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In compliance with rule XXVI paragraph 12 of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following provides a print of the statute or the part or section thereof to be amended or replaced (existing law proposed to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets, new matter is printed in italic, existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

Library Services and Construction Act

(Public Law 597, 84th Congress)

Sec. 3. *

(2) "Construction" includes construction of new buildings and acquisition, expansion, remodeling, and alteration of existing buildings and initial equipment of any such buildings, or any combination of such activities (including architects' fees and the cost of acquisition of land). Such term includes remodeling to meet standards under the Act of August 12, 1968, commonly known as the "Architectural Barriers Act of 1968", remodeling designed to conserve energy, renovation or remodeling to accommodate new technologies, and the purchase of existing historic buildings for conversion to public libraries. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "equipment" includes machinery, utilities, and built-in equipment and any necessary enclosures or structures to house them; and such term includes all other items necessary for the functioning of a particular facility as a facility for the provision of library services.

ADD NEW SEC. 3 PARAGRAPHS AT END:

(17) The term "handicapped individual" means an individual who is physically or mentally impaired, visually impaired, or hearing impaired.
(18) The term "network" means any local, statewide, regional, or interstate cooperative association of library entities which provide for the systematic and effective coordination of the resources of school, public, academic, and special libraries and information centers for improved supplementary services for the clientele served by each type of library entity.

(19) The term "technology enhancement" means the acquisition, installation, maintenance, or replacement, of substantial technological equipment (including library bibliographic automation equipment) necessary to provide access to information in electronic and other formats made possible by new information and communications technologies.

AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

Sec. 4. (a) There are authorized to be appropriated—
(1) for the purpose of making grants as provided in title I, $75,000,000 for fiscal year 1985, $80,000,000 for fiscal year 1986, $85,000,000 for fiscal year 1987, $90,000,000 for fiscal year 1988, and $95,000,000 for fiscal year 1989;
(2) for the purpose of making grants as provided in title II, $50,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, and 1989;
(3) for the purpose of making grants as provided in title III, $20,000,000 for fiscal year 1985, $25,000,000 for fiscal year 1986, $30,000,000 for fiscal year 1987, $35,000,000 for fiscal year 1988, and $40,000,000 for fiscal year 1989;
(4) for the purpose of making grants as provided in title V, $7,000,000, for each of the fiscal years 1985, 1986, 1987, and 1988; and
(5) for the purpose of making grants as provided in title VI, $5,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1985, 1986, 1987, and 1988.

There shall be available for the purpose of making grants under title IV for each of the fiscal years 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, and 1989, 1.5 per centum of the amount appropriated pursuant to each of clauses (1), (2), and (3) for each such fiscal year. There shall be available for the purpose of making grants under section 5(d) for such fiscal years 0.5 per centum of the amount appropriated pursuant to each of such clauses for each such fiscal year.
SEC. 4. (a) There are authorized to be appropriated—

(1) for the purpose of making grants as provided in title I, $100,000,000 for fiscal year 1990 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the 4 succeeding fiscal years;

(2) for the purpose of making grants as provided in title II, $55,000,000 for fiscal year 1990 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the 4 succeeding fiscal years;

(3) for the purpose of making grants as provided in title III, $35,000,000 for fiscal year 1990 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the 4 succeeding fiscal years;

(4) for the purpose of making grants as provided in title V, $1,000,000 for fiscal year 1990 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the 4 succeeding fiscal years;

(5) for the purpose of making grants as provided in title VI, $10,000,000 for fiscal year 1990 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the 4 succeeding fiscal years; and
(6) for the purpose of activities as provided in title VII, $500,000 for fiscal year 1990, and such sums as may be necessary each of the 4 succeeding fiscal years. There shall be available for the purpose of making grants under title IV for each of the fiscal years 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, and 1994, 1.5 percent of the amount appropriated pursuant to each of paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) for each such fiscal year. There shall be available for the purpose of making grants under section 5(d) for such fiscal years 0.5 percent of the amount appropriated pursuant to each of such paragraphs for each such fiscal year.
(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, unless enacted in express limitation of the provisions of this subsection, any sums appropriated pursuant to subsection (a) shall (1), in the case of sums appropriated pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (3) thereof, be available for obligation and expenditure for the period of time specified in the Act making such appropriation, and (2), in the case of sums appropriated pursuant to paragraph (2) thereof, subject to regulations of the Secretary promulgated in carrying out the provisions of section 5(b), be available for obligation and expenditure for the next succeeding year.

Sec. 5. (a) (1) From the sums appropriated pursuant to clause (1), (2), or (3) of section 4(a) for any fiscal year, the Secretary shall allot the minimum allotment, as determined under paragraph (3) of this subsection, to each State. Any sums remaining after minimum allotments have been made shall be allotted in the manner set forth in paragraph (2) of this subsection.

(2) From the remainder of any sums appropriated pursuant to clause (1), (2), or (3) of section 4(a) for any fiscal year, the Secretary shall allot to each State such part of such remainder as the population of the State bears to the population of all the States.

(3) For the purposes of this subsection, the "minimum allotment" shall be—

(A) with respect to appropriations for the purposes of title I, $200,000 for each State, except that it shall be $40,000 in the case of Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands;

(B) with respect to appropriations for the purposes of title II, $100,000 for each State, except that it shall be $20,000 in the case of Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands; and

(C) with respect to appropriations for the purposes of title III, $40,000 for each State, except that it shall be $10,000 in the case of Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

If the sums appropriated pursuant to clause (1), (2), or (3) of section 4(a) for any fiscal year are insufficient to fully satisfy the aggregate of the minimum allotments for that purpose, each of such minimum allotments shall be reduced ratably.

(4) The population of each State and of all the States shall be determined by the Secretary on the basis of the most recent satisfactory data available to him.

(5) There is hereby authorized for the purpose of evaluation (directly, or by grants or contracts) of programs authorized by this Act, such sums as Congress may deem necessary for any fiscal year. Any.....

(6) The amount of any State's allotment under subsection (a) for any fiscal year from any appropriation made pursuant to clause (1), (2), or (3) of section 4(a) which the Secretary deems will not be required for the period and the purpose for which such allotment is available for carrying out the State's annual program shall be available for reallocation from time to time on such dates during the period.
(c)(1) From the sums available pursuant to the second sentence of section 4(a) for any fiscal year, the Secretary shall allot an equal amount to each Indian tribe. Grants from such allotted amounts shall be made to Indian tribes which have submitted approved applications under section 403.

(2) Any allotted funds for which an Indian tribe does not apply, or applies but does not qualify, shall be reallocated by the Secretary among Indian tribes which have submitted approved plans under section 404. In making such allocations (A) no funds shall be allocated to an Indian tribe unless such funds will be administered by a librarian, and (B) the Secretary shall take into account the needs of Indian tribes for such allocations to carry out the activities described in section 402(b).

(c)(1) From one-half of the sums available pursuant to the second sentence of section 4(a) for any fiscal year, the Secretary shall allot an equal amount to each Indian tribe that submits an approved application under section 403.

(2) From the remaining one-half of the sums available pursuant to such second sentence, the Secretary shall make allocations to Indian tribes that (A) are receiving an allocation under paragraph (1) of this subsection for such fiscal year; and (B) have submitted approved applications under section 404.
(3) In making allocations under paragraph (2)—

(A) no funds shall be allocated to an Indian tribe unless such funds will be administered by a librarian; and

(B) the Secretary shall take into account the needs of Indian tribes for such allocations to carry out the activities described in section 402(b).

(4) In making allocations under this subsection, the Secretary shall take such actions as may be necessary to prevent an allocation from being received to serve the same population by any two or more of the following entities as defined in, or established pursuant to, the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act:

(A) an Alaskan native village,

(B) a regional corporation, or

(C) a village corporation.

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(2) Any Indian tribe desiring to receive an additional allocation under section 5(c)(2) shall submit a plan in accordance with section 404.
(d) The long-range program of any State for carrying out the purposes of this Act shall be developed in consultation with the Secretary and shall—

(1) set forth a program under which the funds received by the State under the programs authorized by this Act will be used to carry out a long-range program of library services and construction covering a period of not less than three nor more than five years;

(h) The Secretary shall coordinate programs under titles V and VI of this Act with the programs assisted by titles I, II, and III of this Act, and shall provide to the head of the State library administrative agency the opportunity to comment on any application for a grant under title V or VI of this Act prior to the awarding of the grant, in order to assure that such grants from the Secretary are for purposes consistent with the long-range program required under subsection (d) of this section.

PAYMENTS

Sec. 7. (a) From the allotments available therefor under section 5 from appropriations pursuant to clause (1), (2), or (3) of section 4(a), the Secretary shall pay to each State which has a basic State plan approved under section 6(a)(1), an annual program and a long-range program as defined in sections 3(12) and (13) an amount equal to the Federal share of the total sums expended by the State and its political subdivisions in carrying out such plan, except that no payments shall be made from appropriations pursuant to such paragraph (1) for the purposes of title I to any State (other than the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands) for any fiscal year unless the Secretary determines that—

(A) sums sufficient to enable the State to receive for the purpose of carrying out the programs payments in an amount not less than the minimum allotment for that State for the purpose,
(b) In fiscal year 1990, and every fifth fiscal year thereafter, each State library agency may review its expenditures in the second fiscal year preceding fiscal year for which the determination is made under the programs from State and local sources and file with the Secretary a statement to establish a current, revised expenditure level to be used for measuring the maintenance of effort required under subsections (a)(1)(B) and (a)(2).

(c) (1) For the purpose of this section, the "Federal share" for any State shall be, except as is provided otherwise in title III, 100 percent less the State percentage, and the State percentage shall be that percentage which bears the same ratio to 50 percent as the per capita income of such State bears to the per capita income of all the States (excluding Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands) and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, except that (A) the Federal share shall in no case be more than 66 percent, or less than 33 percent, and (B) the Federal share for Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands and the Virgin Islands shall be 66 percent, and (C) the Federal share for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands shall be 100 percent.

(2) The "Federal share" for each State shall be promulgated by the Secretary within sixty days after the beginning of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1971, and of every second fiscal year thereafter, on the basis of the average per capita incomes of each of the States and of all the States (excluding Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands), for the three most recent consecutive years for which satisfactory data are available to him from the Department of Commerce. Such promulgation shall be conclusive for each of the two fiscal years beginning after the promulgation.

(d) From the sums available pursuant to the second sentence of section 4(a), the Secretary shall pay to each Indian tribe which has an approved application under section 403 an amount equal to such tribe's allotment under section 5(c)(1) and shall pay to each Indian tribe which has an approved plan under section 404 an amount equal to such tribe's additional allocation under section 6(g)(2), except that such additional allocation shall not exceed 80 percent of the cost of carrying out such plan.

**TITLE I—LIBRARY SERVICES**
Sec. 101. The Secretary shall carry out a program of making grants from sums appropriated pursuant to section 4(a)(1) to States which have approved basic State plans under section 6 and have submitted annual programs under section 103—

(1) for the extension of public library services to areas and populations without such services and the improvement of such services to areas and populations to ensure that such services are adequate to meet user needs and to make library services accessible to individuals who, by reason of distance, residence, handicap, age, literacy level, or other disadvantage, are unable to receive the benefits of public library services regularly made available to the public;

(2) for adapting public library services to meet particular needs of individuals within the States;

(3) for assisting libraries to serve as community information referral centers;

(4) for assisting libraries in providing literacy programs for adults and school dropouts in cooperation with other agencies and organizations, if appropriate;

(5) for assisting libraries in developing intergenerational library programs that will match older adult volunteers with libraries interested in developing after school literacy and reading skills programs for unsupervised school children during afterschool hours;

(6) for assisting libraries in providing mobile library services and programs to licensed or certified child-care providers or child-care centers;

(7) to establish and support model library literacy centers, coordinated by the State library administrative agency with other interested State agencies and nonprofit organizations to reduce the number of functionally illiterate individuals and to help them reach full employment;

(8) for strengthening State library administrative agencies;

(9) for strengthening major urban resource libraries;

(10) for assisting public libraries in making effective use of technology to improve library and information services.
Sec. 102. (a) Funds appropriated pursuant to paragraph (1) of section 4(a) shall be available for grants to States from allotments under section 5(a) for the purpose of paying the Federal share of the cost of carrying out State plans submitted and approved under section 6 and section 103. Except as is provided in subsection (b), grants to States under this title may be used solely—

(1) for planning for, and taking other steps leading to the development of, programs and projects designed to assist libraries to serve as community centers for information and referral and to extend and improve library services, as provided in clause (2);

(2) for (A) extending public library services to geographical areas and groups of persons without such services and improving such services in such areas and for such groups as may have inadequate public library services; and (B) establishing, expanding, and operating programs and projects to provide (i) State institutional library services, (ii) library services to the physically handicapped, and (iii) library services for the disadvantaged in urban and rural areas; and (C) strengthening metropolitan public libraries which serve as national or regional resource centers; and

(3) for supporting and expanding library services of major urban resource libraries which, because of the value of the collections of such libraries to individual users and to other libraries, need special assistance to furnish services at a level required to meet the demands made for such services.

No grant may be made under clause (3) of this subsection unless the major urban resource library provides services to users throughout the regional area in which such library is located.

In carrying out its program to accomplish the purposes of this title, a State may make subgrants to library systems or networks which include libraries other than public libraries, if the purpose of the subgrant is to improve services for public library patrons.

(b) Subject to the provisions of section 8 and such limitations and criteria as the Secretary shall establish by regulation, grants to States under this Act may be used (1) to pay the cost of administering the State plans submitted and approved under this Act (including obtaining the services of consultants), statewide planning for and evaluation of library services, dissemination of information concerning library services, and the activities of such advisory groups and panels as may be necessary to assist the State library administrative agency in carrying out its functions under this title, and (2) for strengthening the capacity of State library administrative agencies for meeting the needs of the people of the States.
(c)(1) Subject to such criteria as the Secretary shall establish by regulation, in any fiscal year in which sums appropriated pursuant to paragraph (1) of section 4(a) (excluding the amount made available for Indian tribes and Hawaiian natives) exceed $60,000,000, each State which is subject to the provisions of this subsection shall reserve that portion of the allotment of each State attributable to the amount in excess of $60,000,000 in that fiscal year in the manner required in paragraph (2).

(2)(A) In each State having one or more cities with a population of 100,000 or more individuals, as determined by the Secretary, and in which the aggregate population of such cities does not exceed 50 percent of the total population of the State, the portion of the excess amount specified in paragraph (1) shall be reserved for the purposes described in subsection (a)(3) of this section in accordance with clause (2) of section 103 in an amount which bears the same ratio to the total of such excess amount as the aggregate population of such cities bears to the total population of such State.

(B) In each State having one or more cities with a population of 100,000 or more individuals, as determined by the Secretary, and in which the aggregate population of such cities exceeds 50 percent of the total population of the State, 50 percent of the excess amount specified in paragraph (1) shall be reserved for the purposes described in subsection (a)(3) in accordance with clause (2) of section 103.

(C) Any State which does not include any city with a population of 100,000 or more individuals, as determined by the Secretary, shall not be subject to the provisions of this subsection.

(3) No State shall, in carrying out the provisions of paragraph (2) of this subsection, reduce the amount paid to any major urban resource library below the amount that such library received in the year preceding the year for which the determination is made under such paragraph (2), except that such amount shall be ratably reduced to the extent that the total Federal allocations to the State under section 5 for purposes of this title for the applicable fiscal year are reduced or that the 1990 Census shows the population of the city served by such library has decreased.
Sec. 103. Any State desiring to receive a grant from its allotment for the purposes of this title for any fiscal year shall, in addition to having submitted, and having had approved, a basic State plan under section 6, submit for that fiscal year an annual program for library services. Such program shall be submitted at such time, in such form, and contain such information as the Secretary may require by regulation, and shall—

(1) set forth a program, subject to clause (2) of this section, for the year submitted under which funds paid to the State from appropriations pursuant to paragraph (1) of section 4(a) for that year will be used, consistent with its long-range program, solely for the purposes set forth in section 102;

(2) set forth a program for the year submitted under which the amount reserved by the State under section 102(c), if applicable, will be used for the purposes set forth in clause (3) of section 102(a);

(3) set forth the criteria used in allocating such funds among such purposes, which criteria shall insure that the State will expend from Federal, State, and local sources an amount not less than the amount expended by the State from such sources for State institutional library services, and library services to the physically handicapped and institutionalized individuals during the second fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which the determination is made;

(4) describe the uses of funds for programs for the elderly, which may include:
   (A) the training of librarians to work with the elderly;
   (B) the conduct of special library programs for the elderly particularly for the elderly who are handicapped;
   (C) the purchase of special library materials for use by the elderly;
   (D) the payment of salaries for elderly persons who wish to work in libraries as assistants on programs for the elderly;
   (E) the provision of in-home visits by librarians and other library personnel to the elderly;
   (F) the establishment of outreach programs to notify the elderly of library services available to them; and
   (G) the furnishing of transportation to enable the elderly to have access to library services;

(5) describe the manner in which funds for programs for handicapped individuals will be used to make library services more accessible to such individuals.

(6) include such information, policies, and procedures as will assure that the activities to be carried out during that year are consistent with the long-range program; and

(7) include an extension of the long-range program, taking into consideration the results of evaluations.

No State shall, in carrying out the provisions of clause (2) of this section, reduce the amount paid to an urban resource library below the amount that such library received in the year preceding the year for which the determination is made under such clause (2). The amount which a State is required to expend pursuant to clause (3) of this section shall be ratably reduced to the extent that Federal allocations to the State are reduced.
GRANTS TO STATES FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION

Sec. 201. The Secretary shall carry out a program of making grants to States which have had approved a basic State plan under section 6 and have submitted a long-range program and submit annually appropriately updated programs under section 203 for the construction of public libraries.

Sec. 202. (a) Funds appropriated pursuant to paragraph (2) of section 4(a) shall be available for grants to States from allotments under section 5(a) for the purpose of paying the Federal share of the cost of construction projects carried under State plans. Such grants shall be used for the construction (as defined in section 3(2)) of public libraries.

(b) For the purposes of subsection (a), the Federal share of the cost of construction of any project assisted under this title shall not exceed one-half of the total cost of such project.

(c) If, within 20 years after completion of construction of any library facility which has been constructed in part with funds made available under this title—

(1) the recipient (or its successor in title or possession) ceases or fails to be a public or nonprofit institution, or

(2) the facility ceases to be used as a library facility, unless the Secretary determines that there is good cause for releasing the institution from its obligation,

the United States shall be entitled to recover from such recipient (or successor) an amount which bears the same ratio to the value of the facility at that time (or part thereof constituting an approved project or projects) as the amount of the Federal grant bore to the cost of such facility (or part thereof). The value shall be determined by the parties or by action brought in the United States district court for the district in which the facility is located.

STATE ANNUAL PROGRAM FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Sec. 203. Any State desiring to receive a grant from its allotment for the purpose of this title for any fiscal year shall, in addition to having submitted, and having had approved, a basic State plan under section 6, submit such projects as the State may approve and are consistent with its long-range program.

Such projects shall be submitted at such time and contain such information as the Secretary may require by regulation and shall—

(1) for the year submitted under which funds are paid to the State from appropriations pursuant to paragraph (2) of section 4(a) for that year, be used, consistent with the State's long-range program, for the construction of public libraries in areas of the State which are without the library facilities necessary to provide adequate library services;

(2) follow the criteria, policies, and procedures for the approval of applications for the construction of public library facilities under the long-range program;

(3) follow policies and procedures which will insure that every local or other public agency whose application for funds under the plan with respect to a project for construction of public library facilities is denied will be given an opportunity for a hearing before the State library administrative agency;

(4) include an extension of the long-range program taking into consideration the results of evaluations;
(5) follow policies and procedures in the construction of public libraries that will promote the preservation of library and information resources to be utilized in the facilities.

Sec. 301. The Secretary shall carry out a program of making grants to States which have an approved basic State plan under section 6; have submitted a long-range program and an annual program under section 303 for interlibrary cooperation programs, and have submitted long-range and annual programs which are directed toward eventual compliance with the requirements of section 304.

Sec. 302. (a) Funds appropriated pursuant to paragraph (3) of section 4(a) shall be available for grants to States from allotments under paragraphs (1) and (3) of section 5(a) for the purpose of carrying out the Federal share of the cost of carrying out State plans submitted and approved under section 303. Such grants shall be used (1) for planning for, and taking other steps leading to the development of, cooperative library networks; and (2) establishing, expanding, and operating local, regional, and interstate cooperative networks of libraries, which provide for the systematic and effective coordination of the resources of school, public, academic, and special libraries and information centers for improved supplementary services for the special clientele served by each type of library or center; and (3) developing the technological capacity of libraries for interlibrary cooperation and resource sharing.

(b) For the purposes of this title, the Federal share shall be 100 per centum of the cost of carrying out the State plan.

Sec. 304. (a) The long-range program and annual program of each State shall include a statewide resource sharing plan which is directed toward eventual compliance with the provisions of this section.
PRESERVATION PROGRAMS

SEC. 305. (a) The long-range program and annual program of each State under this title may—

(1) include a statewide preservation cooperation plan that complies with this section; and

(2) identify the preservation objectives to be achieved during the period covered by the long-range plans required by section 6.

(b) A statewide preservation cooperation plan complies with this section if—

(1) such plan specifies the methods by which the State library administrative agency will work with libraries, archives, historical societies, scholarly organizations, and other agencies, within or outside the State, in planning, education and training, coordinating, outreach and public information, and service programs to ensure that endangered library and information resources are preserved systematically; and

(2) such preservation plan is developed in consultation with such parties and agencies as the State archives, historical societies, libraries, scholarly organizations, and other interested parties.

(c) A State that has a statewide preservation cooperation plan that complies with this section may use funds under this title to carry out such plan.

(d) The State library administrative agency may contract part or all of the preservation program under this section to other agencies or institutions.
TITLE V—FOREIGN LANGUAGE MATERIALS ACQUISITION

GRANTS FOR FOREIGN LANGUAGE MATERIAL ACQUISITION

SEC. 501. (a) The Secretary shall carry out a program of making grants from sums appropriated pursuant to section 4(a)(4) to State and local public libraries for the acquisition of foreign language materials.

(b) Recipients of grants under this title shall be selected on a
competitive basis.

(c) No grant under this title for any fiscal year shall exceed
$15,000.

(d)(1) The provisions of subsection (c) shall not apply to any major urban resource library.

(2) The Secretary shall not use more than 30 percent
of the funds appropriated under this title to provide grants
to major urban resource libraries in excess of the amount
of the limitation described in subsection (c).
Sec. 601. (a) The Secretary shall carry out a program of making grants from sums appropriated pursuant to section 4(a)(5) to State and local public libraries for the purposes of supporting literacy programs.

(b) Grants to State public libraries under this title shall be for the purposes of—

   (1) coordinating and planning library literacy programs; and
   (2) making arrangements for training librarians and volunteers to carry out such programs.

(c) Grants to local public libraries shall be for the purposes of—

   (1) promoting the use of the voluntary services of individuals, agencies, and organizations in providing literacy programs;
   (2) acquisition of materials for literacy programs; and
   (3) using library facilities for such programs.

(d) Recipients of grants under this title shall be selected on a competitive basis.

(e) No grant under this title for any fiscal year shall exceed

(ADD NEW TITLE VII)

TITLE VII—EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENT
PROGRAM AUTHORITY

Sec. 701. The Secretary is authorized to carry out a program for the purpose of evaluation and assessment (directly or by grants or contracts) of programs authorized under this Act.