

TITLE V—CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW OF FEDERAL GRANTS-IN-AID TO STATES AND TO LOCAL UNITS OF GOVERNMENT

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

SEC. 501. It is the purpose and intent of this title to establish a uniform policy and procedure whereby programs for grant-in-aid assistance from the Federal Government to the States or to their political subdivisions which may be enacted hereafter by the Congress shall be made the subject of sufficient subsequent review by the Congress to insure that (1) the effectiveness of grants-in-aid as instruments of Federal-State-local cooperation is improved and enhanced; (2) grant programs are revised and redirected as necessary to meet new conditions arising subsequent to their original enactment; and (3) grant programs are terminated when they have substantially achieved their purpose. It is further the purpose and intent of this title to provide for continuing review of existing Federal programs for grant-in-aid assistance to the States or their political subdivisions by the Comptroller General with a view to the formulation of recommendations to assist the Congress in making changes in requirements and procedures applicable to such programs in the interest of eliminating areas of conflict and duplication in program operations and achieving more efficient, effective, and economical administration of such programs, and greater uniformity in the operation thereof.

EXPIRATION OF GRANTS-IN-AID PROGRAMS

SEC. 502. Where any Act of Congress enacted in the Ninety-first or any subsequent Congress authorizes the making of grants-in-aid to two or more States or to political subdivisions of two or more States and no expiration date for such authority is specified by law, and such grant is not specifically exempted from the provisions of this title, then the authority to make grants-in-aid by reason of such Act to States, political subdivisions, and other beneficiaries from funds not therefore obligated shall expire not later than June 30 of the fifth calendar year which begins after the effective date of such Act.

COMMITTEE STUDIES OF GRANT-IN-AID PROGRAMS

SEC. 503. Where any Act of Congress enacted in the Ninety-first or any subsequent Congress authorizes the making of grants-in-aid over a period of three or more years to two or more States or to political subdivisions of two or more States, then during the period beginning not later than twelve months immediately preceding the date on which such authority is to expire, the committees of the Senate and of the House to which legislation extending such authority would be referred shall separately or jointly, conduct studies of the program under which such grants-in-aid are made with a view to ascertaining, among other matters of concern to the committees, the following:

- (1) The extent to which the purposes for which the grants-in-aid are authorized have been met;
 - (2) The extent to which such programs can be carried on without further financial assistance from the United States;
 - (3) Whether or not any changes in purpose, direction, or administration of the original program, or in procedures and requirements applicable thereto, to conform to recommendations by the Comptroller General under section 504, should be made;
 - (4) Whether or not any changes in purpose, direction, or administration of the original program should be made in the light of reports and recommendations submitted on request by the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations; and
 - (5) The extent to which such grant-in-aid programs are adequate to meet the growing and changing needs which they were designed to support.
- Each such committee shall report the results of its investigation and study to its respective House not later than one hundred and twenty days before such authority is due to expire.

STUDIES BY COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF FEDERAL GRANT-IN-AID PROGRAMS

SEC. 504. The Comptroller General shall make continuing studies of presently existing and all future programs for grant-in-aid assistance from the Federal Government to the States or their political subdivisions concerning the extent