

[S. 735, 90th Cong., first sess.]

A BILL To provide for periodic review of Federal programs of grant-in-aid assistance to the States

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "Federal Grant-in-Aid Review Act of 1967".

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

SEC. 2. (a) It is the purpose and intent of this Act to establish a uniform policy and procedure whereby programs, which may be enacted hereafter by the Congress, for grant-in-aid assistance from the Federal Government to the States or to their political subdivisions shall be made the subject of sufficient subsequent review by the Congress to insure that (1) the effectiveness of grant-in-aid programs as instruments of Federal-State-local cooperation is improved and enhanced; (2) grant-in-aid programs are revised and redirected as necessary to meet the new conditions arising subsequent to their original enactment; and (3) grant-in-aid programs are terminated when they have substantially achieved their purpose.

(b) It is further the purpose and intent of this Act to provide for a continuing review by Congress of existing Federal programs for grant-in-aid assistance to the States or their political subdivisions with a view to developing legislation terminating those grant-in-aid programs whose purposes clearly have been achieved and revising or redirecting all other existing grant-in-aid programs to improve and enhance their effectiveness as instruments of Federal-State-local cooperation or to meet new conditions arising subsequent to their original enactment.

EXPIRATION OF GRANT-IN-AID PROGRAMS

SEC. 3. Whenever any Act of Congress enacted in the Ninetieth or any subsequent Congress authorizes any program for grant-in-aid assistance to two or more States or to political subdivisions of two or more States and there is no termination date otherwise specified for such authority, the authority to make any grant-in-aid under such Act to any State, political subdivision, or other beneficiary from funds not theretofore obligated shall, unless the provisions of this section are specifically excepted from application to such program, expire not later than June 30 of the fifth calendar year which begins after the calendar year in which the effective date of such Act occurs.

COMMITTEE STUDIES OF GRANT-IN-AID

SEC. 4. (a) Whenever any Act of Congress enacted in the Ninetieth or any subsequent Congress authorizes the establishment of any program for grant-in-aid assistance over a period of three or more years to two or more States or to political subdivisions of two or more States, each standing committee of the Senate and House of Representatives which exercises legislative jurisdiction and oversight with respect to such program shall, during the period beginning not later than twelve months immediately preceding the date on which the authority by such program is to expire, separately or jointly, conduct studies and appraisals of such program. Each such committee shall report the results of its study and appraisal to its respective House, together with recommendations for such legislation as it deems appropriate, not later than one hundred and twenty days before the authority for such program is due to expire.

(b) (1) In the case of any existing statute authorizing the establishment of any program for grant-in-aid assistance over a period of three or more years to two or more States or to political subdivisions of two or more States, each standing committee of the Senate and House of Representatives which exercises legislative jurisdiction and oversight over such program shall review and study, on a continuing basis, the application, operation, administration, and execution of such program.

(2) To assist it in carrying out this review and study function, each standing committee of the Senate and House of Representatives is entitled to employ a review specialist as a member of the professional staff of such committee in addition to the number of members of such professional staff to which such committee otherwise is entitled. Such review specialist shall be selected and appointed by the chairman of such committee, with the prior approval of the ranking minority member, in a permanent basis, without regard to political