

TITLE V--DEVELOPING INSTITUTIONS

SEC. 501. AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES.

Section 503(b) (20 U.S.C. 1101b(b)) is amended--

(1) by redesignating paragraphs (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11), (12), (13), and (14), as paragraphs (7), (8), (9), (10), (11), (12), (13), (14), and (16), respectively;

(2) in paragraph (5), by inserting ` , including innovative and customized instruction courses (which may include remedial education and English language instruction) designed to help retain students and move the students rapidly into core courses and through program completion' before the period at the end;

(3) by inserting after paragraph (5) the following:

“(6) Articulation agreements and student support programs designed to facilitate the transfer from two-year to four-year institutions.”;

(4) by inserting after paragraph (14) (as redesignated by paragraph (1)) the following:

“(15) Providing education, counseling services, or financial information designed to improve the financial literacy and economic literacy of students or the students' families, especially with regard to student indebtedness and student assistance programs under title IV.”; and

(5) in paragraph (11) (as redesignated by paragraph (1)), by striking `distance learning academic instruction capabilities' and inserting `distance education technologies'.

SEC. 502. POSTBACCALAUREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR HISPANIC AMERICANS.

(a) Amendments- Title V (20 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.) is amended--

(1) by redesignating part B as part C;

(2) by redesignating sections 511 through 518 as sections 521 through 528, respectively; and

(3) by inserting after section 505 the following:

PART B--PROMOTING POSTBACCALAUREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR HISPANIC AMERICANS

SEC. 511. PURPOSES.

The purposes of this part are--

(1) to expand postbaccalaureate educational opportunities for, and improve the academic attainment of, Hispanic students; and

(2) to expand the postbaccalaureate academic offerings and enhance the program quality in the institutions of higher education that are educating the majority of Hispanic college students and helping large numbers of Hispanic and low-income students complete postsecondary degrees.

SEC. 512. PROGRAM AUTHORITY AND ELIGIBILITY.

(a) Program Authorized- Subject to the availability of funds appropriated to carry out this part, the Secretary shall award grants, on a competitive basis, to eligible institutions to enable the eligible institutions to carry out the authorized activities described in section 513.

(b) Eligibility- For the purposes of this part, an `eligible institution' means an institution of higher education that--

- (1) is a Hispanic-serving institution (as defined in section 502); and
- (2) offers a postbaccalaureate certificate or postbaccalaureate degree granting program.

SEC. 513. AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES.

Grants awarded under this part shall be used for one or more of the following activities:

- (1) Purchase, rental, or lease of scientific or laboratory equipment for educational purposes, including instructional and research purposes.
- (2) Construction, maintenance, renovation, and improvement of classrooms, libraries, laboratories, and other instructional facilities, including purchase or rental of telecommunications technology equipment or services.
- (3) Purchase of library books, periodicals, technical and other scientific journals, microfilm, microfiche, and other educational materials, including telecommunications program materials.
- (4) Support for low-income postbaccalaureate students including outreach, academic support services, mentoring, scholarships, fellowships, and other financial assistance to permit the enrollment of such students in postbaccalaureate certificate and postbaccalaureate degree granting programs.
- (5) Support of faculty exchanges, faculty development, faculty research, curriculum development, and academic instruction.
- (6) Creating or improving facilities for Internet or other distance education technologies, including purchase or rental of telecommunications technology equipment or services.
- (7) Collaboration with other institutions of higher education to expand postbaccalaureate certificate and postbaccalaureate degree offerings.
- (8) Other activities proposed in the application submitted pursuant to section 514 that--
 - (A) contribute to carrying out the purposes of this part; and
 - (B) are approved by the Secretary as part of the review and acceptance of such application.

SEC. 514. APPLICATION AND DURATION.

(a) Application- Any eligible institution may apply for a grant under this part by submitting an application to the Secretary at such time and in such manner as the Secretary may require. Such application shall demonstrate how the grant funds will be used to improve postbaccalaureate education opportunities for Hispanic and low-income students.

(b) Duration- Grants under this part shall be awarded for a period not to exceed five years.

(c) Limitation- The Secretary may not award more than one grant under this part in any fiscal year to any Hispanic-serving institution.'

(b) Conforming Amendments- Title V (20 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.) is amended--

(1) in section 502--

(A) in subsection (a)(2)(A)(ii), by striking `section 512(b)' and inserting `section 522(b)'; and

(B) in subsection (b)(2), by striking `section 512(a)' and inserting `section 522(a)';

(2) in section 521(c)(6) (as redesignated by subsection (a)(2)), by striking `section 516' and inserting `section 526'; and

(3) in section 526 (as redesignated by subsection (a)(2)), by striking `section 518' and inserting `section 528'.

SEC. 503. APPLICATIONS.

Section 521(b)(1)(A) (as redesignated by section 502(a)(2)) (20 U.S.C. 1103(b)(1)(A)) is amended by striking `subsection (b)' and inserting `subsection (c)'.

SEC. 504. COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.

Section 524(a) (as redesignated by section 502(a)(2)) (20 U.S.C. 1103c(a)) is amended by striking `section 503' and inserting `sections 503 and 513'.

SEC. 505. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Section 528(a) (as redesignated by section 502(a)(2)) (20 U.S.C. 1103g(a)) is amended to read as follows:

(a) Authorizations-

(1) PARTS A AND C- There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out parts A and C \$175,000,000 for fiscal year 2009 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the five succeeding fiscal years.

(2) PART B- There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out part B \$100,000,000 for fiscal year 2009 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the five succeeding fiscal years.