed of professional and public members and shall include individuals from low-income families and from minority groups. A majority of the public members of each such committee shall be 55 years of age or older.

Establishment. 42 USC 3001 note.

Membership.

(b) Appointed members of any such committee (other than any officers or employees of the Federal Government), while attending conferences or meetings of the committee or otherwise serving at the request of the Secretary, shall be entitled to receive compensation at

Compensation.

a rate to be fixed by the Secretary but not to exceed the daily rate prescribed for GS-18 under section 5332 of title 5, United States Code (including travel time). While away from their homes or regular places of business, such members may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized under section 5703 of such title for persons in Federal Government service employed intermittently.

5 USC 5703.

DEFINITIONS

42 USC 3001
note.
Ante, p. 1520.

SEC. 206. For the purpose of this title—

(1) The term "area agency on aging" means the agency designated under section 305(a)(2)(A) of the Older Americans Act of 1965.

(2) The term "State agency on aging" means the agency designated under 305(a)(1) of the Older Americans Act of 1965.

(3) The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare.

(4) The term "Conference" means the White House Conference on Aging authorized in section 203(a).

(5) The term "State" includes the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

42 USC 3001
note.

SEC. 207. There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary, for fiscal years 1979, 1980, and 1981, to carry out the provisions of this title.

TITLE III—STUDY OF RACIAL AND ETHNIC DISCRIMINATION IN PROGRAMS FOR OLDER AMERICANS

STUDY AUTHORIZED

42 USC 1975c
note.

SEC. 301. (a) The Commission on Civil Rights shall (1) undertake a comprehensive study of discrimination based on race or ethnic background in any federally-assisted programs and activities which affect older individuals; and (2) identify with particularity any such federally-assisted program or activity in which evidence is found of individuals or organizations who are otherwise qualified being, on the basis of race or ethnic background, excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, refused employment or contracts with, or subject to discrimination under, such program or activity.

Hearings.

(b) As part of the study required by this section, the Commission shall conduct public hearings to elicit the views of interested parties, including the heads of Federal departments and agencies, on issues relating to racial or ethnic discrimination in programs and activities affecting older individuals receiving Federal financial assistance, and particularly with respect to discrimination among potential participants in, or beneficiaries of, specific federally-assisted programs.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

Independently prepared analyses, research and studies.
42 USC 1975c
note.

SEC. 302. (a)(1) The Commission may obtain, through grant or contract, analyses, research, and studies by independent experts of