

Impact aid and student financial assistance—\$245 million;

HUD assisted housing—\$325 million;  
Unanticipated needs fund—\$500 million; and

Midwest flood—\$685 million.

In addition, the President requested and the conference agreement recommends \$1.2 billion for the Department of Defense peacekeeping activities as an emergency.

Title II of the conference agreement contains regular fiscal year 1994 supplemental appropriations requested by the President. Of these amounts, three of the conference agreement's recommendations provide for mandatory funding of very important programs:

Veterans compensation and pensions—\$698 million;

Veterans readjustment benefits—\$103 million; and

Advances for unemployment trust fund—\$61.4 million.

In addition to these mandatory appropriations, the bill contains various discretionary fiscal year 1994 supplementals requested by the President for items such as salaries and expenses for certain agencies, certain items for the National Park Service and Bureau of Indian Affairs, et cetera. These discretionary appropriations total under \$160 million and are all accommodated within each subcommittee's 602(b) allocation.

Title III contains rescissions totaling \$3.25 billion. The conference agreement, like the Senate-passed bill, contains the congressional response to the President's rescission messages of November 1, 1993, and February 7, 1994. The total of those two Presidential rescission requests was \$3.17 billion. Therefore, the conference agreement includes rescissions totalling \$78 million in greater cuts than requested by the President.

In addition, an item of interest to Members would be the fact that the House accepted the Senate amendment to ensure that emergency funds contained in this measure to prohibit benefits for individuals not lawfully in this country with a modification intended to ensure that no discrimination occurs in the implementation of this section.

Another provision of interest to all Senators is the amendment extending the statute of limitation of criminal prosecution on the Resolution Trust Corporation. The House receded to this amendment, which was passed by the Senate by a vote of 95-0.

Mr. President, I thank all Members of the Senate for their cooperation in the expeditious passage of this measure. As always, their expertise and hard work were present throughout the entire consideration of this measure.

#### STATEMENT REGARDING CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 3759

Mr. D'AMATO. Mr. President, I rise to express my appreciation to my fellow conferees for retaining the RTC

statute of limitations extension that the Senate adopted Wednesday evening.

In retaining this provision in the conference report, my colleagues have demonstrated their sense of fairness to the American people. The savings and loan bailout was a financial disaster for the taxpayer; this amendment should alleviate some of the costs of that disaster. We are talking about real money here. On the day that Madison Savings and Loan was taken over by the regulators, 35 other savings and loans were declared insolvent—this 1 day alone cost the taxpayers billions of dollars in bail-out costs.

I particularly would like to thank Senators METZENBAUM and MURKOWSKI for their hard work on this issue. Senator METZENBAUM has been a tireless advocate on this issue. In fact, the amendments that Senator MURKOWSKI and I offered Wednesday were nearly identical to draft legislation that Senator METZENBAUM forwarded to me on Tuesday for my consideration.

The amendment will extend the statute of limitations under which a suit may be brought against individuals who have committed fraud involving failed savings and loans. Under the amendment, the 5-year time limit is extended until December 31, 1995, or the date that the RTC terminates, if later.

This kind of congressional action shows the American people and the taxpayer that we are on the job—we're here looking out for their best interests. The statute of limitations on Madison and many other busted savings and loans was about to run out. When this amendment is enacted into law, we will have added valuable time back on to the ticking clock.

#### TECHNOLOGY-RELATED ASSISTANCE FOR INDIVIDUALS AMENDMENTS ACT—MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

Mr. MITCHELL. Mr. President, I ask the Chair to lay before the Senate a message from the House of Representatives on H.R. 2339, the Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals Amendments Act of 1993.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the following message from the House of Representatives:

*Resolved*, That the House agree to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2339) entitled "An Act to revise and extend the programs of the Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals With Disabilities Act of 1988, and for other purposes", with the following amendment:

In lieu of the matter inserted by said amendment, insert:

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) *SHORT TITLE*.—This Act may be cited as the "Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals With Disabilities Act Amendments of 1994"

(b) *TABLE OF CONTENTS*.—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.  
Sec. 2. References.

Sec. 3. Findings, purposes, and policy  
Sec. 4. Definitions.

#### TITLE I—GRANTS TO STATES

Sec. 101. Program authorized.  
Sec. 102. Development grants.  
Sec. 103. Extension grants.  
Sec. 104. Progress criteria and reports.  
Sec. 105. Administrative provisions.  
Sec. 106. Authorization of appropriations.  
Sec. 107. Repeals.

#### TITLE II—PROGRAMS OF NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE

Sec. 201. National classification system.  
Sec. 202. Training and demonstration projects.

#### TITLE III—ALTERNATIVE FINANCING MECHANISMS

Sec. 301. Alternative financing mechanisms authorized.

#### TITLE IV—AMENDMENTS TO OTHER ACTS

Sec. 401. Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.  
Sec. 402. Rehabilitation Act of 1973  
Sec. 403. Administrative requirements under the Head Start Act.  
Sec. 404. Technical and conforming amendments.

#### TITLE V—EFFECTIVE DATE

Sec. 501. Effective date.

#### SEC. 2. REFERENCES.

Except as otherwise specifically provided whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or a repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of the Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals With Disabilities Act of 1988 (29 U.S.C. 2201 et seq.).

#### SEC. 3. FINDINGS, PURPOSES, AND POLICY.

(a) *SECTION HEADING*.—Section 2 (29 U.S.C. 2201) is amended by striking the heading and inserting the following

"SEC. 2. FINDINGS, PURPOSES, AND POLICY."

(b) *FINDINGS*.—Section 2(a) (29 U.S.C. 2201(a)) is amended to read as follows.

"(a) *FINDINGS*.—The Congress finds as follows.

"(1) Disability is a natural part of the human experience and in no way diminishes the right of individuals to—

"(A) live independently,

"(B) enjoy self-determination,

"(C) make choices,

"(D) pursue meaningful careers, and

"(E) enjoy full inclusion and integration in the economic, political, social, cultural, and educational mainstream of American society

"(2) During the past decade, there have been major advances in modern technology. Technology is now a powerful force in the lives of all residents of the United States. Technology can provide important tools for making the performance of tasks quicker and easier.

"(3) For some individuals with disabilities, assistive technology devices and assistive technology services are necessary to enable the individuals—

"(A) to have greater control over their lives,

"(B) to participate in, and contribute more fully to, activities in their home, school, and work environments, and in their communities;

"(C) to interact to a greater extent with individuals who do not have disabilities; and

"(D) to otherwise benefit from opportunities that are taken for granted by individuals who do not have disabilities.

"(4) Substantial progress has been made in the development of assistive technology devices, including adaptations to existing equipment, that significantly benefit individuals with disabilities of all ages. Such devices can be used to increase the involvement of such individuals in, and reduce expenditures associated with, programs and activities such as early intervention, education, rehabilitation and training employ-

ment, residential living, independent living, recreation, and other aspects of daily living.

"(5) Most States have technology-related assistance programs carried out under this Act. In spite of the efforts made by such programs, there remains a need to support systems change and advocacy activities in order to assist States to develop and implement consumer-responsive, comprehensive statewide programs of technology-related assistance for individuals with disabilities of all ages.

"(6) Notwithstanding the efforts of such State technology-related assistance programs, there is still a lack of—

"(A) resources to pay for assistive technology devices and assistive technology services;

"(B) trained personnel to assist individuals with disabilities to use such devices and services;

"(C) information among individuals with disabilities and their family members, guardians, advocates, and authorized representatives, individuals who work for public agencies, or for private entities (including insurers), that have contact with individuals with disabilities, educators and related service personnel, technology experts (including engineers), employers, and other appropriate individuals about the availability and potential of technology for individuals with disabilities;

"(D) aggressive outreach to underrepresented populations and rural populations;

"(E) systems that ensure timely acquisition and delivery of assistive technology devices and assistive technology services, particularly with respect to children;

"(F) coordination among State human services programs, and between such programs and private entities, particularly with respect to transitions between such programs and entities; and

"(G) capacity in such programs to provide the necessary technology-related assistance.

"(7) Many individuals with disabilities cannot access existing telecommunications and information technologies and are at risk of not being able to access developing technologies. The failure of Federal and State governments, hardware manufacturers, software designers, information systems managers, and telecommunications service providers to account for the specific needs of individuals with disabilities results in the exclusion of such individuals from the use of telecommunications and information technologies and results in unnecessary costs associated with the retrofitting of devices and product systems.

"(8) There are insufficient incentives for the commercial pursuit of the application of technology devices to meet the needs of individuals with disabilities, because of the perception that such individuals constitute a limited market.

"(9) At the Federal level, there is a lack of coordination among agencies that provide or pay for the provision of assistive technology devices and assistive technology services. In addition, the Federal Government does not provide adequate assistance and information with respect to the use of assistive technology devices and assistive technology services to individuals with disabilities and their family members, guardians, advocates, and authorized representatives, individuals who work for public agencies, or for private entities (including insurers), that have contact with individuals with disabilities, educators and related services personnel, technology experts (including engineers), employers, and other appropriate individuals."

(c) PURPOSES.—Section 2(b) (29 U.S.C. 2201(b)) is amended to read as follows:

"(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are as follows:

"(1) To provide financial assistance to the States to support systems change and advocacy activities designed to assist each State in developing and implementing a consumer-responsive comprehensive statewide program of technology-related assistance, for individuals with disabilities of all ages, that is designed to—

"(A) increase the availability of, funding for, access to, and provision of, assistive technology devices and assistive technology services;

"(B) increase the active involvement of individuals with disabilities and their family members, guardians, advocates, and authorized representatives, in the planning, development, implementation, and evaluation of such a program;

"(C) increase the involvement of individuals with disabilities and, if appropriate, their family members, guardians, advocates, or authorized representatives, in decisions related to the provision of assistive technology devices and assistive technology services;

"(D) increase the provision of outreach to underrepresented populations and rural populations, to enable the two populations to enjoy the benefits of programs carried out to accomplish purposes described in this paragraph to the same extent as other populations;

"(E) increase and promote coordination among State agencies, and between State agencies and private entities, that are involved in carrying out activities under this title, particularly providing assistive technology devices and assistive technology services, that accomplish a purpose described in another subparagraph of this paragraph;

"(F)(i) increase the awareness of laws, regulations, policies, practices, procedures, and organizational structures, that facilitate the availability or provision of assistive technology devices and assistive technology services; and

"(ii) facilitate the change of laws, regulations, policies, practices, procedures, and organizational structures, that impede the availability or provision of assistive technology devices and assistive technology services;

"(G) increase the probability that individuals with disabilities of all ages will, to the extent appropriate, be able to secure and maintain possession of assistive technology devices as such individuals make the transition between services offered by human service agencies or between settings of daily living;

"(H) enhance the skills and competencies of individuals involved in providing assistive technology devices and assistive technology services;

"(I) increase awareness and knowledge of the efficacy of assistive technology devices and assistive technology services among—

"(i) individuals with disabilities and their family members, guardians, advocates, and authorized representatives;

"(ii) individuals who work for public agencies, or for private entities (including insurers), that have contact with individuals with disabilities;

"(iii) educators and related services personnel;

"(iv) technology experts (including engineers);

"(v) employers; and

"(vi) other appropriate individuals;

"(J) increase the capacity of public agencies and private entities to provide and pay for assistive technology devices and assistive technology services on a statewide basis for individuals with disabilities of all ages; and

"(K) increase the awareness of the needs of individuals with disabilities for assistive technology devices and for assistive technology services.

"(2) To identify Federal policies that facilitate payment for assistive technology devices and assistive technology services, to identify Federal policies that impede such payment, and to eliminate inappropriate barriers to such payment.

"(3) To enhance the ability of the Federal Government to provide States with—

"(A) technical assistance, information, training, and public awareness programs relating to the provision of assistive technology devices and assistive technology services; and

"(B) funding for demonstration projects."

(d) POLICY.—Section 2 (29 U.S.C. 2201) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(c) POLICY.—It is the policy of the United States that all programs, projects, and activities

receiving assistance under this Act shall be consumer-responsive and shall be carried out in a manner consistent with the principles of—

"(1) respect for individual dignity, personal responsibility, self-determination, and pursuit of meaningful careers, based on informed choice, of individuals with disabilities;

"(2) respect for the privacy, rights, and equal access (including the use of accessible formats), of such individuals;

"(3) inclusion, integration, and full participation of such individuals;

"(4) support for the involvement of a family member, a guardian, an advocate, or an authorized representative, if an individual with a disability requests, desires, or needs such support; and

"(5) support for individual and systems advocacy and community involvement."

#### SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.

Section 3 (29 U.S.C. 2202) is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through (8) as paragraphs (2), (3), (7), (8), (10), (11), (13), and (14), respectively;

(2) by inserting before paragraph (2) (as redesignated by paragraph (1)) the following:

"(1) ADVOCACY SERVICES.—The term 'advocacy services', except as used as part of the term 'protection and advocacy services', means services—

"(A) provided to assist individuals with disabilities and their family members, guardians, advocates, and authorized representatives in accessing assistive technology devices and assistive technology services; and

"(B) provided through—

"(i) individual case management for individuals with disabilities;

"(ii) representation of individuals with disabilities (other than representation within the definition of protection and advocacy services);

"(iii) training of individuals with disabilities and their family members, guardians, advocates, and authorized representatives to successfully conduct advocacy for themselves; or

"(iv) dissemination of information."

(3) in paragraph (3)(E) (as redesignated by paragraph (1)), by striking "family" and all that follows and inserting "the family members, guardians, advocates, or authorized representatives of such an individual; and";

(4) by inserting after paragraph (3) (as redesignated by paragraph (1)) the following:

"(4) COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE PROGRAM OF TECHNOLOGY-RELATED ASSISTANCE.—The term 'comprehensive statewide program of technology-related assistance' means a statewide program of technology-related assistance developed and implemented by a State under title 1 that—

"(A) addresses the needs of all individuals with disabilities, including members of underrepresented populations and members of rural populations;

"(B) addresses such needs without regard to the age, type of disability, race, ethnicity, or gender of such individuals, or the particular major life activity for which such individuals need the assistance; and

"(C) addresses such needs without requiring that the assistance be provided through any particular agency or service delivery system.

"(5) CONSUMER-RESPONSIVE.—The term 'consumer-responsive' means, with respect to an entity, program, or activity, that the entity, program, or activity—

"(A) is easily accessible to, and usable by, individuals with disabilities and, when appropriate, their family members, guardians, advocates, or authorized representatives;

"(B) responds to the needs of individuals with disabilities in a timely and appropriate manner; and

"(C) facilitates the full and meaningful participation of individuals with disabilities (including individuals from underrepresented populations and rural populations) and their family

members, guardians, advocates, and authorized representatives, in—

"(i) decisions relating to the provision of assistive technology devices and assistive technology services; and

"(ii) the planning, development, implementation, and evaluation of the comprehensive statewide program of technology-related assistance.

"(6) **DISABILITY.**—The term 'disability' means a condition of an individual that is considered to be a disability or handicap for the purposes of any Federal law other than this Act or for the purposes of the law of the State in which the individual resides."

(5) by striking paragraph (7) (as redesignated by paragraph (1)) and inserting the following:

"(7) **INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY; INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.**—

"(A) **INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY.**—The term 'individual with a disability' means any individual—

"(i) who has a disability; and

"(ii) who is or would be enabled by an assistive technology device or an assistive technology service to minimize deterioration in functioning, to maintain a level of functioning, or to achieve a greater level of functioning in any major life activity.

"(B) **INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.**—The term 'individuals with disabilities' means more than one individual with a disability."

(6) in paragraph (8) (as redesignated by paragraph (1))—

(A) by striking "section 435(b)" and inserting "section 1201(a)"; and

(B) by striking "1965" and inserting "1965 (20 U.S.C. 1141(a))";

(7) by inserting after paragraph (8) (as redesignated by paragraph (1)) the following:

"(9) **PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY SERVICES.**—The term 'protection and advocacy services' means services that—

"(A) are described in part C of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act (42 U.S.C. 6041 et seq.), the Protection and Advocacy for Mentally Ill Individuals Act (42 U.S.C. 10801 et seq.), or section 509 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794e); and

"(B) assist individuals with disabilities with respect to assistive technology devices and assistive technology services."

(8) in paragraph (11) (as redesignated by paragraph (1))—

(A) by striking "several States" and inserting "several States of the United States";

(B) by striking "Virgin Islands" and inserting "United States Virgin Islands"; and

(C) by striking "the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands" and inserting "the Republic of Palau (until the Compact of Free Association with Palau takes effect)";

(9) by inserting after such paragraph (11) the following:

"(12) **SYSTEMS CHANGE AND ADVOCACY ACTIVITIES.**—The term 'systems change and advocacy activities' means efforts that result in laws, regulations, policies, practices, or organizational structures that promote consumer-responsive programs or entities and that facilitate and increase access to, provision of, and funding for, assistive technology devices and assistive technology services on a permanent basis, in order to empower individuals with disabilities to achieve greater independence, productivity, and integration and inclusion within the community and the work force."

(10) in paragraph (13) (as redesignated by paragraph (1))—

(A) by striking "functions performed and activities carried out under section 101" and inserting "assistance provided through systems change and advocacy activities"; and

(B) by inserting "any of subparagraphs (A) through (K) of" before "section 2(b)(1)"; and

(11) by amending paragraph (14) (as redesignated by paragraph (1)) to read as follows:

"(14) **UNDERREPRESENTED POPULATION.**—The term 'underrepresented population' includes a

population such as minorities, the poor, and persons with limited-English proficiency."

#### TITLE I—GRANTS TO STATES

##### SEC. 101. PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.

(a) **GRANTS TO STATES.**—Section 101(a) (29 U.S.C. 2211(a)) is amended—

(1) by inserting after "provisions of this title" the following: "to support systems change and advocacy activities designed"; and

(2) by striking "to develop and implement" and inserting "in developing and implementing".

(b) **ACTIVITIES.**—Section 101 (29 U.S.C. 2211) is amended by striking subsections (b) and (c) and inserting the following:

"(b) **ACTIVITIES.**—Any State that receives a grant under section 102 or 103 shall use the funds made available through the grant to accomplish the purposes described in section 2(b)(1) and, in accomplishing such purposes, may carry out any of the following systems change and advocacy activities:

"(1) **MODEL SYSTEMS AND ALTERNATIVE STATE-FINANCED SYSTEMS.**—The State may support activities to increase access to, and funding for, assistive technology, including—

"(A) the development, and evaluation of the efficacy, of model delivery systems that provide assistive technology devices and assistive technology services to individuals with disabilities, that pay for such devices and services, and that, if successful, could be replicated or generally applied, such as—

"(i) the development of systems for the purchase, lease, other acquisition, or payment for the provision, of assistive technology devices and assistive technology services; or

"(ii) the establishment of alternative State or privately financed systems of subsidies for the provision of assistive technology devices and assistive technology services, such as—

"(I) a loan system for assistive technology devices;

"(II) an income-contingent loan fund;

"(III) a low-interest loan fund;

"(IV) a revolving loan fund;

"(V) a loan insurance program; or

"(VI) a partnership with private entities for the purchase, lease, or other acquisition of assistive technology devices and the provision of assistive technology services;

"(B) the demonstration of assistive technology devices, including—

"(i) the provision of a location or locations within the State where—

"(I) individuals with disabilities and their family members, guardians, advocates, and authorized representatives;

"(II) education, rehabilitation, health care, and other service providers;

"(III) individuals who work for Federal, State, or local government entities; and

"(IV) employers,

can see and touch assistive technology devices, and learn about the devices from personnel who are familiar with such devices and their applications;

"(ii) the provision of counseling and assistance to individuals with disabilities and their family members, guardians, advocates, and authorized representatives to determine individual needs for assistive technology devices and assistive technology services; and

"(iii) the demonstration or short-term loan of assistive technology devices to individuals, employers, public agencies, or public accommodations seeking strategies to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) and section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794); and

"(C) the establishment of information systems about, and recycling centers for, the redistribution of assistive technology devices and equipment that may include device and equipment loans, rentals, or gifts.

"(2) **INTERAGENCY COORDINATION.**—The State may support activities—

"(A) to identify and coordinate Federal and State policies, resources, and services, relating to the provision of assistive technology devices and assistive technology services, including entering into interagency agreements;

"(B) to convene interagency work groups to enhance public funding options and coordinate access to funding for assistive technology devices and assistive technology services for individuals with disabilities of all ages, with special attention to the issues of transition (such as transition from school to work, and transition from participation in programs under part H of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1471 et seq.), to participation in programs under part B of such Act (20 U.S.C. 1411 et seq.)) home use, and individual involvement in the identification, planning, use, delivery, and evaluation of such devices and services; or

"(C) to document and disseminate information about interagency activities that promote coordination with respect to assistive technology devices and assistive technology services, including evidence of increased participation of State and local special education, vocational rehabilitation, and State medical assistance agencies and departments.

"(3) **OUTREACH.**—The State may carry out activities to encourage the creation or maintenance of, support, or provide assistance to, statewide and community-based organizations, or systems, that provide assistive technology devices and assistive technology services to individuals with disabilities or that assist individuals with disabilities in using assistive technology devices and assistive technology services. Such activities may include outreach to consumer organizations and groups in the State to coordinate the activities of the organizations and groups with efforts (including self-help, support groups, and peer mentoring) to assist individuals with disabilities and their family members, guardians, advocates, or authorized representatives, to obtain funding for, and access to, assistive technology devices and assistive technology services.

"(4) **EXPENSES.**—The State may pay for expenses, including travel expenses, and services, including services of qualified interpreters, readers, and personal care assistants, that may be necessary to ensure access to the comprehensive statewide program of technology-related assistance by individuals with disabilities who are determined by the State to be in financial need.

"(5) **STATEWIDE NEEDS ASSESSMENT.**—The State may conduct a statewide needs assessment that may be based on data in existence on the date on which the assessment is initiated and may include—

"(A) estimates of the numbers of individuals with disabilities within the State, categorized by residence, type and extent of disabilities, age, race, gender, and ethnicity;

"(B) in the case of an assessment carried out under a development grant, a description of efforts, during the fiscal year preceding the first fiscal year for which the State received such a grant, to provide assistive technology devices and assistive technology services to individuals with disabilities within the State, including—

"(i) the number of individuals with disabilities who received appropriate assistive technology devices and assistive technology services; and

"(ii) a description of the devices and services provided;

"(C) information on the number of individuals with disabilities who are in need of assistive technology devices and assistive technology services, and a description of the devices and services needed;

"(D) information on the cost of providing assistive technology devices and assistive technology services to all individuals with disabilities within the State who need such devices and services;

"(E) a description of State and local public resources and private resources (including insurance) that are available to establish a consumer-

responsive comprehensive statewide program of technology-related assistance;

"(F) information identifying Federal and State laws, regulations, policies, practices, procedures, and organizational structures, that facilitate or interfere with the operation of a consumer-responsive comprehensive statewide program of technology-related assistance;

"(G) a description of the procurement policies of the State and the extent to which such policies will ensure, to the extent practicable, that assistive technology devices purchased, leased, or otherwise acquired with assistance made available through a grant made under section 102 or 103 are compatible with other technology devices, including technology devices designed primarily for use by—

"(i) individuals who are not individuals with disabilities;

"(ii) individuals who are elderly; or

"(iii) individuals with particular disabilities; and

"(H) information resulting from an inquiry about whether a State agency or task force (composed of individuals representing the State and individuals representing the private sector) should study the practices of private insurance companies holding licenses within the State that offer health or disability insurance policies under which an individual may obtain reimbursement for—

"(i) the purchase, lease, or other acquisition of assistive technology devices; or

"(ii) the use of assistive technology services.

"(6) PUBLIC AWARENESS PROGRAM.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—The State may—

"(i) support a public awareness program designed to provide information relating to the availability and efficacy of assistive technology devices and assistive technology services for—

"(I) individuals with disabilities and their family members, guardians, advocates, or authorized representatives;

"(II) individuals who work for public agencies, or for private entities (including insurers), that have contact with individuals with disabilities;

"(III) educators and related services personnel;

"(IV) technology experts (including engineers);

"(V) employers; and

"(VI) other appropriate individuals and entities; or

"(ii) establish and support such a program if no such program exists.

"(B) COMMENTS.—Such a public awareness program may include—

"(i) the development and dissemination of information relating to—

"(I) the nature of assistive technology devices and assistive technology services;

"(II) the appropriateness, cost, and availability of, and access to, assistive technology devices and assistive technology services; and

"(III) the efficacy of assistive technology devices and assistive technology services with respect to enhancing the capacity of individuals with disabilities;

"(ii) the development of procedures for providing direct communication among public providers of assistive technology devices and assistive technology services and between public providers and private providers of such devices and services (including employers); and

"(iii) the development and dissemination of information relating to the use of the program by individuals with disabilities and their family members, guardians, advocates, or authorized representatives, professionals who work in a field related to an activity described in this section, and other appropriate individuals.

"(7) TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The State may carry out directly, or may provide support to a public or private entity to carry out, training and technical assistance activities—

"(A) that—

"(i) are provided for individuals with disabilities and their family members, guardians, advocates, and authorized representatives, and other appropriate individuals; and

"(ii) may include—

"(I) training in the use of assistive technology devices and assistive technology services;

"(II) the development of written materials, training, and technical assistance describing the means by which agencies consider the needs of an individual with a disability for assistive technology devices and assistive technology services in developing, for the individual, any individualized education program described in section 614(a)(5) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1414(a)(5)), any individualized written rehabilitation program described in section 102 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 722), any individualized family service plan described in section 677 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1477), and any other individualized plans or programs;

"(III) training regarding the rights of the persons described in clause (i) to assistive technology devices and assistive technology services under any law other than this Act, to promote fuller independence, productivity, and inclusion in and integration into society of such persons; and

"(IV) training to increase consumer participation in the identification, planning, use, delivery, and evaluation of assistive technology devices and assistive technology services; and

"(B) that—

"(i) enhance the assistive technology skills and competencies of—

"(I) individuals who work for public agencies, or for private entities (including insurers), that have contact with individuals with disabilities;

"(II) educators and related services personnel;

"(III) technology experts (including engineers);

"(IV) employers; and

"(V) other appropriate personnel; and

"(ii) include taking actions to facilitate the development of standards, or, when appropriate, the application of such standards, to ensure the availability of qualified personnel.

"(8) PROGRAM DATA.—The State may support the compilation and evaluation of appropriate data related to a program described in subsection (a).

"(9) ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY-RELATED INFORMATION.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—The State may develop, operate, or expand a system for public access to information concerning an activity carried out under another paragraph of this subsection, including information about assistive technology devices and assistive technology services, funding sources and costs of such assistance, and individuals, organizations, and agencies capable of carrying out such an activity for individuals with disabilities.

"(B) ACCESS.—Access to the system may be provided through community-based entities, including public libraries, centers for independent living (as defined in section 702(1) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 796a(1))), and community rehabilitation programs (as defined in section 7(25) of such Act (29 U.S.C. 706(25))).

"(C) SYSTEM.—In developing, operating, or expanding a system described in subparagraph (A), the State may—

"(i) develop, compile, and categorize print, large print, braille, audio, and video materials, computer disks, compact discs (including compact discs formatted with read-only memory), information that can be used in telephone-based information systems, and such other media as technological innovation may make appropriate;

"(ii) identify and classify existing funding sources, and the conditions of and criteria for access to such sources, including any funding mechanisms or strategies developed by the State;

"(iii) identify existing support groups and systems designed to help individuals with disabili-

ties make effective use of an activity carried out under another paragraph of this subsection; and

"(iv) maintain a record of the extent to which citizens of the State use or make inquiries of the system established in subparagraph (A), and of the nature of such inquiries.

"(D) LINKAGES.—The information system may be organized on an interstate basis or as part of a regional consortium of States in order to facilitate the establishment of compatible, linked information systems.

"(10) INTERSTATE ACTIVITIES.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—The State may enter into cooperative agreements with other States to expand the capacity of the States involved to assist individuals with disabilities of all ages to learn about, acquire, use, maintain, adapt, and upgrade assistive technology devices and assistive technology services that such individuals need at home, at school, at work, or in other environments that are part of daily living.

"(B) ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION.—The State may operate or participate in a computer system through which the State may electronically communicate with other States to gain technical assistance in a timely fashion and to avoid the duplication of efforts already undertaken in other States.

"(11) PARTNERSHIPS AND COOPERATIVE INITIATIVES.—The State may support the establishment or continuation of partnerships and cooperative initiatives between the public sector and the private sector to promote greater participation by business and industry in—

"(A) the development, demonstration, and dissemination of assistive technology devices; and

"(B) the ongoing provision of information about new products to assist individuals with disabilities.

"(12) ADVOCACY SERVICES.—The State may provide advocacy services.

"(13) OTHER ACTIVITIES.—The State may utilize amounts made available through grants made under section 102 or 103 for any systems change and advocacy activities, other than the activities described in another paragraph of this subsection, that are necessary for developing, implementing, or evaluating the consumer-responsive comprehensive statewide program of technology-related assistance.

"(c) NONSUPPLANTATION.—In carrying out systems change and advocacy activities under this title, the State shall ensure that the activities supplement, and not supplant, similar activities that have been carried out pursuant to other Federal or State law."

SEC. 102. DEVELOPMENT GRANTS.

Section 102 (29 U.S.C. 2212) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by striking "3-year grants" and inserting "3-year grants to support systems change and advocacy activities described in section 101(b) (including activities described in subsection (e)(7))"; and

(B) by striking "to develop and implement statewide programs" and inserting "in developing and implementing consumer-responsive comprehensive statewide programs";

(2) by striking subsection (b);

(3) by redesignating subsections (c) and (d) as subsections (b) and (c), respectively;

(4) in subsection (b) (as redesignated in paragraph (3))—

(A) in paragraph (3)(C), by striking "statewide program" and inserting "consumer-responsive comprehensive statewide program"; and

(B) in paragraph (5)—

(i) in subparagraph (A)—

(I) by striking "(A)" and inserting "(A) STATE.—";

(II) by inserting "United States" before "Virgin Islands"; and

(III) by striking "Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands" and inserting "Republic of Palau"; and

(ii) in subparagraph (B)—



(I) by striking "(B)" and inserting "(B) TERRITORY.—";

(II) by inserting "United States" before "Virgin Islands"; and

(III) by striking "Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands" and inserting "Republic of Palau (until the Compact of Free Association takes effect)";

(5) in paragraph (2) of subsection (c) (as redesignated in paragraph (3)) by striking "statewide programs" and inserting "consumer-responsive comprehensive statewide programs";

(6) by inserting after such subsection (c) the following:

"(d) DESIGNATION OF THE LEAD AGENCY.—

"(1) DESIGNATION.—The Governor of any State that desires to receive a grant under this section shall designate the office, agency, entity, or individual (referred to in this Act as the 'lead agency') responsible for—

"(A) submitting the application described in subsection (e) on behalf of the State;

"(B) administering and supervising the use of amounts made available under the grant;

"(C)(i) coordinating efforts related to, and supervising the preparation of, the application;

"(ii) coordinating the planning, development, implementation, and evaluation of the consumer-responsive comprehensive statewide program of technology-related assistance among public agencies and between public agencies and private agencies, including coordinating efforts related to entering into interagency agreements; and

"(iii) coordinating efforts related to, and supervising, the active, timely, and meaningful participation by individuals with disabilities and their family members, guardians, advocates, or authorized representatives, and other appropriate individuals, with respect to activities carried out under the grant; and

"(D) the delegation, in whole or in part, of any responsibilities described in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) to one or more appropriate offices, agencies, entities, or individuals.

"(2) QUALIFICATIONS.—In designating the lead agency, the Governor may designate—

"(A) a commission appointed by the Governor;

"(B) a public-private partnership or consortium;

"(C) a university-affiliated program;

"(D) a public agency;

"(E) a council established under Federal or State law; or

"(F) another appropriate office, agency, entity, or individual.

"(3) ABILITIES OF LEAD AGENCY.—The State shall provide, in accordance with subsection (e)(1), evidence that the lead agency has the ability—

"(A) to respond to assistive technology needs across disabilities and ages;

"(B) to promote the availability throughout the State of assistive technology devices and assistive technology services;

"(C) to promote and implement systems change and advocacy activities;

"(D) to promote and develop public-private partnerships;

"(E) to exercise leadership in identifying and responding to the technology needs of individuals with disabilities and their family members, guardians, advocates, and authorized representatives;

"(F) to promote consumer confidence, responsiveness, and advocacy; and

"(G) to exercise leadership in implementing effective strategies for capacity building, staff and consumer training, and enhancement of access to funding for assistive technology devices and assistive technology services across agencies.";

(7) in subsection (e)—

(A) by striking paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) and inserting the following:

"(1) DESIGNATION OF THE LEAD AGENCY.—Information identifying the lead agency designated by the Governor under subsection (d)(1), and the evidence described in subsection (d)(3).

"(2) AGENCY INVOLVEMENT.—A description of the nature and extent of involvement of various State agencies, including the State insurance department, in the preparation of the application and the continuing role of each agency in the development and implementation of the consumer-responsive comprehensive statewide program of technology-related assistance, including the identification of the available resources and financial responsibility of each agency for paying for assistive technology devices and assistive technology services.

"(3) INVOLVEMENT.—

"(A) CONSUMER INVOLVEMENT.—A description of procedures that provide for—

"(i)(I) the active involvement of individuals with disabilities and their family members, guardians, advocates, and authorized representatives, and other appropriate individuals, in the development, implementation, and evaluation of the program; and

"(ii) the active involvement, to the maximum extent appropriate, of individuals with disabilities who use assistive technology devices or assistive technology services, in decisions relating to such devices and services; and

"(ii) mechanisms for determining consumer satisfaction and participation of individuals with disabilities who represent a variety of ages and types of disabilities, in the consumer-responsive comprehensive statewide program of technology-related assistance.

"(B) PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT.—A description of the nature and extent of—

"(i) the involvement, in the designation of the lead agency under subsection (d), and in the development of the application, of—

"(I) individuals with disabilities and their family members, guardians, advocates, or authorized representatives;

"(II) other appropriate individuals who are not employed by a State agency; and

"(III) organizations, providers, and interested parties, in the private sector; and

"(ii) the continuing role of the individuals and entities described in clause (i) in the program.";

(B) in paragraph (4), by striking "underserved groups" and inserting "underrepresented populations or rural populations";

(C) in paragraphs (4) and (5), by striking "statewide program" each place the term appears and inserting "consumer-responsive comprehensive statewide program";

(D) by striking paragraphs (6), (7), and (17);

(E) by redesignating paragraphs (8) and (9) as paragraphs (17) and (18), respectively, and transferring such paragraphs to the end of the subsection;

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

"(6) GOALS, OBJECTIVES, ACTIVITIES, AND OUTCOMES.—Information on the program with respect to—

"(A) the goals and objectives of the State for the program;

"(B) the systems change and advocacy activities that the State plans to carry out under the program; and

"(C) the expected outcomes of the State for the program, consistent with the purposes described in section 2(b)(1).

"(7) PRIORITY ACTIVITIES.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—An assurance that the State will use funds made available under this section or section 103 to accomplish the purposes described in section 2(b)(1) and the goals, objectives, and outcomes described in paragraph (6), and to carry out the systems change and advocacy activities described in paragraph (6)(B), in a manner that is consumer-responsive.

"(B) PARTICULAR ACTIVITIES.—An assurance that the State, in carrying out such systems change and advocacy activities, shall carry out activities regarding—

"(i) the development, implementation, and monitoring of State, regional, and local laws, regulations, policies, practices, procedures, and

organizational structures, that will improve access to, provision of, funding for, and timely acquisition and delivery of, assistive technology devices and assistive technology services;

"(ii) the development and implementation of strategies to overcome barriers regarding access to, provision of, and funding for, such devices and services, with priority for identification of barriers to funding through State education (including special education) services, vocational rehabilitation services, and medical assistance services or, as appropriate, other health and human services, and with particular emphasis on overcoming barriers for underrepresented populations and rural populations;

"(iii) coordination of activities among State agencies, in order to facilitate access to, provision of, and funding for, assistive technology devices and assistive technology services;

"(iv) the development and implementation of strategies to empower individuals with disabilities and their family members, guardians, advocates, and authorized representatives, to successfully advocate for increased access to, funding for, and provision of, assistive technology devices and assistive technology services, and to increase the participation, choice, and control of such individuals with disabilities and their family members, guardians, advocates, and authorized representatives in the selection and procurement of assistive technology devices and assistive technology services;

"(v) the provision of outreach to underrepresented populations and rural populations, including identifying and assessing the needs of such populations, providing activities to increase the accessibility of services to such populations, training representatives of such populations to become service providers, and training staff of the consumer-responsive comprehensive statewide program of technology-related assistance to work with such populations; and

"(vi) the development and implementation of strategies to ensure timely acquisition and delivery of assistive technology devices and assistive technology services, particularly for children,

unless the State demonstrates through the progress reports required under section 104 that significant progress has been made in the development and implementation of a consumer-responsive comprehensive statewide program of technology-related assistance, and that other systems change and advocacy activities will increase the likelihood that the program will accomplish the purposes described in section 2(b)(1).

"(8) ASSESSMENT.—An assurance that the State will conduct an annual assessment of the consumer-responsive comprehensive statewide program of technology-related assistance, in order to determine—

"(A) the extent to which the State's goals and objectives for systems change and advocacy activities, as identified in the State plan under paragraph (6), have been achieved; and

"(B) the areas of need that require attention in the next year.

"(9) DATA COLLECTION.—A description of—

"(A) the data collection system used for compiling information on the program, consistent with such requirements as the Secretary may establish for such systems, and, when a national classification system is developed pursuant to section 201, consistent with such classification system; and

"(B) procedures that will be used to conduct evaluations of the program.";

(G) in paragraphs (11)(B)(i) and (12)(B) by striking "individual with disabilities" and inserting "individual with a disability";

(H) in paragraph (16)(A), by striking "the families or representatives of individuals with disabilities" and inserting "their family members, guardians, advocates, or authorized representatives"; and

(I) by adding at the end the following:

"(19) **AUTHORITY TO USE FUNDS.**—An assurance that the lead agency will have the authority to use funds made available through a grant made under this section or section 103 to comply with the requirements of this section or section 103, respectively, including the ability to hire qualified staff necessary to carry out activities under the program.

"(20) **PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY SERVICES.**—Either—

"(A) an assurance that the State will annually provide, from the funds made available to the State through a grant made under this section or section 103, an amount calculated in accordance with subsection (j)(4), in order to make a grant to, or enter into a contract with, an entity to support protection and advocacy services through the systems established to provide protection and advocacy under the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act (42 U.S.C. 6000 et seq.), the Protection and Advocacy for Mentally Ill Individuals Act (42 U.S.C. 10801 et seq.), and section 509 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794e); or

"(B) at the discretion of the State, a request that the Secretary annually reserve, from the funds made available to the State through a grant made under this section or section 103, an amount calculated in accordance with subsection (j)(4), in order for the Secretary to make a grant to or enter into a contract with such a system to support protection and advocacy services.

"(21) **TRAINING ACTIVITIES.**—An assurance that the State—

"(A) will develop and implement strategies for including personnel training regarding assistive technology within existing Federal- and State-funded training initiatives, in order to enhance assistive technology skills and competencies; and

"(B) will document such training.

"(22) **LIMIT ON INDIRECT COSTS.**—An assurance that the percentage of the funds received under the grant that is used for indirect costs shall not exceed 10 percent.

"(23) **COORDINATION WITH STATE COUNCILS.**—An assurance that the lead agency will coordinate the activities funded through a grant made under this section or section 103 with the activities carried out by other councils within the State, including—

"(A) any council or commission, specified in the assurance provided by the State in accordance with section 101(a)(36) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 721(a)(36));

"(B) the Statewide Independent Living Council established under section 705 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 796d);

"(C) the advisory panel established under section 613(a)(12) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1413(a)(12));

"(D) the State Interagency Coordinating Council established under section 682 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1482);

"(E) the State Planning Council described in section 124 of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act (42 U.S.C. 6024);

"(F) the State mental health planning council established under section 1914 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 396r-3); and

"(G) any council established under section 204, 206(g)(2)(A), or 712(a)(3)(H) of the Older Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3015, 3017(g)(2)(A), or 3058g(a)(3)(H)).

"(24) **COORDINATION WITH OTHER SYSTEMS CHANGE AND ADVOCACY ACTIVITIES.**—An assurance that there will be coordination between the activities funded through the grant and other related systems change and advocacy activities funded by either Federal or State sources.

"(25) **OTHER INFORMATION AND ASSURANCES.**—Such other information and assurances as the Secretary may reasonably require;" and

(8) by adding at the end the following:

"(f) **PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY REQUIREMENTS.**—

"(1) **REQUIREMENTS.**—A State that, as of June 30, 1993, has provided for protection and advocacy services through an entity that—

"(A) is capable of performing the functions that would otherwise be performed under subsection (e)(20) by the system described in subsection (e)(20); and

"(B) is not a system described in such subsection,

shall be considered to meet the requirements of such subsection. Such entity shall receive funding to provide such protection and advocacy services in accordance with paragraph (4), and shall comply with the same requirements of this title (other than the requirements of such subsection) as a system that receives funding under such subsection.

"(2) **PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY SERVICE PROVIDER REPORT.**—

"(A) **PREPARATION.**—A system that receives funds under subsection (e)(20) to carry out the protection and advocacy services described in subsection (e)(20)(A) in a State, or an entity described in paragraph (1) that carries out such services in the State, shall prepare reports that contain such information as the Secretary may require, including the following:

"(i) A description of the activities carried out by the system or entity with such funds.

"(ii) Documentation of significant progress, in providing protection and advocacy services, in each of the following areas:

"(I) Conducting activities that are consumer-responsive, including activities that will lead to increased access to funding for assistive technology devices and assistive technology services.

"(II) Executing legal, administrative, and other appropriate means of representation to implement systems change and advocacy activities.

"(III) Developing and implementing strategies designed to enhance the long-term abilities of individuals with disabilities and their family members, guardians, advocates, and authorized representatives to successfully advocate for assistive technology devices and assistive technology services to which the individuals with disabilities are entitled under law other than this Act.

"(IV) Coordinating activities with protection and advocacy services funded through sources other than this Act, and coordinating activities with the systems change and advocacy activities carried out by the State lead agency.

"(B) **SUBMISSION.**—The system or entity shall submit the reports to the program described in subsection (a) in the State not less often than every 6 months.

"(C) **UPDATES.**—The system or entity shall provide monthly updates to the program described in subsection (a) concerning the activities and information described in subparagraph (A).

"(3) **CONSULTATION WITH STATE PROGRAMS.**—Before making a grant or entering into a contract under subsection (e)(20)(B) to support the protection and advocacy services described in subsection (e)(20)(A) in a State, the Secretary shall solicit and consider the opinions of the lead agency in the State with respect to the terms of the grant or contract.

"(4) **CALCULATION OF EXPENDITURES.**—

"(A) **IN GENERAL.**—For each fiscal year, for each State receiving a grant under this section or section 103, the Secretary shall specify a minimum amount that the State shall use to provide protection and advocacy services.

"(B) **INITIAL YEARS OF GRANT.**—Except as provided in subparagraph (C) or (D)—

"(i) the Secretary shall calculate such minimum amount for a State based on the size of the grant, the needs of individuals with disabilities within the State, the population of the State, and the geographic size of the State; and

"(ii) such minimum amount shall be not less than \$40,000 and not more than \$100,000.

"(C) **FOURTH YEAR OF SECOND EXTENSION GRANT.**—If a State receives a second extension

grant under section 103(a)(2), the Secretary shall specify a minimum amount under subparagraph (A) for the fourth year (if any) of the grant period that shall equal 75 percent of the minimum amount specified for the State under such subparagraph for the third year of the second extension grant of the State.

"(D) **FIFTH YEAR OF SECOND EXTENSION GRANT.**—If a State receives a second extension grant under section 103(a)(2), the Secretary shall specify a minimum amount under subparagraph (A) for the fifth year (if any) of the grant period that shall equal 50 percent of the minimum amount specified for the State under such subparagraph for the third year of the second extension grant of the State.

"(E) **PROHIBITION.**—After the fifth year (if any) of the grant period, no Federal funds may be made available under this title by the State to a system described in subsection (e)(20) or an entity described in paragraph (1)."

**SEC. 108. EXTENSION GRANTS.**

Section 103 (29 U.S.C. 2213) is amended to read as follows:

**"SEC. 108. EXTENSION GRANTS.**

"(a) **EXTENSION GRANTS.**—

"(1) **INITIAL EXTENSION GRANT.**—The Secretary may award an initial extension grant, for a period of 2 years, to any State that meets the standards specified in subsection (b)(1).

"(2) **SECOND EXTENSION GRANT.**—The Secretary may award a second extension grant, for a period of not more than 5 years, to any State that meets the standards specified in subsection (b)(2).

"(b) **STANDARDS.**—

"(1) **INITIAL EXTENSION GRANT.**—In order for a State to receive an initial extension grant under this section, the designated lead agency of the State shall—

"(A) provide the evidence described in section 102(d)(3); and

"(B) demonstrate that the State has made significant progress, and has carried out systems change and advocacy activities that have resulted in significant progress, toward the development and implementation of a consumer-responsive comprehensive statewide program of technology-related assistance, consistent with sections 2(b)(1), 101, and 102.

"(2) **SECOND EXTENSION GRANT.**—

"(A) **RESPONSIBILITIES OF DESIGNATED LEAD AGENCY.**—In order for a State to receive a second extension grant under this section, the designated lead agency shall—

"(i) provide the evidence and make the demonstration described in paragraph (1);

"(ii) describe the steps the State has taken or will take to continue on a permanent basis the consumer-responsive comprehensive statewide program of technology-related assistance with the ability to maintain, at a minimum, the outcomes achieved by the systems change and advocacy activities; and

"(iii) identify future funding options and commitments for the program from the public and private sector and the key individuals, agencies, and organizations to be involved in, and to direct future efforts of, the program.

"(B) **DETERMINATION OF COMPLIANCE.**—In making any award to a State for a second extension grant, the Secretary shall (except as provided in section 105(a)(2)(A)(iii)) make such award contingent on a determination, based on the onsite visit required under section 105(a)(2)(A)(ii), that the State is making significant progress toward development and implementation of a consumer-responsive comprehensive statewide program of technology-related assistance. If the Secretary determines that the State is not making such progress, the Secretary may take an action described in section 105(b)(2), in accordance with the applicable procedures described in section 105.

"(c) **AMOUNTS OF GRANTS.**—

"(1) **INITIAL EXTENSION GRANTS.**—

"(A) **IN GENERAL.**—

"(1) STATES.—From amounts appropriated under section 106 for any fiscal year, the Secretary shall pay an amount that is not less than \$500,000 and not greater than \$1,500,000 to each State (other than a State described in clause (ii)) that receives an initial extension grant under subsection (a)(1).

"(ii) TERRITORIES.—From amounts appropriated under section 106 for any fiscal year, the Secretary shall pay an amount that is not greater than \$150,000 to any of the following States that receives an initial extension grant under subsection (a)(1):

"(I) The United States Virgin Islands.

"(II) Guam.

"(III) American Samoa.

"(IV) The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

"(V) The Republic of Palau (until the Compact of Free Association takes effect).

"(B) CALCULATION OF AMOUNT.—The Secretary shall calculate the amount described in clause (i) or (ii) of subparagraph (A) with respect to a State on the basis of—

"(i) amounts available for making grants pursuant to subsection (a)(1);

"(ii) the population of the State;

"(iii) the types of assistance to be provided in the State; and

"(iv) the amount of resources committed by the State and available to the State from other sources.

"(C) PRIORITY FOR PREVIOUSLY PARTICIPATING STATES.—Amounts appropriated in any fiscal year for purposes of carrying out subsection (a)(1) shall first be made available to States that received assistance under this section during the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year concerned.

"(D) INCREASES.—In providing any increases in initial extension grants under subsection (a)(1) above the amounts provided to States under this section for fiscal year 1993, the Secretary may give priority to—

"(i) the States (other than the States described in subparagraph (A)(ii)) that have the largest populations, based on the most recent census data; and

"(ii) the States (other than the States described in subparagraph (A)(ii)) that are sparsely populated, with a wide geographic spread, where such characteristics have impeded the development of a consumer-responsive, comprehensive statewide program of technology-related assistance.

"(2) SECOND EXTENSION GRANTS.—

"(A) AMOUNTS AND PRIORITY.—The amounts of, and the priority of applicants for, the second extension grants awarded under subsection (a)(2) shall be determined by the Secretary, except that—

"(i) the amount paid to a State for the fourth year (if any) of the grant period shall be 75 percent of the amount paid to the State for the third year of the grant period;

"(ii) the amount paid to a State for the fifth year (if any) of the grant period shall be 50 percent of the amount paid to the State for the third year of the grant period; and

"(iii) after the fifth year of the grant period, no Federal funds may be made available to the State under this title.

"(B) INCREASES.—In providing any increases in second extension grants under subsection (a)(2) above the amounts provided to States under this section for fiscal year 1993, the Secretary may give priority to States described in paragraph (1)(D).

"(d) APPLICATION.—A State that desires to receive an extension grant under this section shall submit an application to the Secretary that contains the following information and assurances with respect to the consumer-responsive comprehensive statewide program of technology-related assistance in the State:

"(1) INFORMATION AND ASSURANCES.—The information and assurances described in section 102(e), except the preliminary needs assessment described in section 102(e)(4).

"(2) NEEDS; PROBLEMS; STRATEGIES; OUTREACH.—

"(A) NEEDS.—A description of needs relating to technology-related assistance of individuals with disabilities (including individuals from underrepresented populations or rural populations) and their family members, guardians, advocates, or authorized representatives, and other appropriate individuals within the State.

"(B) PROBLEMS.—A description of any problems or gaps that remain with the development and implementation of a consumer-responsive comprehensive statewide program of technology-related assistance in the State.

"(C) STRATEGIES.—A description of the strategies that the State will pursue during the grant period to remedy the problems or gaps with the development and implementation of such a program.

"(D) OUTREACH ACTIVITIES.—A description of outreach activities to be conducted by the State, including dissemination of information to eligible populations, with special attention to underrepresented populations and rural populations.

"(3) ACTIVITIES AND PROGRESS UNDER PREVIOUS GRANT.—A description of—

"(A) the specific systems change and advocacy activities described in section 101(b) (including the activities described in section 1012(a)(7)) carried out under the development grant received by the State under section 102, or, in the case of an application for a grant under subsection (a)(2), under an initial extension grant received by the State under this section, including—

"(i) a description of systems change and advocacy activities that were undertaken to produce change on a permanent basis for individuals with disabilities of all ages;

"(ii) a description of activities undertaken to improve the involvement of individuals with disabilities in the program, including training and technical assistance efforts to improve individual access to assistive technology devices and assistive technology services as mandated under other laws and regulations as in effect on the date of the application, and including actions undertaken to improve the participation of underrepresented populations and rural populations, such as outreach efforts; and

"(iii) an evaluation of the impact and results of the activities described in clauses (i) and (ii);

"(B) the relationship of such systems change and advocacy activities to the development and implementation of a consumer-responsive comprehensive statewide program of technology-related assistance; and

"(C) the progress made toward the development and implementation of such a program.

"(4) PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT.—

"(A) REPORT.—In the case of an application for a grant under subsection (a)(1), a report on the hearing described in subsection (e)(1) or, in the case of an application for a grant under subsection (a)(2), a report on the hearing described in subsection (e)(2).

"(B) OTHER STATE ACTIONS.—A description of State actions, other than such a hearing, designed to determine the degree of satisfaction of individuals with disabilities, and their family members, guardians, advocates, or authorized representatives, public service providers and private service providers, educators and related services providers, technology experts (including engineers), employers, and other appropriate individuals and entities with—

"(i) the degree of their ongoing involvement in the development and implementation of the consumer-responsive comprehensive statewide program of technology-related assistance;

"(ii) the specific systems change and advocacy activities described in section 101(b) (including the activities described in section 1012(e)(7)) carried out by the State under the development grant or the initial extension grant;

"(iii) progress made toward the development and implementation of a consumer-responsive

comprehensive statewide program of technology-related assistance; and

"(iv) the ability of the lead agency to carry out the activities described in section 102(d)(3).

"(5) COMMENTS.—A summary of any comments received concerning the issues described in paragraph (4) and response of the State to such comments, solicited through a public hearing referred to in paragraph (4) or through other means, from individuals affected by the consumer-responsive comprehensive statewide program of technology-related assistance, including—

"(A) individuals with disabilities and their family members, guardians, advocates, or authorized representatives;

"(B) public service providers and private service providers;

"(C) educators and related services personnel;

"(D) technology experts (including engineers);

"(E) employers; and

"(F) other appropriate individuals and entities.

"(6) COMPATIBILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY OF ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT.—An assurance that the State, or any recipient of funds made available to the State under section 102 of this section, will comply with guidelines established under section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794d).

"(e) PUBLIC HEARING.—

"(1) INITIAL EXTENSION GRANT.—To be eligible to receive a grant under subsection (a)(1), a State shall hold a public hearing in the third year of a program carried out under a grant made under section 102, after providing appropriate and sufficient notice to allow interested groups and organizations and all segments of the public an opportunity to comment on the program.

"(2) SECOND EXTENSION GRANT.—To be eligible to receive a grant under subsection (a)(2), a State shall hold a public hearing in the second year of a program carried out under a grant made under subsection (a)(1), after providing the notice described in paragraph (1)."

SEC. 104. PROGRESS CRITERIA AND REPORTS.

Section 104 (29 U.S.C. 2214) is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 104. PROGRESS CRITERIA AND REPORTS.

"(a) GUIDELINES.—The Secretary shall develop guidelines to be used in assessing the extent to which a State that received a grant under section 102 or 103 is making significant progress in developing and implementing a consumer-responsive comprehensive statewide program of technology-related assistance consistent with section 2(b)(1).

"(b) REPORTS.—Each State that receives a grant under section 102 or 103 to carry out such a program shall submit annually to the Secretary a report that documents significant progress in developing and implementing a consumer-responsive comprehensive statewide program of technology-related assistance, consistent with sections 2(b)(1), 101, and 102(e), and that documents the following:

"(1) The progress the State has made, as determined in the State's annual assessment described in section 102(e)(8) (consistent with the guidelines established by the Secretary under subsection (a)), in achieving the State's goals, objectives, and outcomes as identified in the State's application as described in section 102(e)(6), and areas of need that require attention in the next year, including unanticipated problems with the achievement of the goals, objectives, and outcomes described in the application, and the activities the State has undertaken to rectify these problems.

"(2) The systems change and advocacy activities carried out by the State including—

"(A) an analysis of the laws, regulations, policies, practices, procedures, and organizational structures that the State has changed, has attempted to change, or will attempt to change during the next year, to facilitate and

increase timely access to, provision of, or funding for, assistive technology devices and assistive technology services; and

"(B) A description of any written policies and procedures that the State has developed and implemented regarding access to, provision of, and funding for, assistive technology devices and assistive technology services, particularly policies and procedures regarding access to, provision of, and funding for, such devices and services under education (including special education), vocational rehabilitation, and medical assistance programs.

"(C) The degree of involvement of various State agencies, including the State insurance department, in the development, implementation, and evaluation of the program, including any interagency agreements that the State has developed and implemented regarding access to, provision of, and funding for, assistive technology devices and assistive technology services such as agreements that identify available resources for assistive technology devices and assistive technology services and the responsibility of each agency for paying for such devices and services.

"(4) The activities undertaken to collect and disseminate information about the documents or activities analyzed or described in paragraphs (1) through (3), including outreach activities to underrepresented populations and rural populations and efforts to disseminate information by means of electronic communication.

"(5) The involvement of individuals with disabilities who represent a variety of ages and types of disabilities in the planning, development, implementation, and assessment of the consumer-responsive comprehensive statewide program of technology-related assistance, including activities undertaken to improve such involvement, such as consumer training and outreach activities to underrepresented populations and rural populations.

"(6) The degree of consumer satisfaction with the program, including satisfaction by underrepresented populations and rural populations

"(7) Efforts to train personnel as well as consumers

"(8) Efforts to reduce the service delivery time for receiving assistive technology devices and assistive technology services

"(9) Significant progress in the provision of protection and advocacy services, in each of the areas described in section 102(f)(2)(A)(ii).

#### SEC. 106. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.

(a) REVIEW OF PARTICIPATING STATES.—Section 105(a) (29 U.S.C. 2215(a)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1) by inserting before the period the following: "consistent with the guidelines established under section 104(a)"

(2) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following

"(2) ONSITE VISITS.—

(A) VISITS —

"(i) DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM.—The Secretary shall conduct an onsite visit during the final year of each State's participation in the development grant program

"(ii) EXTENSION GRANT PROGRAM.—Except as provided in clause (iii), the Secretary shall conduct an additional onsite visit to any State that applies for a second extension grant under section 103(a)(2) and whose initial onsite visit occurred prior to the date of the enactment of the Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals With Disabilities Act Amendments of 1994. The Secretary shall conduct any such visit to the State not later than 12 months after the date on which the Secretary awards the second extension grant.

"(iii) DETERMINATION.—The Secretary shall not be required to conduct a visit described in clause (ii) if the Secretary determines that the visit is not necessary to assess whether the State is making significant progress toward development and implementation of a consumer-respon-

sive comprehensive statewide program of technology-related assistance.

"(B) TEAM.—Two-thirds of the onsite monitoring team in each case shall be qualified peer reviewers, who—

"(i) shall not be lead agency personnel;

"(ii) shall be from States other than the State being monitored; and

"(iii) shall include an individual with a disability, or a family member, a guardian, an advocate, or an authorized representative of such an individual.

"(C) COMPENSATION.—

"(i) OFFICERS OR EMPLOYEES.—Members of any onsite monitoring team who are officers or full-time employees of the United States shall serve without compensation in addition to that received for their services as officers or employees of the United States, but may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by section 5702 of title 5, United States Code, for individuals in the Government service traveling on official business.

"(ii) OTHER MEMBERS.—Members of any onsite monitoring team who are not officers or full-time employees of the United States shall receive compensation at a rate not to exceed the daily equivalent of the rate of pay for level IV of the Executive Schedule under section 5315 of title 5, United States Code, for each day (including travel time) during which such members are engaged in the actual performance of their duties as members of an onsite monitoring team. In addition, such members may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by section 5703 of title 5, United States Code, for individuals in the Government service employed intermittently.

"(D) REPORT.—The Secretary shall prepare a report of findings from the onsite visit. The Secretary shall consider the findings in determining whether to continue funding the program either with or without changes. The report shall be available to the public."

(3) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and (4) as paragraphs (4) and (5) respectively

(4) by inserting after paragraph (2) the following

"(3) ADVANCE PUBLIC NOTICE.—The Secretary shall provide advance public notice of the onsite visit and solicit public comment through such notice from individuals with disabilities and their family members, guardians, advocates, and authorized representatives, public service providers and private service providers, educators and related services personnel, technology experts (including engineers), employers, and other appropriate individuals and entities, regarding the State program funded through a grant made under section 102 or 103. The public comment solicitation notice shall be included in the onsite visit report described in paragraph (2)." and

(5) in paragraph (4) (as redesignated in paragraph (3)) by striking "statewide program" and inserting "consumer-responsive comprehensive statewide program"

(b) CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN.—Section 105(b) (29 U.S.C. 2215(b)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2)—

(A) in the heading, by striking "PENALTIES" and inserting "CORRECTIVE ACTIONS";

(B) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking "penalties" and inserting "corrective actions";

(C) by striking "or" at the end of subparagraph (B);

(D) by striking the period at the end of subparagraph (C) and inserting "; or"; and

(E) by adding at the end the following:

"(D) required redesignation of the lead agency, in accordance with subsection (c)."; and

(2) in paragraph (3), by striking "subsection (a)(4)" and inserting "subsection (a)(5)"

(c) REDESIGNATION.—Section 105 (29 U.S.C. 2215) is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (c); and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

"(c) REDESIGNATION OF LEAD AGENCY.—

"(i) MONITORING PANEL.—

"(A) APPOINTMENT.—Once a State becomes subject to a corrective action plan pursuant to subsection (b), the Governor of the State, subject to approval by the Secretary, shall appoint, within 30 days after the submission of the plan to the Secretary, a monitoring panel consisting of the following representatives:

"(i) The head of the lead agency designated by the Governor.

"(ii) 2 representatives from different public or private nonprofit organizations that represent the interests of individuals with disabilities.

"(iii) 2 consumers who are users of assistive technology devices and assistive technology services and who are not—

"(i) members of the advisory council, if any, of the consumer-responsive comprehensive statewide program of technology-related assistance; or

"(ii) employees of the State lead agency.

"(iv) 2 service providers with knowledge and expertise in assistive technology devices and assistive technology services.

"(B) MEMBERSHIP AND CHAIRPERSON.—The monitoring panel shall be ethnically diverse. The panel shall select a chairperson from among the members of the panel.

"(C) INFORMATION.—The panel shall receive periodic reports from the State regarding progress in implementing the corrective action plan and shall have the authority to request additional information necessary to determine compliance.

"(D) MEETINGS.—The meetings of the panel to determine compliance shall be open to the public (subject to confidentiality concerns) and held at locations that are accessible to individuals with disabilities.

"(E) PERIOD.—The panel shall carry out the duties of the panel for the entire period of the corrective action plan, as determined by the Secretary.

"(F) FUNDING.—The panel shall be funded by a portion of the funds received by the State under this title, as directed by the Secretary

"(2) FAILURE TO APPOINT MONITORING PANEL.—A failure by a Governor of a State to comply with the requirements of paragraph (1) shall result in the termination of funding for the State under this title

"(3) DETERMINATION.—

"(A) PANEL.—Based on its findings, a monitoring panel may determine that a lead agency designated by a Governor has not accomplished the purposes described in section 2(b)(1) and that there is good cause for redesignation of the agency and the temporary loss of funds by the State under this title

"(B) GOOD CAUSE.—In this paragraph, the term "good cause" includes—

(i) lack of progress with employment of qualified staff,

(ii) lack of consumer-responsive activities,

(iii) lack of resource allocation to systems change and advocacy activities;

(iv) lack of progress with meeting the assurances in section 102(e), or

(v) inadequate fiscal management.

"(C) RECOMMENDATION AND ACTION.—If a monitoring panel makes such a determination the panel shall recommend to the Secretary that further remedial action be taken or that the Secretary order the Governor to redesignate the lead agency within 90 days or lose funds under this title. The Secretary, based on the findings and recommendations of the monitoring panel and after providing to the public notice and an opportunity for comment, shall make a final determination regarding whether to order the Governor to redesignate the lead agency. The Governor shall make any such redesignation in accordance with the requirements that apply to designations under section 102(d).

"(d) CHANGE OF PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY SERVICES PROVIDER.—



"(1) DETERMINATION.—The Governor of a State, based on input from individuals with disabilities and their family members, guardians, advocates, or authorized representatives, may determine that the entity providing protection and advocacy services required by section 102(e)(20) (referred to in this subsection as the 'first entity') has not met the protection and advocacy service needs of the individuals with disabilities and their family members, guardians, advocates, or authorized representatives, for securing funding for and access to assistive technology devices and assistive technology services, and that there is good cause to provide the protection and advocacy services for the State through a contract with a second entity.

"(2) NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD.—On making such a determination, the Governor may not enter into a contract with a second entity to provide the protection and advocacy services unless good cause exists and unless—

"(A) the Governor has given the first entity 30 days notice of the intention to enter into such contract, including specification of the good cause, and an opportunity to respond to the assertion that good cause has been shown;

"(B) individuals with disabilities and their family members, guardians, advocates, or authorized representatives, have timely notice of the determination and opportunity for public comment; and

"(C) the first entity has the opportunity to appeal the determination to the Secretary within 30 days of the determination on the basis that there is not good cause to enter into the contract.

"(3) REDESIGNATION.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—When the Governor of a State determines that there is good cause to enter into a contract with a second entity to provide the protection and advocacy services, the Governor shall hold an open competition within the State and issue a request for proposals by entities desiring to provide the services.

"(B) TIMING.—The Governor shall not issue such request until the first entity has been given notice and an opportunity to respond. If the first entity appeals the determination to the Secretary in accordance with paragraph (2)(C), the Governor shall issue such request only if the Secretary decides not to overturn the determination of the Governor. The Governor shall issue such request within 30 days after the end of the period during which the first entity has the opportunity to respond, or after the decision of the Secretary, as appropriate.

"(C) PROCEDURE.—Such competition shall be open to entities with the same expertise and ability to provide legal services as a system referred to in section 102(e)(20). The competition shall ensure public involvement, including a public hearing and adequate opportunity for public comment.

"(e) ANNUAL REPORT.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than December 31 of each year, the Secretary shall prepare, and submit to the President and to the Congress, a report on Federal initiatives, including the initiatives funded under this Act, to improve the access of individuals with disabilities to assistive technology devices and assistive technology services.

"(2) CONTENTS.—Such report shall include information on—

"(A) the demonstrated successes of such Federal initiatives at the Federal and State levels in improving interagency coordination, streamlining access to funding for assistive technology, and producing beneficial outcomes for users of assistive technology;

"(B) the demonstration activities carried out through the Federal initiatives to—

"(i) promote access to such funding in public programs that were in existence on the date of the initiation of the demonstration activities; and

"(ii) establish additional options for obtaining such funding;

"(C) the education and training activities carried out through the Federal initiatives to promote such access in public programs and the health care system and the efforts carried out through such activities to train professionals in a variety of relevant disciplines, and increase the competencies of the professionals with respect to technology-related assistance;

"(D) the education and training activities carried out through the Federal initiatives to train individuals with disabilities and their family members, guardians, advocates, or authorized representatives, individuals who work for public agencies, or for private entities (including insurers), that have contact with individuals with disabilities, educators and related services personnel, technology experts (including engineers), employers, and other appropriate individuals, about technology-related assistance;

"(E) the education and training activities carried out through Federal initiatives to promote awareness of available funding in public programs;

"(F) the research activities carried out through the Federal initiatives to improve understanding of the costs and benefits of access to assistive technology for individuals with disabilities who represent a variety of ages and types of disabilities;

"(G) the program outreach activities to rural and inner-city areas that are carried out through the Federal initiatives;

"(H) the activities carried out through the Federal initiatives that are targeted to reach underrepresented populations and rural populations; and

"(I) the consumer involvement activities in the programs carried out under this Act.

"(3) AVAILABILITY OF ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY DEVICES AND ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY SERVICES.—As soon as practicable, the Secretary shall include in the annual report required by this subsection information on the availability of assistive technology devices and assistive technology services. When a national classification system for assistive technology devices and assistive technology services is developed pursuant to section 201, the Secretary shall report such information in a manner consistent with such national classification system.

"(f) INTERAGENCY DISABILITY COORDINATING COUNCIL.—

"(1) CONTENTS.—On or before October 1, 1995, the Interagency Disability Coordinating Council established under section 507 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794c) shall prepare and submit to the President and to the Congress a report containing—

"(A) the response of the Interagency Disability Coordinating Council to—

"(i) the findings of the National Council on Disability resulting from the study entitled 'Study on the Financing of Assistive Technology Devices and Services for Individuals with Disabilities', carried out in accordance with section 201 of this Act, as in effect on the day before the date of the enactment of this subsection, and

"(ii) the recommendations of the National Council on Disability for legislative and administrative change, resulting from such study, and

"(B) information on any other activities of the Interagency Disability Coordinating Council that facilitate the accomplishment of section 2(b)(1) with respect to the Federal Government.

"(2) COMMENTS.—The report shall include any comments submitted by the National Council on Disability as to the appropriateness of the response described in paragraph (1)(A) and the effectiveness of the activities described in paragraph (1)(B) in meeting the needs of individuals with disabilities for assistive technology devices and assistive technology services.

"(g) EFFECT ON OTHER ASSISTANCE.—This title may not be construed as authorizing a Federal or a State agency to reduce medical or other assistance available or to alter eligibility under any other Federal law."

#### SEC. 106. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Section 106 (29 U.S.C. 2216) is amended to read as follows:

#### "SEC. 106. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

"(a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this title \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 1994, and such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 1995 through 1998.

"(b) RESERVATIONS.—

"(1) PROVISION OF INFORMATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—Of the funds appropriated for any fiscal year under subsection (a), the Secretary shall reserve at least 2 percent or \$1,500,000, whichever is greater, of such funds, for the purpose of providing information and technical assistance as described in subparagraphs (B) and (C) to States, individuals with disabilities and their family members, guardians, advocates, or authorized representatives, community-based organizations, and protection and advocacy agencies.

"(B) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO STATES.—In providing such information and technical assistance to States, the Secretary shall consider the input of the directors of consumer-responsive comprehensive statewide programs of technology-related assistance, shall provide a clearinghouse for activities that have been developed and implemented through programs funded under this title, and shall provide information and technical assistance that—

"(i) facilitate service delivery capacity building, training of personnel from a variety of disciplines, and improvement of evaluation strategies, research, and data collection;

"(ii) foster the development and replication of effective approaches to information referral, interagency coordination of training and service delivery, outreach to underrepresented populations and rural populations, and public awareness activities;

"(iii) improve the awareness and adoption of successful approaches to increasing the availability of public and private funding for and access to the provision of assistive technology devices and assistive technology services by appropriate State agencies;

"(iv) assist in planning, developing implementing, and evaluating appropriate activities to further extend consumer-responsive comprehensive statewide programs of technology-related assistance;

"(v) promote effective approaches to the development of consumer-controlled systems that increase access to, funding for and awareness of, assistive technology devices and assistive technology services;

"(vi) provide technical assistance and training to the entities carrying out activities funded pursuant to this title, to establish or participate in electronic communication activities with other States; and

"(vii) provide any other appropriate information and technical assistance to assist the States in accomplishing the purposes of this Act.

"(C) INFORMATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES AND OTHER PERSONS.—The Secretary shall provide information and technical assistance to individuals with disabilities and their family members, guardians, advocates, or authorized representatives, community-based organizations, and protection and advocacy agencies, on a nationwide basis, to—

"(i) disseminate information about, and foster awareness and understanding of, Federal, State, and local laws, regulations, policies, practices, procedures, and organizational structures, that facilitate, and overcome barriers to, funding for, and access to, assistive technology devices and assistive technology services, to promote fuller independence, productivity, and inclusion for individuals with disabilities of all ages;

"(ii) identify, collect, and disseminate information, and provide technical assistance, on effective systems change and advocacy activities,

"(iii) improve the understanding and use of assistive technology funding decisions made as a result of policies, practices, and procedures, or through regulations, administrative hearings, or legal actions, that enhance access to funding for assistive technology devices and assistive technology services for individuals with disabilities;

"(iv) promote effective approaches to Federal-State coordination of programs for individuals with disabilities, through information dissemination and technical assistance activities in response to funding policy issues identified on a nationwide basis by organizations, and individuals, that improve funding for or access to assistive technology devices and assistive technology services for individuals with disabilities of all ages; and

"(v) promote effective approaches to the development of consumer-controlled systems that increase access to, funding for, and awareness of, assistive technology devices and assistive technology services, including the identification and description of mechanisms and means that successfully support self-help and peer mentoring groups for individuals with disabilities.

"(D) COORDINATION.—The Secretary shall coordinate the information and technical assistance activities carried out under subparagraph (B) or (C) with other activities funded under this Act.

"(E) GRANTS, CONTRACTS, OR COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—

"(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall provide the technical assistance and information described in subparagraphs (B) and (C) through grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements with public or private agencies and organizations, including institutions of higher education, with documented experience, expertise, and capacity to carry out identified activities related to the provision of such technical assistance and information.

"(ii) ENTITIES WITH EXPERTISE IN ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY SERVICE DELIVERY, INTERAGENCY COORDINATION, AND SYSTEMS CHANGE AND ADVOCACY ACTIVITIES.—For the purpose of achieving the objectives described in paragraph (1)(B), the Secretary shall reserve not less than 45 percent and not more than 55 percent of the funds reserved under subparagraph (A) for each fiscal year for grants to, or contracts or cooperative agreements with, public or private agencies or organizations with documented experience with and expertise in assistive technology service delivery, interagency coordination, and systems change and advocacy activities.

"(iii) ENTITIES WITH EXPERTISE IN ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS CHANGE AND ADVOCACY ACTIVITIES, PUBLIC FUNDING OPTIONS, AND OTHER SERVICES.—For the purpose of achieving the objectives described in paragraph (1)(C), the Secretary shall reserve not less than 45 percent and not more than 55 percent of the funds reserved under subparagraph (A) for each fiscal year for grants to, or contracts or cooperative agreements with, public or private agencies or organizations with documented experience with and expertise in—

"(I) assistive technology systems change and advocacy activities;

"(II) public funding options; and

"(III) services to increase nationwide the availability of funding for assistive technology devices and assistive technology services.

"(iv) APPLICATION.—The Secretary shall make any grants, and enter into any contracts or cooperative agreements, under this subsection on a competitive basis. To be eligible to receive funds under this subsection an agency, organization, or institution shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and containing such information, as the Secretary may require.

"(2) ONSITE VISITS.—The Secretary may reserve, from amounts appropriated for any fiscal year under subsection (a), such sums as the Secretary considers to be necessary for the purposes

of conducting onsite visits as required by section 105(a)(2)."

**SEC. 107. REPEALS.**

Section 107 (20 U.S.C. 2217) is repealed.

**TITLE II—PROGRAMS OF NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE**

**SEC. 201. NATIONAL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM.**

Title II (29 U.S.C. 2231, et seq.) is amended by repealing part A and inserting the following:

"Subtitle A—National Classification System

"SEC. 201. CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM.

"(a) SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—In fiscal year 1995, the Secretary shall initiate a system development project, based on a plan developed in consultation and coordination with other appropriate Federal and State agencies, to develop a national classification system for assistive technology devices and assistive technology services, with the goal of obtaining uniform data through such a system on such devices and services across public programs and information and referral networks.

"(2) PROJECT PLAN.—

"(A) REPRESENTATIVES.—In developing a plan for the system development project, the Secretary shall consult with, and coordinate activities with—

"(i) representatives of Federal agencies, including agencies that are headed by members of the Interagency Disability Coordinating Council established under section 507 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794c); and

"(ii) as determined by the Secretary, representatives of State agencies and other appropriate organizations that have responsibility for or are involved in the development and modification of assistive technology devices, the provision of assistive technology devices and assistive technology services, or the dissemination of information about assistive technology devices and assistive technology services, including recipients of grants or contracts for the provision of technical assistance to State assistive technology projects under section 106(b), assistive technology reimbursement specialists, representatives of the State assistive technology projects, and representatives of organizations involved in information and referral activities.

"(B) ISSUES.—The Secretary shall conduct such consultation, and such coordination of activities, with respect to the following:

"(i) The costs and benefits, on an agency-by-agency basis, of obtaining uniform data through a national classification system for assistive technology devices and assistive technology services across public programs and information and referral networks.

"(ii) The types of data that should be collected, including data regarding funding, across a range of programs, including the programs listed in subsection (c)(2), as appropriate.

"(iii) A methodology for developing a single taxonomy and nomenclature for both assistive technology devices and assistive technology services across a range of programs, including the programs listed in subsection (c)(2), as appropriate.

"(iv) The process for developing an appropriate data collection instrument or instruments.

"(v) A methodology for collecting data across a range of programs, including the programs listed in subsection (c)(2), as appropriate.

"(vi) The use of a national classification system by the Internal Revenue Service and State finance agencies to determine whether devices and services are assistive technology devices or assistive technology services for the purpose of determining whether a deduction or credit is allowable under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or State tax law.

"(3) CONTRACTS AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary may carry out this section directly, or, if necessary, by entering into contracts or cooperative agreements with appropriate entities.

"(b) SINGLE TAXONOMY.—In conducting the system development project, the Secretary shall develop a national classification system that includes a single taxonomy and nomenclature for assistive technology devices and assistive technology services.

"(c) DATA COLLECTION INSTRUMENT.—In conducting the system development project, the Secretary shall develop a data collection instrument to—

"(1) collect data regarding funding for assistive technology devices and assistive technology services; and

"(2) collect such data from public programs, including, at a minimum—

"(A) programs carried out under title I, VI, or VII of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 720 et seq., 795 et seq., or 796 et seq.);

"(B) programs carried out under part B or H of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1411 et seq. or 1471 et seq.);

"(C) programs carried out under title V or XLX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 701 et seq. or 1396 et seq.);

"(D) programs carried out under the Older Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.); and

"(E) programs carried out under the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act (42 U.S.C. 6000 et seq.).

"(d) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall conduct the system development project in consultation with the Federal agencies that were consulted in developing the project plan.

"(e) REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT AND THE CONGRESS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF UNIFORM DATA COLLECTION SYSTEM.—Not later than July 1, 1997, the Secretary shall prepare and submit to the President and the appropriate committees of Congress a report containing—

"(1) the results of the system development project; and

"(2) the recommendations of the Secretary concerning implementation of a national classification system, including uniform data collection.

"(f) RESERVATION.—From the amounts appropriated under subtitle C for fiscal year 1995, the Secretary shall reserve up to \$200,000 to carry out this subtitle."

**SEC. 202. TRAINING AND DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS.**

Title II (29 U.S.C. 2231 et seq.) is amended by repealing parts B, C, and D and inserting the following:

"Subtitle B—Training and Demonstration Projects

"SEC. 211. TRAINING.

"(a) TECHNOLOGY TRAINING.—

"(1) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—The Secretary shall make grants to, or enter into contracts or cooperative agreements with, appropriate public or private agencies and organizations, including institutions of higher education and community-based organizations, for the purposes of—

"(A) conducting training sessions;

"(B) developing, demonstrating, disseminating, and evaluating curricula, materials, and methods used to train individuals regarding the provision of technology-related assistance, to enhance opportunities for independence, productivity, and inclusion of individuals with disabilities; and

"(C) providing training to develop awareness, skills, and competencies of service providers, consumers, and volunteers, who are located in rural areas, to increase the availability of technology-related assistance in community-based settings for rural residents who are individuals with disabilities.

"(2) ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.—Activities conducted under grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements described in paragraph (1) may address the training needs of individuals with disabilities and their family members, guardians, advocates, and authorized representatives, individuals who work for public agencies, or for pri-

vate entities (including insurers), that have contact with individuals with disabilities, educators and related services personnel, technology experts (including engineers), employers, and other appropriate individuals.

"(3) **USES OF FUNDS.**—An agency or organization that receives a grant or enters into a contract or cooperative agreement under paragraph (1) may use amounts made available through the grant, contract, or agreement to—

"(A) pay for a portion of the cost of courses of training or study related to technology-related assistance; and

"(B) establish and maintain scholarships related to such courses of training or study, with such stipends and allowances as the Secretary may determine to be appropriate.

"(4) **APPLICATION.**—

"(A) **IN GENERAL.**—To be eligible to receive a grant or enter into a contract or cooperative agreement under paragraph (1), an agency or organization shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require.

"(B) **STRATEGIES.**—At a minimum, any such application shall include a detailed description of the strategies that the agency or organization will use to recruit and train persons to provide technology-related assistance, in order to—

"(i) increase the extent to which such persons reflect the diverse populations of the United States; and

"(ii) increase the number of individuals with disabilities, and individuals who are members of minority groups, who are available to provide such assistance.

"(5) **PRIORITIES.**—

"(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Beginning in fiscal year 1994, the Secretary shall—

"(i) establish priorities for activities carried out with assistance under this subsection;

"(ii) publish such priorities in the Federal Register for the purpose of receiving public comment; and

"(iii) publish such priorities in the Federal Register in final form not later than the date on which the Secretary publishes announcements for assistance provided under this subsection.

"(B) **EXPLANATION OF DETERMINATION OF PRIORITIES.**—Concurrent with the publications required by subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register an explanation of the manner in which the priorities were determined.

"(b) **TECHNOLOGY CAREERS.**—

"(A) **IN GENERAL.**—

"(1) **GRANTS.**—The Secretary shall make grants to assist public or private agencies and organizations, including institutions of higher education, to prepare students and faculty working in specific fields for careers relating to the provision of assistive technology devices and assistive technology services.

"(B) **FIELDS.**—The specific fields described in subparagraph (A) may include—

"(i) engineering;

"(ii) industrial technology;

"(iii) computer science;

"(iv) communication disorders;

"(v) special education and related services;

"(vi) rehabilitation; and

"(vii) social work.

"(2) **PRIORITY.**—In awarding grants under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall give priority to the interdisciplinary preparation of personnel who provide or who will provide technical assistance, who administer programs, or who prepare other personnel, in order to—

"(A) support the development and implementation of consumer-responsive comprehensive statewide programs of technology-related assistance to individuals with disabilities; and

"(B) enhance the skills and competencies of individuals involved in the provision of technology-related assistance, including assistive technology devices and assistive technology services, to individuals with disabilities.

"(3) **USES OF FUNDS.**—An agency or organization that receives a grant under paragraph (1) may use amounts made available through the grant to—

"(A) pay for a portion of the cost of courses of training or study related to technology-related assistance; and

"(B) establish and maintain scholarships related to such courses of training or study, with such stipends and allowances as the Secretary may determine to be appropriate.

"(4) **APPLICATION.**—

"(A) **IN GENERAL.**—To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, an agency or organization shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require.

"(B) **STRATEGIES.**—At a minimum, any such application shall include a detailed description of the strategies that the agency or organization will use to recruit and train persons to provide technology-related assistance, in order to—

"(i) increase the extent to which such persons reflect the diverse populations of the United States; and

"(ii) increase the number of individuals with disabilities, and individuals who are members of minority groups, who are available to provide such assistance.

"(c) **GRANTS TO HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES.**—In exercising the authority granted in subsections (a) and (b), the Secretary shall reserve an adequate amount for grants to historically black colleges and universities and other institutions of higher education whose minority student enrollment is at least 50 percent.

"SEC. 212. **TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER.**

"The Secretary shall enter into an agreement with an organization whose primary function is to promote technology transfer from, and cooperation among, Federal laboratories (as defined in section 4(6) of the Stevenson-Wylder Technology Innovation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3703(6))), under which funds shall be provided to promote technology transfer that will spur the development of assistive technology devices.

"SEC. 213. **DEVICE AND EQUIPMENT REDISTRIBUTION INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND RECYCLING CENTERS.**

"(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall make grants to, or enter into contracts or cooperative agreements with, public agencies, private entities, or institutions of higher education for the purpose of developing and establishing recycling projects.

"(b) **PROJECT ACTIVITIES.**—Such recycling projects may include—

"(1) a system for accepting, on an unconditional gift basis, assistive technology devices, including a process for valuing the devices and evaluating their use and potential;

"(2) a system for storing and caring for such devices;

"(3) an information system (including computer databases) by which local educational agencies, rehabilitation entities, local community-based organizations, independent living centers, and other entities, would be informed, on a periodic and timely basis, about the availability and nature of the devices currently held; and

"(4) a system that makes such devices available to consumers and the entities listed in paragraph (3), and provides for tracking each device throughout the useful life of the device.

"(c) **MULTIPLE PROVIDERS.**—

"(1) **IN GENERAL.**—With respect to activities funded under this section, an agency, entity, or institution may utilize a single service provider or may establish a system of service providers.

"(2) **ASSURANCES.**—If an agency, entity, or institution uses multiple providers, the agency, entity, or institution shall assure that—

"(A) all consumers within a State will receive equal access to services, regardless of the geographic location or socioeconomic status of the consumers; and

"(B) all activities of the providers will be coordinated and monitored by the agency, entity, or institution.

"(d) **OTHER LAWS.**—Nothing in this section shall affect the provision of services or devices pursuant to title I of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 720 et seq.) or part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1411 et seq.).

"(e) **EXISTING PROGRAMS.**—Public agencies, private entities, or institutions of higher education that have established recycling programs prior to receiving assistance under this section may use funds made available under this section to extend and strengthen such programs through grants, contracts, or agreements under this section.

"SEC. 214. **BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.**

"The Secretary may make grants to individuals with disabilities to enable the individuals to establish or operate commercial or other enterprises that develop or market assistive technology devices or assistive technology services.

"SEC. 215. **PRODUCTS OF UNIVERSAL DESIGN.**

"The Secretary may make grants to commercial or other enterprises and institutions of higher education for the research and development of products of universal design. In awarding such grants, the Secretary shall give preference to enterprises that are owned or operated by individuals with disabilities.

"SEC. 216. **GOVERNING STANDARDS FOR ACTIVITIES.**

"Persons and entities that carry out activities pursuant to this subtitle shall—

"(1) be held to the same consumer-responsive standards as the persons and entities carrying out programs under title I;

"(2) make available to individuals with disabilities and their family members, guardians, advocates, and authorized representatives information concerning technology-related assistance in a form that will allow such individuals with disabilities to effectively use such information;

"(3) in preparing such information for dissemination, consider the media-related needs of individuals with disabilities who have sensory and cognitive limitations and consider the use of auditory materials, including audio cassettes, visual materials, including video cassettes and video discs, and braille materials; and

"(4) coordinate their efforts with the consumer-responsive comprehensive statewide program of technology-related assistance for individuals with disabilities in any State in which the activities are carried out.

"Subtitle C—Authorization of Appropriations

"SEC. 221. **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

"There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this title \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 1994, and such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 1995 through 1998."

### TITLE III—ALTERNATIVE FINANCING MECHANISMS

SEC. 301. **ALTERNATIVE FINANCING MECHANISMS AUTHORIZED.**

The Act (29 U.S.C. 2201 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

#### "TITLE III—ALTERNATIVE FINANCING MECHANISMS

"SEC. 301. **GENERAL AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE FINANCING MECHANISMS.**

"(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall award grants to States to pay for the Federal share of the cost of the establishment and administration of, or the expansion and administration of, alternative financing mechanisms (referred to individually in this title as an 'alternative financing mechanism') to allow individuals with disabilities and their family members, guardians, and authorized representatives to purchase assistive technology devices and assistive technology services.

"(b) **MECHANISMS.**—The alternative financing mechanisms may include—

"(1) a low-interest loan fund;  
 "(2) a revolving fund;  
 "(3) a loan insurance program;  
 "(4) a partnership with private entities for the purchase, lease, or other acquisition of assistive technology devices or the provision of assistive technology services; and  
 "(5) other alternative financing mechanisms that meet the requirements of this Act and are approved by the Secretary.

"(c) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed as affecting the authority of a State to establish alternative financing mechanisms under title I.

**"SEC. 302. APPLICATIONS AND PROCEDURES.**

"(a) ELIGIBILITY.—States that receive or have received grants under section 102 or 103 shall be eligible to compete for grants under section 301.

"(b) REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary shall make grants under section 301 under such conditions as the Secretary shall, by regulation, determine, except that—

"(1) a State may receive only 1 grant under section 301 and may only receive such a grant for 1 year under this title;

"(2) a State that desires to receive a grant under section 301 shall submit an application to the Secretary, at such time and in such manner as the Secretary may require, containing—

"(A) an assurance that the State will provide at least 50 percent of the cost described in section 301(a), as set forth in section 304, for the purpose of supporting the alternative financing mechanisms that are covered by the grant;

"(B) an assurance that an alternative financing mechanism will continue on a permanent basis; and

"(C) a description of the degree to which the alternative financing mechanisms to be funded under section 301 will expand and emphasize consumer choice and control;

"(3) a State that receives a grant under section 301—

"(A) shall enter into a contract, with a community-based organization (or a consortia of such organizations) that has individuals with disabilities involved at all organizational levels, for the administration of the alternative financing mechanisms that are supported under section 301; and

"(B) shall require that such community-based organization enter into a contract, for the purpose of expanding opportunities under section 301 and facilitating the administration of the alternative financing mechanisms, with—

"(i) commercial lending institutions or organizations; or

"(ii) State financing agencies; and

"(4) a contract between a State that receives a grant under section 301 and a community-based organization described in paragraph (3)—

"(A) shall include a provision regarding the administration of the Federal and the non-Federal shares in a manner consistent with the provisions of this title; and

"(B) shall include any provision required by the Secretary dealing with oversight and evaluation as may be necessary to protect the financial interests of the United States.

**"SEC. 303. GRANT ADMINISTRATION REQUIREMENTS.**

"A State that receives a grant under section 301, together with any community-based organization that enters into a contract with the State to administer an alternative financing mechanism that is supported under section 301, shall develop and submit to the Secretary, pursuant to a timeline that the Secretary may establish or, if the Secretary does not establish a timeline, within the 12-month period beginning on the date that the State receives the grant, the following policies or procedures for administration of the mechanism:

"(1) A procedure to review and process in a timely fashion requests for financial assistance for both immediate and potential technology needs, including consideration of methods to re-

duce paperwork and duplication of effort, particularly relating to need, eligibility, and determination of the specific device or service to be provided.

"(2) A policy and procedure to assure that access to the alternative financing mechanism shall be given to consumers regardless of type of disability, age, location of residence in the State, or type of assistive technology device or assistive technology service requested and shall be made available to applicants of all income levels.

"(3) A procedure to assure consumer-controlled oversight.

**"SEC. 304. FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS.**

"(a) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of the costs described in section 301(a) shall be not more than 50 percent.

"(b) REQUIREMENTS.—A State that desires to receive a grant under section 301 shall include in the application submitted under section 302 assurances that the State will meet the following requirements regarding funds supporting an alternative financing mechanism assisted under section 301:

"(1) The State shall make available the funds necessary to provide the non-Federal share of the costs described in section 301(a), in cash, from State, local, or private sources.

"(2) Funds that support an alternative financing mechanism assisted under section 301—

"(A) shall be used to supplement and not supplant other Federal, State, and local public funds expended to provide public funding options; and

"(B) may only be distributed through the entity carrying out the alternative financing mechanism as a payer of last resort for assistance that is not available in a reasonable or timely fashion from any other Federal, State, or local source.

"(3) All funds that support an alternative financing mechanism assisted under section 301, including funds repaid during the life of the mechanism, shall be placed in a permanent separate account and identified and accounted for separately from any other fund. Funds within this account may be invested in low-risk securities in which a regulated insurance company may invest under the law of the State for which the grant is provided and shall be administered with the same judgment and care that a person of prudence, discretion, and intelligence would exercise in the management of the financial affairs of such person.

"(4) Funds comprised of the principal and interest from an account described in paragraph (3) shall be available to support an alternative financing mechanism assisted under section 301. Any interest or investment income that accrues on such funds after such funds have been placed under the control of the entity administering the mechanism, but before such funds are distributed for purposes of supporting the mechanism, shall be the property of the entity administering the mechanism and shall not be taken into account by any officer or employee of the Federal Government for any purpose.

**"SEC. 305. AMOUNT OF GRANTS.**

"(a) AMOUNT.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), a grant under section 301 shall be for an amount that is not more than \$500,000.

"(2) INCREASES.—Such a grant may be increased by any additional funds made available under subsection (b).

"(b) EXCESS FUNDS.—If funds appropriated under section 308 for a fiscal year exceed the amount necessary to fund the activities described in acceptable applications submitted under section 302 for such year, the Secretary shall make such excess amount available, on a competitive basis, to States receiving grants under section 301 for such year. A State that desires to receive additional funds under this subsection shall amend and resubmit to the Secretary the application submitted under section

302. Such amended application shall contain an assurance that the State will provide an additional amount for the purpose of supporting the alternative financing mechanisms covered by the grant that is not less than the amount of any additional funds paid to the State by the Secretary under this subsection.

"(c) INSUFFICIENT FUNDS.—If funds appropriated under section 308 for a fiscal year are not sufficient to fund each of the activities described in the acceptable applications for such year, a State whose application was approved as acceptable for such year but that did not receive a grant under section 301, may update such application for the succeeding fiscal year. Priority shall be given in such succeeding fiscal year to such updated applications, if acceptable.

**"SEC. 306. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.**

"(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall provide information and technical assistance to States under this title, and the information and technical assistance shall include—

"(1) assisting States in the preparation of applications for grants under section 301;

"(2) assisting States that receive such grants in developing and implementing alternative financing mechanisms; and

"(3) providing any other information and technical assistance to assist States in accomplishing the objectives of this title.

"(b) GRANTS, CONTRACTS, AND AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary shall provide the information and technical assistance described in subsection (a) through grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements with public or private agencies and organizations, including institutions of higher education, with documented experience, expertise, and capacity to assist States in the development and implementation of the alternative financing mechanisms described in section 301.

**"SEC. 307. ANNUAL REPORT.**

"(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than December 31 of each year, the Secretary shall submit a report to the Congress stating whether each State program to provide alternative financing mechanisms that was supported under section 301 during the year is making significant progress in achieving the objectives of this title.

"(b) CONTENTS.—The report shall include information on—

"(1) the number of applications for grants under section 301 that were received by the Secretary;

"(2) the number of grants made and the amounts of such grants;

"(3) the ratio of the amount of funds provided by each State for a State program to provide alternative financing mechanisms to the amount of Federal funds provided for such program;

"(4) the type of program to provide alternative financing mechanisms that was adopted in each State and the community-based organization (or consortia of such organizations) with which each State has entered into a contract; and

"(5) the amount of assistance given to consumers (who shall be classified by age, type of disability, type of assistive technology device or assistive technology service received, geographic distribution within the State, gender, and whether the consumers are part of an underrepresented population or a rural population).

**"SEC. 308. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

"(a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this title \$8,000,000 for fiscal year 1994, and such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 1995 through 1998.

"(b) AVAILABILITY IN SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEAR.—Amounts appropriated under subsection (a) shall remain available for obligation for the fiscal year immediately following the fiscal year for which such amounts were appropriated.

"(c) RESERVATION.—Of the amounts appropriated under subsection (a), the Secretary shall reserve \$250,000 for the purpose of providing information and technical assistance to States under section 306."



**TITLE IV—AMENDMENTS TO OTHER ACTS**  
**SEC. 401. INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT.**

Section 631(a)(1) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1431(a)(1)) is amended—

(1) by striking “, and” at the end of subparagraph (D) and inserting a comma;

(2) by striking the period at the end of subparagraph (E) and inserting “, and”;

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(F) training in the use, applications, and benefits of assistive technology devices and assistive technology services (as defined in paragraphs (2) and (3) of section 3 of the Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals With Disabilities Act of 1988 (29 U.S.C. 2202 (2) and (3))).”

**SEC. 402. REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973.**

(a) **NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DISABILITY AND REHABILITATION RESEARCH.**—Section 202(b)(8) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 701a(b)(8)) is amended by striking “characteristics of individuals with disabilities” and inserting “characteristics of individuals with disabilities, including information on individuals with disabilities who live in rural or inner-city settings, with particular attention given to underserved populations.”

(b) **TRAINING.**—Section 302(b)(1)(B) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 771a(b)(1)(B)), as added by section 302(b) of Public Law 102-569 (106 Stat. 4412), is amended—

(1) by striking “, and” at the end of clause (ii) and inserting a semicolon;

(2) by striking the period at the end of clause (iii) and inserting “, and”;

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(iv) projects to train personnel in the use, applications, and benefits of assistive technology devices and assistive technology services (as defined in paragraphs (2) and (3) of section 3 of the Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals With Disabilities Act of 1988 (29 U.S.C. 2202 (2) and (3))).”

**SEC. 403. ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE HEAD START ACT.**

Section 644(f) of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9839(f)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) by inserting “, or to request approval of the purchase (after December 31, 1986) of facilities,” after “to purchase facilities”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following: “The Secretary shall suspend any proceedings pending against any Head Start agency to claim costs incurred in purchasing such facilities until the agency has been afforded an opportunity to apply for approval of the purchase and the Secretary has determined whether the purchase will be approved. The Secretary shall not be required to repay claims previously satisfied by Head Start agencies for costs incurred in the purchase of such facilities.”; and

(2) in paragraph (2)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “or that was previously purchased” before the semicolon;

(B) in subparagraph (C)—

(i) by inserting “, or the previous purchase has resulted,” after “purchase will result” in clause (i); and

(ii) in clause (ii)—

(I) by inserting “, or would have prevented,” after “will prevent”; and

(II) by striking “and” at the end;

(C) by redesignating subparagraph (D) as subparagraph (E); and

(D) by inserting after subparagraph (C) the following:

“(D) in the case of a request regarding a previously purchased facility, information demonstrating that the facility will be used principally as a Head Start center, or a direct support facility for a Head Start program; and”.

**SEC. 404. TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

(a) **ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY DEVICE.**—Section 7(23) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C.

706(23)), as added by section 102(n) of Public Law 102-569 (106 Stat. 4350), is amended—

(1) by striking “(1)” and inserting “(2)”;

and

(2) by striking “2202(1)” and inserting “2202(2)”.

(b) **ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY SERVICE.**—Section 7(24) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 706(24)), as added by section 102(n) of Public Law 102-569 (106 Stat. 4350), is amended—

(1) by striking “(2)” and inserting “(3)”;

and

(2) by striking “2202(2)” and inserting “2202(3)”.

**TITLE V—EFFECTIVE DATE**

**SEC. 801. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Act, this Act and the amendments made by this Act shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act.

(b) **COMPLIANCE.**—Each State receiving a grant under the Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals With Disabilities Act of 1988 shall comply with the amendments made by this Act—

(1) as soon as practicable after the date of the enactment of this Act, consistent with the effective and efficient administration of the Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals With Disabilities Act of 1988; but

(2) not later than—

(A) the next date on which the State receives an award through a grant under section 102 or 103 of such Act; or

(B) October 1, 1994,

whichever is sooner.

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I rise today in strong support of the bill, H.R. 2339, the Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals With Disabilities Act Amendments of 1994, as modified by S. 1283, and as further modified through negotiations between the House and the Senate, hereinafter referred to as “the bill”.

I am proud to have sponsored S. 1283, the companion bill to H.R. 2339, along with Senator DURENBERGER and others. I want to especially thank Senator DURENBERGER for his excellent leadership during the reauthorization process. He has worked long and hard on this bill and deserves credit for his commitment to enhancing opportunities for people with disabilities.

I also want to thank the chairman of the Committee on Labor and Human Resources, Senator KENNEDY, and the ranking minority member, Senator KASSEBAUM, for their leadership and guidance in crafting this legislation.

In addition, I want to thank our colleagues from the other body, particularly Representatives OWENS, BALLENGER, FORD, and GOODLING for their dedication and hard work in crafting the bill and in reaching the final agreement contained in the amended bill.

Finally, I want to pay tribute to the staff members who contributed to this legislation, including Bob Silverstein, Linda Hinton, and Andy Imparato of my staff; Susan Heegaard of Senator DURENBERGER's staff; and Wendy Cramer of Senator KASSEBAUM's staff.

In reaching this final bill, we received constructive advice from the administration and from many organizations, groups, and individuals. In particular, I want to express my gratitude

to Judy Heumann, the Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services and her dedicated staff, and the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities.

As is always the case when the two Houses of Congress pass companion bills, the Senate version was not enacted in its entirety. However, I am pleased that the final bill contains all of the Senate provisions necessary to achieve the goals set out by the Subcommittee on Disability Policy for reauthorizing the Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals With Disabilities Act of 1988.

Briefly, I would like to summarize some of the important provisions in the final bill. I also ask unanimous consent to include correspondence between the House and the Senate regarding the sunset provision.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

(See exhibit 1.)

**INTRODUCTION**

Mr. HARKIN. In 1988, Congress passed the Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities Act, Public Law 100-407, a law authorizing a competitive grant program to the States to enable States to designate lead agencies to coordinate activities designed to facilitate access to, provision of, and funding for, assistive technology devices and services for individuals with disabilities.

For all people, technology can provide important tools for making the performance of tasks quicker and easier. However, for some individuals with disabilities, technology is necessary to enable them to have greater control over their lives and participate fully in activities in their home, school, and work environments, and in their communities.

An assistive technology device is defined in the law to be “any item, piece of equipment, or product system, whether acquired commercially off the shelf, modified, or customized, that is used to increase, maintain, or improve functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities.”

H.R. 2339, The Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities Act Amendments of 1994, as modified by S. 1283 and as further modified through negotiations between the House and the Senate, hereinafter referred to as “the bill”, reauthorizes this competitive program for 5 years and requires States to emphasize activities that are likely to produce permanent systems change so that the progress made with grant funds will continue after those funds sunset.

**MAJOR CHANGES TO TITLE I—REAUTHORIZATION PERIOD AND SUNSET**

The bill reauthorizes the Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities Act for another 5 years. Although this bill reauthorizes the program for 5 years, it also clarifies that no State may receive funding under title I for more than 10 years in total.

To underscore this point, correspondence has been included in the RECORD between the chair and ranking members of the subcommittees with jurisdiction in the House and Senate which clarifies that no State shall receive funding under title I of this act for more than 10 years.

Under title I, each State is eligible to compete for one 3-year development grant; one 2-year extension grant—first extension grant; and one 5-year extension grant—second extension grant. During a State's second extension grant, Federal funds will be reduced to 75 percent of the grant amount in the fourth year and 50 percent in the fifth year, after which time Federal funding ceases. During its maximum period of 10 years of Federal funding, each State is expected to enable the program to continue on a permanent basis when Federal funding is terminated.

#### PRIORITY AREA ACTIVITIES

States receiving title I grants to develop and implement a consumer responsive comprehensive program of technology-related assistance will be expected to perform six specified priority systems change and advocacy activities, unless they make a showing that they are making significant progress in these areas and that other activities would be more likely to accomplish the purposes of the act. The act sets forth a range of permitted activities in addition to the priority activities.

#### PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY SERVICES

Protection and advocacy services shall be provided by each State in one of two ways. A State either may provide funds directly to a specific protection and advocacy system in that State, or a State may request that the Secretary of Education annually reserve, from the funds made available to the State under title I, an amount of funds to provide to the protection and advocacy system in that State. There is also a grandfather provision that enables States who otherwise were providing protection and advocacy services as of June 30, 1993, to continue to do so. In any case, the protection and advocacy entity is required to coordinate activities with the technology program activities in the State.

The minimum amount that a State, or the Secretary of Education on behalf of a State, must spend on protection and advocacy services shall be determined by the Secretary of Education, based on the size of the State's title I grant, the needs of individuals with disabilities within the State, the population of the State, and the geographic size of the State. Such minimum amount shall be not less than \$40,000 and not more than \$100,000. This amount will be reduced to 75 percent and 50 percent during the fourth and fifth years of a State's second extension grant, with no Federal funds available for protection and advocacy services under title I after the fifth year of the second extension grant.

The protection and advocacy service provider in each State also is subject to redesignation if significant progress is not made in providing such services to individuals with disabilities in the State.

#### CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS

The bill includes an explicit process for a State to follow if it becomes subject to a corrective action plan, which would occur if the State does not make significant progress in developing a consumer responsive comprehensive statewide program of technology-related assistance. The process involves the development of a plan, the appointment of a monitoring panel to ensure that the plan is followed, and a recommendation from the monitoring panel to the Secretary of Education regarding whether the State lead agency should be redesignated. The Governor retains the responsibility for making any such redesignation, if the Secretary concurs with the recommendation of the monitoring panel.

#### TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The Secretary of Education must provide information and technical assistance to participating States, as well as to individuals with disabilities directly. This provision requires the Secretary to meet the information and technical assistance needs not just of the State grantees, but also of individuals with disabilities and others within the States.

#### AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

The sum of \$50 million is authorized to carry out title I in fiscal year 1994, and such sums thereafter through fiscal year 1998. Two percent of funds appropriated, or \$1.5 million, whichever is greater, shall be reserved by the Secretary of Education for the purpose of providing information and technical assistance.

#### MAJOR CHANGES TO TITLE II

The Secretary of Education must develop a national classification system for assistive technology devices and services. This will be used to determine whether devices are eligible for tax deductions or credits, and for other purposes.

Title II projects include grants for training, technology transfer, recycling demonstration projects, business opportunities for individuals with disabilities, and developing projects of universal design.

The sum of \$10 million is authorized to carry out title II in fiscal year 1994, and such sums thereafter through fiscal year 1998. And \$200,000 of funds appropriated in fiscal year 1995 shall be reserved by the Secretary of Education for the purpose of developing the national classification system for assistive technology devices and services.

#### MAJOR CHANGES TO TITLE III

The Secretary of Education shall award one-time matching grants of not more than \$500,000 to States for the purpose of establishing alternative financing mechanisms through which

consumers can obtain funds to purchase assistive technology devices and services.

The sum of \$8 million is authorized to carry out title III in fiscal year 1994, and such sums thereafter through fiscal year 1998. \$225,000 of such funds shall be reserved for the purpose of providing States with information and technical assistance under this title.

#### EXHIBIT 1

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND LABOR,  
Washington, DC, February 4, 1994.

Hon. TOM HARKIN,  
Chairman, Subcommittee on Disability Policy,  
Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee,  
Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: We are writing to clarify Congressional intent in H.R. 2339 with regard to the sunset provision as it relates to a five year reauthorization for the Technology Related Assistance Act for Individuals with Disabilities.

It is our intent that States receiving grants under Title I of the Technology-Related Assistance Act for Individuals with Disabilities will receive grants under this title for not more than a total of 10 years. Included in that 10 years are: one three-year development grant, one 2-year extension of that development grant if the State demonstrates to the Secretary of Education that they have made significant progress in developing and implementing a consumer-responsive, comprehensive, statewide program of technology-related assistance, and one 5 year second extension grant based on the above requirement. In year four and five, a phase-out of the second extension grant will occur with a State receiving 75% of their grant award in year four and 50% of their grant award in year five. After the fifth and final year of the second extension grant, no State will receive any Federal funds under Title I of this Act.

While we understand your concerns that the length of the authorization for this Act should be five years for purposes of oversight, it is our intent that no State should receive Federal assistance under Title I of this Act, the State grant program, for more than ten years. As you may recall, in 1968 when this program was created, the original Congressional intent was to provide Federal seed money to States to help them develop and implement consumer-responsive, comprehensive statewide programs of technology-related assistance. We do not believe that the Congress intended for this program to become a permanent Federal grant program and it is for that reason that we strongly support this sunset provision.

We hope that this is your understanding of the sunset and five-year reauthorization provisions of H.R. 2339 so that we can ensure this policy is clearly explained during the House and Senate floor debate when this bill is considered. We appreciate your consideration of this issue and look forward to hearing your views.

Sincerely,

MAJOR OWENS,  
Member of Congress.  
CASS BALLENGER  
Member of Congress.

COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND  
HUMAN RESOURCES,  
Washington, DC, February 7, 1994

HON. MAJOR OWENS,  
HON. CASS BALLENGER,  
Subcommittee on Select Education and Civil  
Rights, Committee on Education and Labor,  
Rayburn House Office Building, Washing-  
ton, DC.

DEAR MR. OWENS AND MR. BALLENGER: We are in receipt of your February 4, 1994 letters seeking a clarification of congressional intent in H.R. 2339 with regard to the sunset provision as it relates to a five year reauthorization for the Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities Act.

We fully concur with your understanding of the policy in the bill regarding the above referenced provisions.

Sincerely,

TOM HARKIN,  
Chair, Subcommittee  
on Disability Policy.  
DAVID DURENBERGER,  
Ranking, Subcommittee  
on Disability  
Policy.

Mr. MITCHELL. Mr. President, I move that the Senate concur in the House amendment.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. MITCHELL. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the action by which the motion was agreed to.

Mr. DOLE. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

#### ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. MITCHELL. Mr. President, my understanding is that there is now to be a period for morning business. We are awaiting clearance on one final matter regarding the Federal employees management legislation. Therefore, I will be pleased to yield the floor at this time.

I understand the Republican leader has a statement. And then when we get clearance on that matter, which I hope to be shortly, we will proceed to that.

#### MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business with Senators permitted to speak therein for not to exceed 10 minutes each.

The Republican leader is recognized.

#### ACQUITTAL OF SENATOR KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I rise today to report some great news for the Senate which should be welcomed universally on both sides of the aisle. Our colleague from Texas, KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON, was acquitted today of charges brought against her in a court in Fort Worth. This is great news for KAY and her husband Ray, great news for the people of Texas, and great news for the Senate.

My view has always been that the charges brought against Senator

HUTCHISON were a politically motivated attempt at character assassination. The real crime here was letting fairness take a back seat to politics. Political show trials have no place in Texas, and no place in America. Today's acquittal confirms what we have been saying all along.

And hopefully this verdict today will set a valuable example—it is time to stop politically motivated legal harassment of public officials, whether they are Democrat or Republican. If a legitimate case can be made, that is one thing. But, as today's verdict indicates, these things can get out of hand. When the facts are not there to support a legitimate prosecution—no matter whether you are a Democrat or a Republican—it is nothing more than a politically motivated witch hunt. That is a shame, and it has to stop.

I hope that is one thing that comes out of this effort by this district attorney, who unsuccessfully a couple of times started a trial and today finally gave up.

I had the opportunity of speaking with Senator HUTCHISON about an hour ago. Obviously, she is elated, and should be, and feels she has been exonerated, as she has, and vindicated, as she has. And I know she looks forward to returning to the Senate when we come back from the recess.

I know I speak for all of my colleagues when I say we look forward to welcoming back this dedicated and talented public servant.

Mr. WARNER addressed the Chair.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Virginia.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I commend our distinguished Republican leader. Our faith in our colleague from Texas never wavered a moment on this side of the aisle. Indeed, I think that sentiment was shared by many on the other side of the aisle. This woman in many respects has a badge of courage and firmness that I wish more of us had.

Mr. President, I would like now to be recognized as if in morning business.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator is recognized for up to 10 minutes.

#### THE SITUATION IN BOSNIA

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, Wednesday evening, I was privileged to be included in the congressional leadership group that went to the White House to consult with the President of the United States and members of his Cabinet and other senior advisers on a range of foreign policy issues, but primarily those relating to Bosnia.

At that meeting, I expressed my concerns about an expanded use of air power in Bosnia. I have done that many times on this floor, most often in conjunction with our noted and experienced colleague, Senator MCCAIN.

I also expressed my belief that it is essential, and I repeat—it is essential—that the Congress at the earliest oppor-

tunity begin a full and thorough debate regarding the next evolution of the Bosnia policy. We should do that before committing our men and women of the Armed Forces to what appears to be a tragic and never-ending conflict.

Bosnia, in my judgment, poses one of the most complex political-diplomatic-military equations that we have had to face in recent times.

We have great compassion for the suffering of the Bosnian people, suffering which has been vividly portrayed to us through vivid television coverage. We are moved; we are concerned; we are compassionate. But we must not let our foreign policy be dictated by our emotions. We must carefully, patiently, and thoroughly assess what the strategic interests of this country are in that part of the world, and the extent to which we are willing to commit our Armed Forces and our tax dollars to resolve that conflict.

We must try to understand the complexity of the conflict. There is so little clarity. There are so few options. Yet, we are now faced with a new policy, a policy by which we are going to become more heavily committed militarily in that conflict. For some period of time, our naval forces, our air forces, and some small elements of other types of our military forces have been engaged in various noncombat missions in Bosnia. But now we are on the brink of involving ourselves in outright combat situations with the use of air power.

The Congress is now confronted with a situation with certain parallels to our experience in Somalia. From the time the Somalia operation was transferred to United Nations control in May 1993, the objectives of United States policy and the mission of United States military forces went through a series of evolutions.

Few in Congress expressed our views as we went from one evolution to the next. I have gone back and read the RECORD on this issue. One or two Members addressed this body, but we as a body really did not give that serious situation the attention it deserved, nor did we go on record with a vote and express ourselves with clarity, prior to the tragic events of October 3-4 in Somalia.

The Congress followed the proper course prior to the Persian Gulf conflict. I brought with me today the resolution that was adopted by this body, Senate Joint Resolution 2, where by a very narrow margin of but five votes, we expressed with clarity our intention to back the President of the United States and to give him the discretion as Commander in Chief to utilize force when and if he believed it was necessary in the Persian Gulf operation. Together with our allies, that operation was brought to a successful conclusion.

I return, however, to Somalia. Again, we had a series of policy evolutions, with very little attention given by the Congress to the charges. And then, on