

AEFLA Section 224

SEC. 224. <<NOTE: 20 USC 9224.>> STATE PLAN.

(a) 5-Year Plans.--

(1) In general.--Each eligible agency desiring a grant under

this subtitle for any fiscal year shall submit to, or have on file with, the Secretary a 5-year State plan.

(2) Comprehensive plan or application.--The eligible agency may submit the State plan as part of a comprehensive plan or application for Federal education assistance.

(b) Plan Contents.--In developing the State plan, and any revisions to the State plan, the eligible agency shall include in the State plan or revisions--

(1) an objective assessment of the needs of individuals in the State or outlying area for adult education and literacy activities, including individuals most in need or hardest to serve;

(2) a description of the adult education and literacy activities that will be carried out with any funds received under this subtitle;

(3) a description of how the eligible agency will evaluate annually the effectiveness of the adult education and literacy activities based on the performance measures described in section 212;

(4) a description of the performance measures described in section 212 and how such performance measures will ensure the improvement of adult education and literacy activities in the State or outlying area;

(5) an assurance that the eligible agency will award not less than one grant under this subtitle to an eligible provider who offers flexible schedules and necessary support services (such as child care and transportation) to enable individuals, including individuals with disabilities, or individuals with other special needs, to participate in adult education and literacy activities, which eligible provider shall attempt to coordinate with support services that are not provided under this subtitle prior to using funds for adult education and literacy activities provided under this subtitle for support services;

(6) an assurance that the funds received under this subtitle will not be expended for any purpose other than for activities under this subtitle;

(7) a description of how the eligible agency will fund local activities in accordance with the considerations described in section 231(e);

(8) an assurance that the eligible agency will expend the funds under this subtitle only in a manner consistent with fiscal requirements in section 241;

(9) a description of the process that will be used for

public participation and comment with respect to the State
plan;

(10) a description of how the eligible agency will develop
program strategies for populations that include, at a minimum--

(A) low-income students;

(B) individuals with disabilities;

(C) single parents and displaced homemakers; and

(D) individuals with multiple barriers to

educational enhancement, including individuals with
limited English proficiency;

(11) a description of how the adult education and literacy
activities that will be carried out with any funds received
under this subtitle will be integrated with other adult
education, career development, and employment and training
activities in the State or outlying area served by the eligible
agency; and

(12) a description of the steps the eligible agency will
take to ensure direct and equitable access, as required in
section 231(c)(1).

(c) Plan Revisions.--When changes in conditions or other factors
require substantial revisions to an approved State plan, the eligible
agency shall submit the revisions to the State plan to the Secretary.

(d) Consultation.--The eligible agency shall--

(1) submit the State plan, and any revisions to the State
plan, to the Governor of the State or outlying area for review
and comment; and

(2) ensure that any comments by the Governor regarding the
State plan, and any revision to the State plan, are submitted

to

the Secretary.

(e) Peer Review.--The Secretary shall establish a peer review
process to make recommendations regarding the approval of State plans.

(f) Plan Approval.--A State plan submitted to the Secretary shall
be approved by the Secretary unless the Secretary makes a written
determination, within 90 days after receiving the plan, that the plan
is

inconsistent with the specific provisions of this subtitle.