

"PART A—JOB CORPS

"STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

"SEC. 101. This part establishes a Job Corps for low-income, disadvantaged young men and women, sets forth standards and procedures for selecting individuals as enrollees in the Job Corps, authorizes the establishment of residential centers in which enrollees will participate in intensive programs of education, vocational training, work experience, counseling, and other activities, and prescribes various other powers, duties, and responsibilities incident to the operation and continuing development of the Job Corps. Its purpose is to assist young persons who need and can benefit from an unusually intensive program, operated in a group setting distinct from their current environment, to become more responsible, employable, and productive citizens; and to do so in a way that contributes, where feasible, to the development of National, State, and community resources, and to the development and dissemination of techniques for working with the disadvantaged that can be widely utilized by public and private institutions and agencies.

"ESTABLISHMENT OF THE JOB CORPS

"SEC. 102. There is hereby established within the Office of Economic Opportunity a 'Job Corps.'

"INDIVIDUALS ELIGIBLE FOR THE JOB CORPS

"SEC. 103. To become an enrollee in the Job Corps, a young man or woman must be a person who—

"(1) is a permanent resident of the United States who has attained age sixteen but not attained age twenty-two at the time of enrollment;

"(2) is a low-income individual or member of a low-income family who requires additional education, training, or intensive counseling and related assistance in order to secure and hold meaningful employment, participate successfully in regular schoolwork, qualify for training programs suitable to his needs or satisfy Armed Forces requirements;

"(3) is currently living in an environment so characterized by cultural deprivation, a disruptive homelife or other disorienting conditions as to substantially impair his prospects for successful participation in any other program providing needed training, education, or assistance;

"(4) is determined, after careful screening as provided for in sections 104 and 105, to have the present capabilities and aspirations needed to complete and secure the full benefit of the program authorized in this part, and to be free of medical and behavioral problems so serious that he could not or would not be able to adjust to the standards of conduct and discipline or pattern of work and training which that program involves;

"(5) meets such other standards for enrollment as the Director may prescribe and agrees to comply with all applicable Job Corps rules and regulations.

"SCREENING AND SELECTION OF APPLICANTS—GENERAL PROVISIONS

"SEC. 104. (a) The Director shall prescribe necessary rules for the screening and selection of applicants for enrollment in the Job Corps. To the extent practicable, these rules shall be implemented through arrangements which make use of public or private nonprofit agencies and organizations such as community action agencies, public employment offices, professional groups, and labor organizations. The rules shall establish specific standards and procedures for conducting screening and selection activities; shall encourage recruitment through agencies and individuals having contact with youths over substantial periods of time and able, accordingly, to offer the reliable information as to their needs and problems; and shall provide for necessary consultation with other individuals and organizations, including courts, probation and parole offices, law enforcement authorities, schools, welfare agencies, and medical agencies, and advisers. They shall also provide for—

"(1) an interview with each applicant for the purpose of—

"(A) determining whether his educational and vocational needs can best be met through the Job Corps or any alternative program in his home community;