

shall, during the same period referred to in such section, conduct studies of the intergovernmental relations aspects of programs which are subject to the provisions of such section, including (1) the impact of such programs, if any, on the structural organization of State and local governments and on Federal-State-local fiscal relations, and (2) the coordination of Federal administration of such programs with State and local administration thereof, and shall report its findings and recommendations to such committee.

RECORDS AND AUDIT

SEC. 6. (a) Each recipient of assistance under (1) any Act of Congress enacted after the effective date of this Act which provides for a grant-in-aid from the United States to a State or a political subdivision thereof, or (2) any new grant-in-aid agreement, or extension, modification or alteration of any existing grant-in-aid agreement pursuant to existing law shall keep such records as the Federal agency administering such grant shall prescribe, including records which fully disclose the amount and disposition by such recipient of such grant-in-aid, the total cost of the project or undertaking in connection with which such grant-in-aid is given or used, and the amount of that portion of the cost of the project or undertaking supplied by other sources, and such other records as will facilitate an effective audit.

(b) The head of the Federal agency administering such grant and the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives, shall have access for the purpose of audit and examination to any books, documents, papers, and records of the recipients that are pertinent to the grant received.

DEFINITIONS

SEC. 7. For the purposes of this Act—

(1) The term "State" means the government of a State, or any agency or instrumentality of a State.

(2) The term "political subdivision" means a local unit of government, including specifically a county, municipality, city, town, township, or a school or other special district created by or pursuant to State law.

(3) The term "grant-in-aid" means money, or property provided in lieu of money, paid or furnished by the United States under a fixed annual or aggregate authorization—

(A) to a State or political subdivision of a State; or

(B) to a beneficiary under a State-administered plan or program which is subject to approval by a Federal agency;

if such authorization either (i) requires the States or political subdivisions expend non-Federal funds as a condition for the receipt of money or property from the United States, or (ii) specifies directly, or establishes by means of a formula, the amounts which may be paid or furnished to States or political subdivisions, or the amounts to be allotted for use in each of the States by the State, political subdivisions, or other beneficiaries. The term does not include (1) shared revenues, (2) payments of taxes, (3) payments in lieu of taxes, (4) loans or repayable advances, (5) surplus property or surplus agricultural commodities furnished as such, (6) payments under research and development contracts or grants which are awarded directly and on similar terms to all qualifying organizations, whether public or private, or (7) payments to States or political subdivisions as full reimbursement for the costs incurred in paying benefits or furnishing services to persons entitled thereto under Federal laws.

[S. 2981, 90th Cong., second sess.]

A BILL To provide temporary authority to expedite procedures for consideration and approval of projects drawing upon more than one Federal assistance program, to simplify requirements for the operation of those projects, and for other purposes

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 "Joint Funding Simplification Act of 1968".

PURPOSE

SEC. 2. The purpose of this Act is to enable States, local governments, and other public or private organizations and agencies to use Federal assistance more