§ 6686. Science and Technology Policy Institute

(a) Establishment

There shall be established a federally funded research and development center to be known as the “Science and Technology Policy Institute” (hereinafter in this section referred to as the “Institute”).

(b) Incorporation

The Institute shall be—

(1) administered as a separate entity by an organization currently managing another federally funded research and development center; or

(2) incorporated as a nonprofit membership corporation.

(c) Duties

The duties of the Institute shall include the following:

(1) The assembly of timely and authoritative information regarding significant developments and trends in science and technology research and development in the United States and abroad, including information relating to the technologies identified in the most recent biennial report submitted to Congress by the President pursuant to section 6683 (d) of this title and developing and maintaining relevant informational and analytical tools.

(2) Analysis and interpretation of the information referred to in paragraph (1) with particular attention to the scope and content of the Federal science and technology research and development portfolio as it affects interagency and national issues.

(3) Initiation of studies and analysis of alternatives available for ensuring the long-term strength of the United States in the development and application of science and technology, including appropriate roles for the Federal Government, State governments, private industry, and institutions of higher education in the development and application of science and technology.

(4) Provision, upon the request of the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, of technical support and assistance—

(A) to the committees and panels of the President’s Council of Advisers on Science and Technology that provide advice to the Executive branch on science and technology policy; and

(B) to the interagency committees and panels of the Federal Government concerned with science and technology.

(d) Consultation on Institute activities

In carrying out the duties referred to in subsection (c) of this section, personnel of the Institute shall—

(1) consult widely with representatives from private industry, institutions of higher education, and nonprofit institutions; and

(2) to the maximum extent practicable, incorporate information and perspectives derived from such consultations in carrying out such duties.

(e) Annual reports

The Institute shall submit to the President an annual report on the activities of the Institute under this section. Each report shall be in accordance with requirements prescribed by the President.

(f) Sponsorship

(1) The Director of the National Science Foundation shall be the sponsor of the Institute.
(2) The Director of the National Science Foundation, in consultation with the Director of Office of Science and Technology Policy, shall enter into a sponsoring agreement with respect to the Institute. The sponsoring agreement shall require that the Institute carry out such functions as the Director of Office of Science and Technology Policy may specify consistent with the duties referred to in subsection (c) of this section. The sponsoring agreement shall be consistent with the general requirements prescribed for such a sponsoring agreement by the Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy.

Footnotes
1 See References in Text note below.


References in Text
Section 6683 of this title, referred to in subsec. (c)(1), was omitted from the Code.

Codification
Section was enacted as part of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1991, and not as part of the National Science and Technology Policy, Organization, and Priorities Act of 1976 which comprises this chapter.

Amendments


Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 105–207, § 208(a)(2), substituted “The” for “As determined by the chairman of the committee referred to in subsection (c) of this section, the”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 105–207, § 208(a)(3), redesignated subsec. (d) as (c) and struck out heading and text of former subsec. (c). Text read as follows:

“(1) The Institute shall have an Operating Committee composed of six members as follows:

“(A) The Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, who shall chair the committee.

“(B) The Director of the National Institutes of Health.

“(C) The Under Secretary of Commerce for Technology.

“(D) The Director of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency.

“(E) The Director of the National Science Foundation.

“(F) The Under Secretary of Energy having responsibility for science and technology matters.

“(2) The Operating Committee shall meet not less than four times each year.”

Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 105–207, § 208(a)(4)(A)–(C), inserted “science and” after “developments and trends in”, substituted “including” for “with particular emphasis on”, and inserted before period at end “and developing and maintaining relevant informational and analytical tools”.

Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 105–207, § 208(a)(4)(D), substituted “with particular attention to the scope and content of the Federal science and technology research and development portfolio as it affects interagency and national issues” for “to determine whether such developments and trends are likely to affect United States technology policies”.

Subsec. (c)(3). Pub. L. 105–207, § 208(a)(4)(E), amended par. (3) generally. Prior to amendment, par. (3) read as follows: “Initiation of studies and analyses (including systems analyses and technology assessments) of alternatives available for ensuring long-term leadership by the United States in the development and application of the technologies
referred to in paragraph (1), including appropriate roles for the Federal Government, State governments, private industry, and institutions of higher education in the development and application of such technologies.”

Subsec. (c)(4). Pub. L. 105–207, § 208(a)(4)(F), (G), inserted “science and” after “Executive branch on” in subpar. (A) and amended subpar. (B) generally. Prior to amendment, subpar. (B) read as follows: “to the committees and panels of the Federal Coordinating Council for Science, Engineering, and Technology that are responsible for planning and coordinating activities of the Federal Government to advance the development of critical technologies and sustain and strengthen the technology base of the United States.”

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 105–207, § 208(a)(3), (5), redesignated subsec. (e) as (d) and substituted “subsection (c)” for “subsection (d)” in introductory provisions. Former subsec. (d) redesignated (c).

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 105–207, § 208(a)(6), which directed the substitution of “Institute” for “Committee” each place appearing, was executed by making the substitution for “committee” in two places to reflect the probable intent of Congress.


Subsec. (f)(2). Pub. L. 105–207, § 208(a)(8), which directed the substitution of “Director of Office of Science and Technology Policy” for “Chairman of Committee” each place appearing, was executed by making the substitution for “chairman of the committee” in two places to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

Pub. L. 105–207, § 208(a)(7), substituted “subsection (c)” for “subsection (d)”.


1993—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 103–160 amended heading and text of subsec. (c) generally. Prior to amendment, text consisted of pars. (1) to (4) relating to the composition, designation of chairman, terms of service, and meetings of the Operating Committee.

1991—Pub. L. 102–190 amended section generally, substituting present provisions for provisions establishing “Critical Technologies Institute” and providing for incorporation, Board of Trustees, duties of Institute, sponsorship of Institute, deadline for certain actions, and funding.

Subsec. (g)(1). Pub. L. 102–25, § 704(a)(5)(A), substituted “appropriated pursuant to this Act” for “available for the Department of Defense” and struck out “in the first fiscal year in which the Institute begins operations” after “activities of the Institute”.

Subsec. (g)(2). Pub. L. 102–25, § 704(a)(5)(B), struck out “for each fiscal year after the fiscal year referred to in paragraph (1) after “for the Institute”.

Effective Date of 1991 Amendments

Section 822(c)(2), (3) of Pub. L. 102–190 provided that:

“(2) The amendment made by paragraph (1) [amending this section] shall take effect as of November 5, 1990.

“(3) The sponsoring agreement required by subsection (g) of section 822 of Public Law 101–510 [subsec. (g) of this section], as amended by paragraph (1), shall be entered into not later than February 15, 1992.”

Amendment by Pub. L. 102–25 applicable as if included in enactment of Pub. L. 101–510, see section 704(e) of Pub. L. 102–25, set out as a note under section 12321 of Title 10, Armed Forces.

Authorization of Appropriations

Section 822(d)(2) of Pub. L. 102–190 provided that: “There is authorized to be appropriated for each fiscal year after fiscal year 1991 for the Institute such sums as may be necessary for the operation of the Institute.”

References to Critical Technologies Institute

Pub. L. 105–207, title II, § 208(b), July 29, 1998, 112 Stat. 878, provided that: “All references in Federal law or regulations to the Critical Technologies Institute shall be considered to be references to the Science and Technology Policy Institute.”