

Public Law 99-161
99th Congress

An Act

Nov. 25, 1985

[H.R. 3447]

To amend and extend the Congressional Award Act.

Congressional
Award
Amendments of
1985.
2 USC 801 note.

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Congressional Award Amendments of 1985".

SEC. 2. MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD.

Section 4 of the Congressional Award Act (2 U.S.C. 803), hereafter in this Act referred to as "the Act", is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(2), by adding at the end thereof the following: "One of the members appointed under each of subparagraphs (A) through (D) of paragraph (1) shall be a member of the Congress.";

(2) by striking out subsection (b) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"(b) Appointed members of the Board shall continue to serve at the pleasure of the officer by whom they are appointed, but (unless reappointed) shall not serve for more than four years."; and

(3) by striking out paragraph (2) of subsection (c) and redesignating paragraphs (3) and (4) as paragraphs (2) and (3), respectively.

SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY.

Section 9 of the Act (2 U.S.C. 808) is amended by striking out "six years after the date of the enactment of this Act" and inserting in lieu thereof "on November 16, 1988".

SEC. 4. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.

(a) **SALARY LIMITATION.**—Section 3(b) of the Act (2 U.S.C. 802(b)) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new sentence: "No salary established by the Board under paragraph (3) shall exceed \$75,000 per annum, except that for calendar years after 1986, such limit shall be increased in proportion to increases in the Consumer Price Index."

(b) **SCHOLARSHIPS.**—Section 3(d) is amended by striking out "Gold Medal" and inserting in lieu thereof "Gold, Silver, and Bronze Medals".

(c) **REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES.**—Section 3(e)(4) of the Act is amended by inserting before the period at the end thereof the following: "for each member, officer, employee, and consultant of the Board (or of the Corporation established pursuant to section 7(g)(1))".

(d) **ANNUAL MEETINGS.**—Section 4(f) of the Act is amended by striking out "meet annually at the call of the Chairman" and inserting in lieu thereof "meet at least twice a year at the call of the Chairman (with at least one meeting in the District of Columbia)".

2 USC 802.

2 USC 802.

2 USC 806.

2 USC 803.

(e) **BYLAWS.**—Section 4(i) of the Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following: “Such bylaws and other regulations shall include provisions to prevent any conflict of interest, or the appearance of any conflict of interest, in the procurement and employment actions taken by the Board or by any officer or employee of the Board. Such bylaws shall include appropriate fiscal control, funds accountability, and operating principles to ensure compliance with the provisions of section 7 of this Act. A copy of such bylaws shall be transmitted to each House of Congress not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of the Congressional Award Amendments of 1985 and not later than 10 days after any subsequent amendment or revision of such bylaws.”

2 USC 803.

2 USC 806.

(f) **RESTRICTION OF SPONSORSHIP ADVERTISING.**—Section 7(c) of the Act (2 U.S.C. 806(c)) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following: “The Board may permit donors to use the name of the Board or the name ‘Congressional Award Program’ in advertising.”

(g) **EVALUATION BY GAO.**—Section 8 of the Act (2 U.S.C. 807) is amended—

Audits.

(1) by inserting “AND EVALUATION” after “AUDITS” in the heading of such section;

(2) by inserting “(a)” after “SEC. 8.”;

(3) by striking “may be audited” and inserting in lieu thereof “shall be audited at least biennially”;

(4) by striking out “at such times as the Comptroller General may determine to be appropriate”; and

(5) by adding at the end thereof the following:

“(b) The audit performed pursuant to subsection (a) shall at a minimum—

“(1) assess the adequacy of fiscal control and funds accountability procedures of the Board and such corporation; and

“(2) assess the propriety of expenses allowed to the Director and other employees of the Board and such corporation.

“(c) In the report on the first audit performed under subsection (a) after the date of enactment of this subsection, the Comptroller General shall include an evaluation of the programs and activities under this Act. Such evaluation shall include an examination of—

Report.

“(1) the extent to which the Congressional Award Program and activities under this Act are achieving the purposes stated in section 3(a);

2 USC 802.

“(2) the standards of achievement and procedures for verifying that individuals satisfy such standards established by the Board;

“(3) the Board’s fundraising efforts under this Act;

“(4) the organizational structure of the Board, particularly the use of Regional Directors; and

“(5) such additional areas as the Comptroller General determines deserve or require evaluation.

Report.

“(d) The report on the first audit performed under subsection (a) after the date of enactment of this subsection shall be submitted on or before May 15, 1988.”.

SEC. 5. CONFORMING AMENDMENT.

Repeal.

Section 2 of Public Law 98-33 (2 U.S.C. 803, note) is repealed.

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