

TITLE VI – INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

SEC. 601. INTERNATIONAL AND FOREIGN LANGUAGE STUDIES.

Part A of title VI (20 U.S.C. 1121 et seq.) is amended to read as follows:

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SEC. 601. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.

(a) FINDINGS- Congress finds as follows:

- (1) The security, stability, and economic vitality of the United States in a complex global era depend upon American experts in and citizens knowledgeable about world regions, foreign languages, and international affairs, as well as upon a strong research base in these areas.
- (2) Advances in communications technology and the growth of regional and global problems make knowledge of other countries and the ability to communicate in other languages more essential to the promotion of mutual understanding and cooperation among nations and their peoples.
- (3) Dramatic post-Cold War changes in the world's geopolitical and economic landscapes are creating needs for American expertise and knowledge about a greater diversity of less commonly taught foreign languages and nations of the world.
- (4) Systematic efforts are necessary to enhance the capacity of institutions of higher education in the United States for--
 - (A) producing graduates with international and foreign language expertise and knowledge; and
 - (B) research regarding such expertise and knowledge.
- (5) Cooperative efforts among the Federal Government, institutions of higher education, and the private sector are necessary to promote the generation and dissemination of information about world regions, foreign languages, and international affairs throughout education, government, business, civic, and nonprofit sectors in the United States.

(b) PURPOSES- The purposes of this part are--

- (1) (A) to support centers, programs, and fellowships in institutions of higher education in the United States for producing increased numbers of trained personnel and research in foreign languages, area studies, and other international studies;
 - (B) to develop a pool of international experts to meet national needs;
 - (C) to develop and validate specialized materials and techniques for foreign language acquisition and fluency, emphasizing (but not limited to) the less commonly taught languages;
 - (D) to promote access to research and training overseas; and
 - (E) to advance the internationalization of a variety of disciplines throughout undergraduate and graduate education;
- (2) to support cooperative efforts promoting access to and the dissemination of international and foreign language knowledge, teaching materials, and research, throughout education, government, business, civic, and nonprofit sectors in the United States, through the use of advanced technologies; and
- (1) to coordinate the programs of the Federal Government in the areas of foreign language, area studies, and other international studies, including professional international affairs education and research.

SEC. 609. AMERICAN OVERSEAS RESEARCH CENTERS.

(a) CENTERS AUTHORIZED- The Secretary is authorized to make grants to and enter into contracts with any American overseas research center that is a consortium of institutions of higher education (hereafter in this section referred to as a center') to enable such center to promote postgraduate research, exchanges and area studies.

(b) USE OF GRANTS- Grants made and contracts entered into pursuant to this section may be used to pay all or a portion of the cost of establishing or operating a center or program, including--

- (1) the cost of faculty and staff stipends and salaries;
- (2) the cost of faculty, staff, and student travel;

- (3) the cost of the operation and maintenance of overseas facilities;
- (4) the cost of teaching and research materials;
- (5) the cost of acquisition, maintenance, and preservation of library collections;
- (6) the cost of bringing visiting scholars and faculty to a center to teach or to conduct research;
- (7) the cost of organizing and managing conferences; and
- (8) the cost of publication and dissemination of material for the scholarly and general public.

(c) LIMITATION- The Secretary shall only award grants to and enter into contracts with centers under this section that--

- (1) receive more than 50 percent of their funding from public or private United States sources;
- (2) have a permanent presence in the country in which the center is located; and
- (3) are organizations described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 which are exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of such Code.

(d) DEVELOPMENT GRANTS- The Secretary is authorized to make grants for the establishment of new centers. The grants may be used to fund activities that, within 1 year, will result in the creation of a center described in subsection (c).