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- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

- 2 (a) Short Title.—This Act may be cited as the
- 3 "Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals With Dis-
- 4 abilities Amendments of 1993".
- 5 (b) Table of Contents for
- 6 this Act is as follows:
 - Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
 - Sec. 2. Findings and purposes.
 - Sec. 3. Definitions.

TITLE I—GRANTS TO STATES

- Sec. 101. Program authorized.
- Sec. 102. Development grants.
- Sec. 103. Extension grants.
- Sec. 104. Second extension grants.
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TITLE IV—AMENDMENTS TO OTHER ACTS

- Sec. 401. Individuals With Disabilities Education Act.
- Sec. 402. Rehabilitation Act of 1973.
- Sec. 403. Technical and conforming amendments.

TITLE V—EFFECTIVE DATE

Sec. 501. Effective date.

7 SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.

- 8 (a) FINDINGS.—Section 2(a) of the Technology-Related
- 9 Assistance for Individuals With Disabilities Act of 1988 (29
- 10 U.S.C. 2201(a)) is amended to read as follows:
- 11 "(a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds as follows:

1	"(1) Disability is a natural part of the human
2	experience and in no way diminishes the right of in-
3	dividuals—
4	"(A) to live independently;
5	"(B) to enjoy self-determination;
6	"(C) to make choices;
7	"(D) to contribute to society;
8	"(E) to pursue meaningful careers; and
9	"(F) to enjoy full inclusion and integration
10	in the economic, political, social, cultural, and
11	educational mainstream of American society.
12	"(2) During the past decade, there have been
13	major advances in modern technology. Technology is
14	now a powerful force in the lives of all residents of
15	the United States. Technology can provide important
16	tools for making the performance of tasks quicker and
17	easier. For some individuals with disabilities,
18	assistive technology is a necessity that enables them to
19	engage in or perform many tasks.
20	"(3) The provision of assistive technology devices
21	and services enables some individuals with disabil-
22	ities—
23	"(A) to have greater control over their own
24	lives;

1	"(B) to participate in and contribute more
2	fully to activities in their home, school, and work
3	environments, and in their communities;
4	"(C) to interact to a greater extent with
5	nondisabled individuals; and
6	"(D) to otherwise benefit from opportunities
7	that are taken for granted by individuals who do
8	not have disabilities.
9	"(4) Substantial progress has been made in the
10	development of assistive technology devices, including
11	adaptations to existing equipment, which signifi-
12	cantly benefit individuals of all ages with disabilities.
13	Such devices have increased the involvement of indi-
14	viduals with disabilities in programs and activities
15	such as early intervention, education, rehabilitation
16	and training, employment, residential living, inde-
17	pendent living, recreation, and other aspects of daily
18	living. Dual-use technology is critical to the further
19	development of assistive technology devices.
20	"(5) Many individuals with disabilities cannot
21	access existing telecommunications and information
22	technologies and are at risk of not being able to access
23	developing technologies. The inadvertent failure of
24	Federal and State governments, hardware manufac-

turers, software designers, information systems man-

agers, and telecommunications service providers to account for the specific needs of individuals with disabilities not only results in the exclusion of such individuals from the use of telecommunications and information technologies, but also results in unnecessary costs associated with the retrofitting of devices and product systems.

- "(6) The use of assistive technology devices and services by individuals with disabilities increases such individuals' ability to be independent, which reduces expenditures associated with early intervention, education, rehabilitation, health care, transportation, telecommunication services, and other services required by such individuals.
- "(7) A majority of States have technology-related assistance programs. In spite of the efforts made by such programs to provide comprehensive, statewide services, there remains a need for—
 - "(A) resources to pay for assistive technology devices and services;
- "(B) trained personnel to assist individuals with disabilities to use such devices and services;
- "(C) information about the availability and potential of technology for individuals with disabilities and their family members, guardians,

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1	advocates, and authorized representatives, rep-
2	resentatives of public agencies and private enti-
3	ties that have contact with individuals with dis-
4	abilities (including insurers), teachers and relat-
5	ed services personnel, technology experts (includ-
6	ing engineers), employers, and other appropriate
7	individuals;
8	''(D) aggressive outreach to under-
9	represented populations and rural populations;
10	"(E) coordination among State human
11	services programs, and among such programs
12	and private entities, particularly with respect to
13	transitions between such programs and entities;
14	and
15	"(F) capacity of such programs to provide
16	the necessary technology-related assistance.
17	"(8) There are insufficient incentives for the
18	commercial pursuit of the application of technology
19	devices to meet the needs of individuals with disabil-
20	ities, because of limited markets.
21	"(9) At the Federal level, there is a lack of co-
22	ordination among agencies that provide or pay for
23	the provision of assistive technology devices and serv-
24	ices. In addition, the Federal Government does not

provide adequate assistance and information with re-

1	spect to the use of assistive technology devices and
2	services to individuals with disabilities and their
3	family members, guardians, advocates, and author-
4	ized representatives, representatives of public agencies
5	and private entities that have contact with individ-
6	uals with disabilities (including insurers), teachers
7	and related services personnel, technology experts (in-
8	cluding engineers), employers, and other appropriate
9	individuals.''.
10	(b) Purposes.—Section 2(b) of the Technology-Relat-
11	ed Assistance for Individuals With Disabilities Act of 1988
12	(29 U.S.C. 2201(b)) is amended to read as follows:
13	"(b) Purposes.—The purposes of this Act are as fol-
14	lows:
15	"(1) To provide financial assistance to the States
16	to develop and implement a consumer-responsive,
17	consumer-driven, comprehensive statewide program of
18	technology-related assistance for individuals of all
19	ages with disabilities that is designed to create sys-
20	temic change and foster advocacy by—
21	"(A) increasing the availability of, funding
22	for, and access to, assistive technology devices
23	and services for individuals with disabilities;
24	"(B) increasing the active involvement of
25	individuals with disabilities and their family

members, guardians, advocates, and authorized 1 2 representatives in the planning, development, implementation, and evaluation of technology-3 4 related assistance programs; "(C) increasing the involvement of individ-5 6 uals with disabilities and their family members, guardians, advocates, and authorized representa-7 tives in specific agency decisions related to the 8 provision of assistive technology devices and 9 services to individuals with disabilities: 10 "(D) increasing and promoting coordina-11 tion among State agencies and between State 12 13 agencies and private entities that provide technology-related assistance, particularly assistive 14 15 technology devices and services; "(E) increasing the awareness of laws, regu-16 17 lations, policies, procedures, and practices that 18 facilitate the availability or provision of 19 assistive technology devices and services and by promoting the change of laws, regulations, poli-20 cies, procedures, and practices that impede the 21 availability or provision of assistive technology 22 23 devices and services: "(F) increasing the probability that indi-24

viduals of all ages with disabilities will, to the

extent appropriate, be able to secure and maintain assistive technology devices as such individuals make the transition between services offered by human service agencies or between settings of daily living;

> "(G) increasing the competence of personnel who provide technology-related assistance, including assistive technology devices and services;

> "(H) increasing awareness and knowledge of the efficacy of assistive technology devices and services among individuals with disabilities and their family members, guardians, advocates, and authorized representatives, representatives of public agencies and private entities that have contact with individuals with disabilities (including insurers), teachers and related services personnel, technology experts (including engineers), employers, and other appropriate individuals:

"(I) increasing the capacity of public agencies and private entities to provide and pay for technology-related assistance on a statewide basis, particularly assistive technology devices and services, for individuals of all ages with disabilities: and

1	"(J) increasing the awareness of the needs
2	of individuals with disabilities for assistive tech-
3	nology devices and services.
4	"(2) To identify Federal policies that facilitate
5	payment for assistive technology devices and services
6	for individuals with disabilities, to identify Federal
7	policies that impede such payment, and to eliminate
8	inappropriate barriers to such payment.
9	"(3) To enhance the ability of the Federal Gov-
10	ernment to provide States with—
11	"(A) technical assistance, information,
12	training, and public awareness programs relat-
13	ing to the provision of assistive technology de-
14	vices and services; and
15	"(B) funding for model demonstration and
16	innovation projects.
17	"(4) To ensure that all programs, projects, and
18	activities receiving assistance under this Act are car-
19	ried out in a manner consistent with the principles
20	of—
21	"(A) respect for individual dignity, per-
22	sonal responsibility, and self-determination in
23	the pursuit of meaningful careers, based on in-
24	formed choice, by individuals with disabilities;

1	"(B) respect for the privacy, rights, and
2	equal access (including the use of accessible for-
3	mats), of such individuals;
4	"(C) inclusion, integration, and full par-
5	ticipation of such individuals;
6	"(D) support for the involvement of family
7	members, guardians, advocates, or authorized
8	representatives if an individual with a disability
9	requests, desires, or needs such support; and
10	"(E) support for individual and systemic
11	advocacy and community involvement.".
12	SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.
13	Section 3 of the Technology-Related Assistance for In-
14	dividuals With Disabilities Act of 1988 (29 U.S.C. 2202)
15	is amended—
16	(1) by redesignating paragraphs (1), (2), (3),
17	(4), (5), (6), (7), and (8) as paragraphs (2), (3), (7),
18	(9), (11), (12), (14), and (15), respectively;
19	(2) by inserting before paragraph (2) (as redesig-
20	nated by paragraph (1)) the following:
21	"(1) Advocacy Services.—The term 'advocacy
22	services' means assistance to individuals with disabil-
23	ities and their family members, guardians, advocates,
24	and authorized representatives in accessing assistive
25	technology devices and services to which individuals

1	with disabilities are entitled under law. Such term
2	includes—
3	"(A) dissemination of information;
4	"(B) individual case management;
5	"(C) training individuals to locate funding
6	sources; and
7	"(D) pursuit of legal and other appropriate
8	remedies.'';
9	(3) in paragraph (3)(E) (as redesignated by
10	paragraph (1)), by striking ''family'' and all that fol-
11	lows and inserting "the family members, guardians,
12	advocates, or authorized representatives of such an in-
13	dividual; and'';
14	(4) by inserting after paragraph (3) (as redesig-
15	nated by paragraph (1)) the following:
16	"(4) Comprehensive.—The term 'comprehen-
17	sive', when used with reference to a program, means
18	a statewide program that addresses the needs of all
19	individuals with disabilities, including
20	underrepresented populations and rural populations,
21	who can benefit from the use of assistive technology
22	devices and services regardless of age, type of disabil-
23	ity, gender, race, or ethnicity.
24	"(5) Consumer-driven.—The term consumer-
25	driven', when used with reference to a program,

1	means a statewide program that includes individuals
2	with disabilities and their family members, guard-
3	ians, advocates, and authorized representatives, in-
4	cluding underrepresented populations and rural pop-
5	ulations, in the development, implementation, and
6	evaluation of the program.
7	"(6) Consumer-responsive.—The term
8	'consumer-responsive', when used with reference to a
9	program, means a statewide program that provides
10	information, training, technical assistance, and
11	transportation and related services to enable individ-
12	uals of all ages with disabilities to access assistive
13	technology devices and services.'';
14	(5) in paragraph (7) (as redesignated by para-
15	graph (1))—
16	(A) by striking the matter preceding sub-
17	paragraph (A) and inserting the following:
18	"(7) Individual with a disability.—The term
19	'individual with a disability' means any individ-
20	ual—''; and
21	(B) in subparagraph (A), by striking "or
22	handicap'';
23	(6) by inserting after paragraph (7) (as redesig-
24	nated by paragraph (1)) the following:

1	"(8) Individuals with disabilities.—The
2	term 'individuals with disabilities' means more than
3	one individual with a disability.";
4	(7) in paragraph (9) (as redesignated by para-
5	graph (1)), by striking "section 435(b)" and inserting
6	"section 481(a)";
7	(8) by inserting after paragraph (9) (as redesig-
8	nated by paragraph (1)) the following:
9	"(10) Protection and Advocacy Services.—
10	The term 'protection and advocacy services' means
11	services that—
12	"(A) are described in part C of the Devel-
13	opmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of
14	Rights Act (42 U.S.C. 6041 et seq.), the Protec-
15	tion and Advocacy for Mentally Ill Individuals
16	Act (42 U.S.C. 10801 et seq.), or section 509 of
17	the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794e);
18	and
19	"(B) assist individuals with disabilities and
20	their family members, guardians, advocates, and
21	authorized representatives with respect to
22	assistive technology devices and services.";
23	(9) in paragraph (12) (as redesignated by para-
24	graph (1)), by striking "Trust" and all that follows

1	and inserting "Republic of Palau (until the Compact
2	of Free Association with Palau takes effect).";
3	(10) by inserting after paragraph (12) (as redes-
4	ignated by paragraph (1)) the following:
5	"(13) Systems change activities.—The term
6	'systems change activities' means activities—
7	"(A) to identify laws, regulations, policies,
8	procedures, and practices that are legal or serv-
9	ice delivery barriers impeding access to assistive
10	technology devices and services;
11	"(B) to develop, modify, revise, correct, or
12	adjust State or local laws, regulations, policies,
13	procedures, and practices to allow individuals
14	with disabilities to access assistive technology de-
15	vices and services; and
16	"(C) to increase funding for, and access to,
17	assistive technology devices and services on a
18	permanent basis."; and
19	(11) by amending paragraph (15) (as redesig-
20	nated by paragraph (1)) to read as follows:
21	"(15) Underrepresented populations.—The
22	term 'underrepresented populations' includes popu-
23	lations such as minorities, the poor, and the limited
24	English proficient.''.

TITLE I—GRANTS TO STATES

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2	SEC. 101. PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.
3	(a) Grants to States.—Section 101(a) of the Tech-
4	nology-Related Assistance for Individuals With Disabilities
5	Act of 1988 (29 U.S.C. 2211(a)) is amended by striking
6	"to develop and implement consumer-responsive" and in-
7	serting "in developing and implementing consumer-respon-
8	sive, consumer-driven".
9	(b) Required Activities.—Section 101(b) of the
10	Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals With Dis-
11	abilities Act of 1988 (29 U.S.C. 2211(b)) is amended to read
12	as follows:
13	"(b) Required Activities.—Any State that receives
14	a grant under this title shall accomplish the purposes de-
15	scribed in section 2(b)(1) by carrying out the following ac-
16	tivities:
17	"(1) Systems change activities.—Systems
18	change activities shall include—
19	"(A) developing and implementing strate-
20	gies to obtain funds with which individuals with
21	disabilities may obtain assistive technology de-
22	vices and services in State special education, vo-
23	cational rehabilitation, and medical assistance
24	programs or, as appropriate, other education,

health, or human service agencies, with particu-

lar emphasis on addressing the needs of underrepresented populations and rural populations, coordinating such funds, and monitoring State and local policies, procedures, and practices that relate to such funds;

"(B) establishing an interagency coordinating committee to enhance public funding options and coordinate access to funding for assistive technology devices and services for individuals of all ages with disabilities, with special attention to the issues of transition from school to work, home use, and individual involvement in the identification, planning, use, delivery, and evaluation of such devices and services; and

"(C) developing written materials, training, and technical assistance to ensure that the needs of an individual for assistive technology devices and services are considered and included as part of an individualized education program required under section 614(a)(5) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1414(a)(5)), an individualized family service plan developed pursuant to section 677(d) of such Act (20 U.S.C. 1477(d)), an individualized written rehabilitation program required under

1	section 102(b) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
2	(29 U.S.C. 722(b)), and other individualized
3	plans that may have been developed for the indi-
4	vidual.
5	"(2) Consumer-responsive, consumer-driven
6	ACTIVITIES.—(A) Consumer-responsive, consumer-
7	driven activities shall include—
8	"(i) providing outreach to underrepresented
9	populations and rural populations, including—
10	"(I) identification and needs assess-
11	ment of such populations;
12	"(II) activities to increase the acces-
13	sibility of services to such populations;
14	"(III) training representatives of such
15	populations to become service providers; and
16	"(IV) training staff of the comprehen-
17	sive statewide program of technology-related
18	assistance to work with such populations;
19	and
20	''(ii) establishing consumer advisory coun-
21	cils to advise such program, a majority of whose
22	members are—
23	"(I) individuals with disabilities; and

1	"(II) the family members, guardians,
2	or authorized representatives of individuals
3	with disabilities.
4	"(B) Consumer-responsive, consumer-driven ac-
5	tivities may include—
6	"(i) increasing consumer participation,
7	choice, and control in the selection and procure-
8	ment of assistive technology;
9	"(ii) outreach to consumer organizations
10	and groups in the State to coordinate with ef-
11	forts of such organizations and groups to imple-
12	ment self-help, peer mentoring, and support
13	group programs to assist individuals with dis-
14	abilities and their family members, guardians,
15	advocates, and authorized representatives in ob-
16	taining funding for, and access to, assistive tech-
17	nology devices and services;
18	"(iii) developing mechanisms for determin-
19	ing consumer satisfaction and participation in
20	the comprehensive statewide program of tech-
21	nology-related assistance for individuals of all
22	ages with disabilities and documenting the re-
23	sults;
24	"(iv) taking actions to develop standards or,
25	where appropriate, apply existing standards to

1	ensure the availability of qualified personnel;
2	and
3	"(v) paying for expenses, including travel
4	expenses, and services, including services of
5	qualified interpreters, readers, and personal care
6	assistants, that may be necessary to ensure access
7	to the comprehensive statewide program of tech-
8	nology-related assistance by individuals with
9	disabilities who are determined by the State to
10	be in financial need.
11	"(3) Advocacy services.—Advocacy services—
12	"(A) shall include training individuals with
13	disabilities and their family members, guard-
14	ians, advocates, and authorized representatives
15	to successfully advocate for access to assistive
16	technology devices and services, with special em-
17	phasis placed on underrepresented populations
18	and rural populations; and
19	"(B) shall supplement, not supplant, simi-
20	lar advocacy services that have been provided
21	pursuant to other Federal or State laws.
22	"(4) Protection and advocacy services.—A
23	State shall provide protection and advocacy services
24	by awarding a contract to provide such services to an
25	organization established for protection and advocacy

- 1 services under the Developmental Disabilities Assist-
- 2 ance and Bill of Rights Act (42 U.S.C. 6000 et seq.).
- 3 Any State that provided protection and advocacy
- 4 services prior to January 1, 1993, through an organi-
- 5 zation other than that established for protection and
- 6 advocacy services under such Act may continue to
- 7 provide such services through such organization. Pro-
- 8 tection and advocacy services shall supplement, not
- 9 supplant, similar protection and advocacy services
- that have been provided pursuant to other Federal or
- 11 State laws.".
- 12 (c) AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES.—Section 101(c) of the
- 13 Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals With Dis-
- 14 abilities Act of 1988 (29 U.S.C. 2211(c)) is amended—
- 15 (1) by amending the matter preceding paragraph
- 16 (1) to read as follows:
- 17 "(c) Authorized Activities.—Any State that re-
- 18 ceives a grant under this title may accomplish the purposes
- 19 described in section 2(b)(1) by carrying out the following
- 20 activities:":
- 21 (2) in paragraph (1), by striking subparagraph
- 22 (C) and redesignating subparagraph (D) as subpara-
- 23 graph (C);
- 24 (3) in paragraph (2), in each of subparagraphs
- 25 (B), (C), and (G)(i), by striking "assistive tech-

1	nology'' each place such term appears after 'devices
2	and";
3	(4) by redesignating paragraphs (3) through (7)
4	as paragraphs (5) through (9), respectively;
5	(5) by redesignating paragraph (8) as para-
6	graph (12);
7	(6) by inserting after paragraph (2) the follow-
8	ing:
9	"(3) Electronic communication.—The State
10	may operate or participate in a computer system
11	through which it can electronically communicate with
12	other States to gain technical assistance in a timely
13	fashion to avoid the duplication of efforts already un-
14	dertaken in other States.
15	"(4) Demonstration of Devices.—The State
16	may support the demonstration of assistive technology
17	devices. Activities may include—
18	"(A) provision of a location or locations
19	within the State where individuals with disabil-
20	ities and their family members, guardians, advo-
21	cates, and authorized representatives, special
22	education, rehabilitation, health care, and other
23	service providers, representatives of Federal,
24	State, and local government entities, and em-
25	ployers can see, touch, and learn about assistive

1	technology devices from personnel who are famil-
2	iar with such devices and their applications;
3	"(B) counseling and assistance to individ-
4	uals with disabilities and their family members,
5	guardians, advocates, and authorized representa-
6	tives to determine individual needs for assistive
7	technology devices and services; and
8	"(C) demonstration or short-term loan of
9	assistive technology devices to individuals, em-
10	ployers, public agencies, or public accommoda-
11	tions seeking strategies to comply with the Amer-
12	icans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.
13	12101 et seq.) and section 504 of the Rehabilita-
14	tion Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794).";
15	(7) in paragraph (5) (as redesignated by para-
16	graph (4)), by striking ''assistive technology'' after
17	"devices or";
18	(8) in paragraph (6) (as redesignated by para-
19	graph (4))—
20	(A) by amending the matter preceding sub-
21	paragraph (A) to read as follows:
22	"(6) Public awareness program.—The State
23	may support a public awareness program designed to
24	provide information relating to the availability and
25	efficacy of assistive technology devices and services for

1	individuals with disabilities and their family mem-
2	bers, guardians, advocates, and authorized representa-
3	tives, representatives of public agencies and private
4	entities that have contact with individuals with dis-
5	abilities (including insurers), teachers and related
6	services personnel, technology experts (including engi-
7	neers), employers, and other appropriate individuals,
8	or may establish and support such a program if no
9	such program exists. Such a program may include—
10	". "
11	(B) in subparagraph (A), in each of clauses
12	(i), (ii), and (iii), by striking "assistive tech-
13	nology" after "devices and";
14	(C) in subparagraph (B), by striking
15	"assistive technology" after "devices and"; and
16	(D) in subparagraph (C)(i), by striking
17	"families or representatives of individuals with
18	disabilities," and inserting "and their family
19	members, guardians, advocates, or authorized
20	representatives,'';
21	(9) in paragraph (7) (as redesignated by para-
22	graph (4)), by striking "devices" and all that follows
23	and inserting the following: "devices and services to
24	individuals with disabilities and their family mem-
25	bers, guardians, advocates, and authorized representa-

1	tives, representatives of public agencies and private
2	entities that have contact with individuals with dis-
3	abilities (including insurers), teachers and related
4	services personnel, technology experts (including engi-
5	neers), employers, and other appropriate individ-
6	uals.'';
7	(10) in paragraph (8) (as redesignated by para-
8	graph (4))—
9	(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph
10	(A)—
11	(i) in the first sentence, by striking
12	"assistive technology" after "devices and";
13	(ii) by inserting after the first sentence
14	the following: "Access to the system may be
15	provided through community-based entities,
16	including public libraries, centers for inde-
17	pendent living (as defined in section 702 of
18	the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C.
19	796a)), and community rehabilitation pro-
20	grams (as defined in section 7(25) of such
21	Act (29 U.S.C. 706(25))."; and
22	(iii) by striking "a system described in
23	the preceding sentence," and inserting "the
24	system, '';
25	(B) in subparagraph (A)—

1	(i) by inserting ''large print,'' after
2	"print,"; and
3	(ii) by striking "materials" and all
4	that follows and inserting the following:
5	"materials, computer disks, compact discs
6	(including compact discs formatted with
7	read-only memory), information capable of
8	being used in telephone-based information
9	systems, and such other media as techno-
10	logical innovation may make appropriate;'';
11	and
12	(C) by adding at the end the following:
13	"The information system may be organized on an
14	interstate basis or as part of a regional consortium
15	of States in order to facilitate the establishment of
16	compatible, linked information systems."; and
17	(11) by inserting after paragraph (9) (as redes-
18	ignated by paragraph (4)) the following:
19	"(10) Partnerships and cooperative initia-
20	TIVES.—The State may support the establishment or
21	continuation of partnerships and cooperative initia-
22	tives between the public sector and the private sector
23	to promote greater participation by business and in-
24	dustry in—

1	"(A) the development, demonstration, and
2	dissemination of assistive technology devices; and
3	"(B) the ongoing provision of information
4	about new products to assist individuals with
5	disabilities.
6	"(11) Device and equipment redistribution
7	INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND RECYCLING CENTERS.—
8	The State may support activities, including the estab-
9	lishment of information systems and recycling cen-
10	ters, for the redistribution of assistive technology de-
11	vices and equipment that may include device and
12	equipment loans, rentals, or gifts.''.
13	SEC. 102. DEVELOPMENT GRANTS.
13 14	SEC. 102. DEVELOPMENT GRANTS. (a) NUMBER OF GRANTS TO BE AWARDED.—Section
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14 15	(a) Number of Grants to Be Awarded.—Section
141516	(a) Number of Grants to Be Awarded.—Section 102 of the Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals
141516	(a) Number of Grants to Be Awarded.—Section 102 of the Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals With Disabilities Act of 1988 (29 U.S.C. 2212) is amend-
14 15 16 17	(a) Number of Grants to Be Awarded.—Section 102 of the Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals With Disabilities Act of 1988 (29 U.S.C. 2212) is amended—
14 15 16 17 18	(a) Number of Grants to Be Awarded.—Section 102 of the Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals With Disabilities Act of 1988 (29 U.S.C. 2212) is amended— (1) by striking subsection (b); and
14 15 16 17 18	(a) Number of Grants to Be Awarded.—Section 102 of the Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals With Disabilities Act of 1988 (29 U.S.C. 2212) is amended— (1) by striking subsection (b); and (2) by redesignating subsections (c) through (e)
14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	(a) Number of Grants to Be Awarded.—Section 102 of the Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals With Disabilities Act of 1988 (29 U.S.C. 2212) is amended— (1) by striking subsection (b); and (2) by redesignating subsections (c) through (e) as subsections (b) through (d), respectively.
14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	(a) Number of Grants to Be Awarded.—Section 102 of the Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals With Disabilities Act of 1988 (29 U.S.C. 2212) is amended— (1) by striking subsection (b); and (2) by redesignating subsections (c) through (e) as subsections (b) through (d), respectively. (b) Amounts of Grants.—Section 102(b) of the Technology.

1	(1) in paragraph (1), by striking ''section 106,''
2	and inserting "section 108(a)(1),";
3	(2) in paragraph (2), by striking "section 106"
4	and inserting "section 108(a)(1)"; and
5	(3) in paragraph (5)—
6	(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking "the
7	Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands." and in-
8	serting ''the Republic of Palau.''; and
9	(B) in subparagraph (B), by striking "the
10	Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands." and in-
11	serting "the Republic of Palau (until the Com-
12	pact of Free Association with Palau takes ef-
13	fect).''.
14	(c) Applications.—Section 102(d) of the Technology-
15	Related Assistance for Individuals With Disabilities Act of
16	1988 (29 U.S.C. 2212(e)) (as redesignated by subsection
17	(a)) is amended—
18	(1) by redesignating paragraph (17) as para-
19	graph (25);
20	(2) by redesignating paragraphs (4) through (16)
21	as paragraphs (5) through (17), respectively;
22	(3) by striking paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) and
23	inserting the following:

1	"(1) Designation of Lead agency.—The des-
2	ignation by the Governor of the office, agency, entity,
3	or individual responsible for—
4	"(A) submitting the application on behalf of
5	the State;
6	"(B) administering and supervising the use
7	of amounts made available under the grant;
8	"(C) coordinating and supervising—
9	"(i) preparation of the application;
10	''(ii) planning, development, imple-
11	mentation, and evaluation of the consumer-
12	responsive, consumer-driven, comprehensive
13	statewide program of technology-related as-
14	sistance;
15	"(iii) coordination among public agen-
16	cies and between public agencies and pri-
17	vate entities, including the entering into of
18	interagency and interstate agreements; and
19	"(iv) the active, timely, and meaning-
20	ful participation by individuals with dis-
21	abilities and their family members, guard-
22	ians, advocates, and authorized representa-
23	tives, or other appropriate individuals with
24	respect to carrying out activities under the
25	grant; and

1	"(D) delegating any responsibilities de-
2	scribed in this paragraph, in whole or in part,
3	to one or more appropriate offices, agencies, enti-
4	ties, or individuals.
5	"(2) Abilities of lead agency.—Evidence
6	that the lead agency described in paragraph (1) has
7	the ability—
8	"(A) to respond to assistive technology needs
9	across disability and age;
10	"(B) to promote the availability throughout
11	the State of assistive technology devices and serv-
12	ices;
13	"(C) to promote and implement systems
14	change activities;
15	"(D) to promote and implement public-pri-
16	vate partnerships;
17	"(E) to exercise leadership in identifying
18	and responding to the technology needs of indi-
19	viduals with disabilities and their family mem-
20	bers, guardians, advocates, and authorized rep-
21	resentatives;
22	"(F) to promote and document the
23	consumer-responsive, consumer-driven nature of
24	the comprehensive statewide program of tech-
25	nology-related assistance; and

1	"(G) to exercise leadership in implementing
2	effective strategies for capacity building, staff
3	and consumer training, and enhancement of ac-
4	cess to funding for assistive technology devices
5	and services across agencies.
6	"(3) AGENCY INVOLVEMENT.—A description of
7	the nature and extent of involvement of various State
8	agencies in the preparation of the application and the
9	continuing role of each agency in the development
10	and implementation of the consumer-responsive,
11	consumer-driven, comprehensive statewide program of
12	technology-related assistance, including the identifica-
13	tion of the available resources and financial respon-
14	sibility of each agency for paying for assistive tech-
15	nology devices and services.
16	"(4) Public involvement.—A description of
17	the nature and extent of the involvement in the devel-
18	opment of the application, and the continuing role in
19	the consumer-responsive, consumer-driven, comprehen-
20	sive statewide program of technology-related assist-
21	ance of—
22	"(A) individuals with disabilities;
23	"(B) the family members, guardians, advo-
24	cates, and authorized representatives of such in-
25	dividuals;

1	"(C) other appropriate individuals who are
2	not employed by a State agency; and
3	''(D) organizations, providers, employers,
4	and other interested parties from the private sec-
5	tor.'';
6	(4) in paragraph (5) (as redesignated by para-
7	graph (2)), by striking "underserved groups" and in-
8	serting "underrepresented populations and rural pop-
9	ulations'';
10	(5) in paragraph (7) (as redesignated by para-
11	graph (2)), by striking "consumer-responsive" and in-
12	serting ''consumer-responsive, consumer-driven, com-
13	prehensive'';
14	(6) by striking paragraph (8) (as redesignated
15	by paragraph (2)) and inserting the following:
16	"(8) Data collection.—A description of—
17	"(A) the data collection system used for
18	compiling information as required by the Sec-
19	retary and, when a national classification sys-
20	tem is developed pursuant to section 201, consist-
21	ent with such classification system; and
22	"(B) procedures that will be used to conduct
23	evaluations.";

1	(7) in paragraph (9) (as redesignated by para-
2	graph (2)), by striking "devices and assistive tech-
3	nology'' and inserting "devices and";
4	(8) in paragraph (12) (as redesignated by para-
5	graph (2))—
6	(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking ''de-
7	vices and assistive technology'' and inserting
8	"devices and"; and
9	(B) in subparagraph (B), by striking "de-
10	vices or assistive technology'' each place it ap-
11	pears and inserting "devices or";
12	(9) by amending paragraph (16) (as redesig-
13	nated by paragraph (2)) to read as follows:
14	"(16) Fiscal control and accounting proce-
15	DURES.—An assurance that—
16	"(A) the State will adopt such fiscal control
17	and accounting procedures as may be necessary
18	to ensure proper disbursement of and accounting
19	for amounts received under the grant; and
20	"(B) the lead agency will have the authority
21	to use funds under this title to comply with the
22	State grant requirements, including the ability
23	to hire qualified staff necessary to carry out
24	project activities.''; and

1	(10) by inserting after paragraph (17) (as redes-
2	ignated by paragraph (2)) the following:
3	"(18) Protection and advocacy services.—
4	An assurance that the State will allocate a specific
5	amount of funds, from Federal or State sources, for
6	protection and advocacy services provided pursuant
7	to section 101(b)(4). In reviewing an application by
8	the State, the Secretary shall review such specific
9	amount to determine if it is reasonable in relation to
10	the size of the grant and the needs of individuals with
11	disabilities within the State. In making such deter-
12	mination, the Secretary shall consider the population
13	of the State and the geographic size of the State.
14	"(19) Training activities.—An assurance that
15	the State—
16	"(A) will develop and implement strategies
17	for including personnel training in assistive
18	technology within existing Federal- and State-
19	funded training initiatives to enhance assistive
20	technology skills and competencies; and
21	"(B) will document such training activities.
22	"(20) Limit on indirect costs.—An assurance
23	that the percentage of funds used for indirect costs
24	shall not exceed 15 percent.

1	"(21) Coordination with state councils.—
2	An assurance that there will be coordination between
3	the project funded under this Act and other councils
4	within the State, including the State Rehabilitation
5	Advisory Council (or Councils) established under sec-
6	tion 105 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C.
7	725), the Statewide Independent Living Council es-
8	tablished under section 705 of such Act (29 U.S.C.
9	796d), the advisory panel established under section
10	613(a)(12) of the Individuals with Disabilities Edu-
11	cation Act (20 U.S.C. 1413(a)(12)), the State Inter-
12	agency Coordinating Council established under sec-
13	tion 682 of such Act (20 U.S.C. 1482), the State
14	Planning Council described in section 124 of the De-
15	velopmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights
16	Act (42 U.S.C. 6024), and the State mental health
17	planning council established under section 1916(e) of
18	the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300x-4(e)).
19	"(22) Coordination with other systems
20	CHANGE PROJECTS.—An assurance that there will be
21	coordination between the project funded under this
22	Act and other related systems change projects funded
23	by either Federal or State funds.
24	"(23) Availability of information.—An as-
25	surance that the State will—

1	"(A) make available to individuals with
2	disabilities and their family members, guard-
3	ians, advocates, and authorized representatives
4	information concerning technology-related assist-
5	ance in a form that will allow such individuals
6	with disabilities to effectively use such informa-
7	tion; and
8	"(B) in preparing such information for dis-
9	semination, consider the media-related needs of
10	individuals with disabilities who have sensory
11	and cognitive limitations and consider the use of
12	auditory materials, including audio cassettes,
13	visual materials, including video cassettes and
14	video discs, and braille materials.
15	"(24) Timeliness of service provision.—An
16	assurance that the State—
17	"(A) will review all State laws, regulations,
18	policies, procedures, and practices that have an
19	impact on—
20	"(i) the decisions related to the need
21	for and the provision of assistive technology
22	devices and services;
23	"(ii) the specific entity within the
24	State that will provide such service or de-
25	vice;

1	"(iii) the procurement policies, proce-
2	dures, and practices that affect the acquisi-
3	tion or usage of such service or device; or
4	"(iv) the timelines involved in such
5	procurement;
6	"(B) will review the information required
7	under subparagraph (A) to determine areas that
8	inhibit or delay the acquisition or delivery of a
9	needed assistive technology service or device, par-
10	ticularly as such service or device relates to mi-
11	nors; and
12	"(C) will determine ways in which the
13	timelines for acquisition and delivery may be de-
14	creased.".
15	SEC. 103. EXTENSION GRANTS.
16	(a) General Authority.—Section 103(a) of the
17	Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals With Dis-
18	abilities Act of 1988 (29 U.S.C. 2213(a)) is amended to
19	read as follows:
20	"(a) General Authority.—The Secretary may
21	award a 2-year extension grant to any State that—
22	"(1) has been awarded one development grant
23	under section 102;
24	"(2) has successfully satisfied the requirements
25	in such section; and

"(3) has demonstrated to the Secretary that the 1 2 State made significant progress in developing and 3 implementing a consumer-responsive, consumer-driv-4 en, comprehensive statewide program of technology-related assistance, consistent with sections 2(b)(1), 101, 5 6 and 102(d).". 7 (b) Assessment of Progress.—Section 103 of the 8 Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals With Disabilities Act of 1988 (29 U.S.C. 2213) is amended— (1) by redesignating subsections (b) and (c) as 10 subsections (c) and (d), respectively; and 11 (2) by inserting after subsection (a) the follow-12 13 ing: 14 "(b) Assessment of Progress.—The Secretary shall develop guidelines to be used in assessing the extent to which the State is making significant progress in developing and 16 implementing a consumer-responsive, consumer-driven, 17 comprehensive statewide program of technology-related as-18 19 sistance consistent with section 2(b)(1).". (c) Amounts of Grants.—Section 103(c) of the Tech-20 21 nology-Related Assistance for Individuals With Disabilities Act of 1988 (29 U.S.C. 2213(c)) (as redesignated by sub-23 section (b)) is amended— (1) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking "section 24 106" and inserting "section 108(a)(1)"; 25

1	(2) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking ''section
2	106" and inserting "section 108(a)(1)";
3	(3) in paragraph (1)(C)—
4	(A) in clause (i), by striking "the Trust
5	Territory of the Pacific Islands.'' and inserting
6	"the Republic of Palau."; and
7	(B) in clause (ii), by striking "the Trust
8	Territory of the Pacific Islands.'' and inserting
9	"the Republic of Palau (until the Compact of
10	Free Association with Palau takes effect)."; and
11	(4) in paragraph (2), by adding at the end the
12	following:
13	"In providing any increases in State grants above the
14	amounts provided to States in fiscal year 1993, the
15	Secretary shall give priority to the 10 States that
16	have the largest populations, as determined by the
17	1990 decennial census of the population, and States
18	that are sparsely populated, with a wide geographic
19	spread, where such characteristics have impeded the
20	development of a statewide program.".
21	(d) Application.—Section 103(d) of the Technology-
22	Related Assistance for Individuals With Disabilities Act of
23	1988 (29 U.S.C. 2213(d)) (as redesignated by subsection
24	(b)) is amended—

1	(1) by striking paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) and
2	inserting the following:
3	"(1) Information and assurances.—The in-
4	formation and assurances described in section 102(d),
5	except the preliminary needs assessment described in
6	section $102(d)(5)$.
7	"(2) Needs.—A description of—
8	"(A) needs relating to technology-related as-
9	sistance for individuals with disabilities (includ-
10	ing individuals from underrepresented popu-
11	lations and rural populations), their family
12	members, guardians, advocates, and authorized
13	representatives, and other appropriate individ-
14	uals within the State;
15	"(B) gaps that remain in the development
16	and implementation of a consumer-responsive,
17	consumer-driven, comprehensive statewide pro-
18	gram of technology-related assistance;
19	"(C) strategies that the State will pursue
20	during the grant period to remedy such gaps;
21	and
22	"(D) outreach activities, with special atten-
23	tion to underrepresented populations and rural
24	populations.

1	"(3) Activities and progress under pre-
2	VIOUS GRANT.—A description of the specific activities
3	carried out under the development grant received
4	under section 102, the relationship of such activities
5	to the development and implementation of a
6	consumer-responsive, consumer-driven, comprehensive
7	statewide program of technology-related assistance,
8	and the progress made toward the development and
9	implementation of such a program. Such description
10	shall include, at a minimum—
11	"(A) a description of State actions that
12	were undertaken to produce systems change on a
13	permanent basis for individuals of all ages with
14	disabilities;
15	"(B) a description of training and technical
16	assistance efforts to improve individual access to
17	assistive technology devices and services; and
18	"(C) an evaluation of the impact and re-
19	sults of the activities described in subparagraphs
20	(A) and (B).";
21	(2) in paragraph (4)—
22	(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph
23	(A), by striking "families or representatives of
24	individuals with disabilities,'' and inserting

1	'their family members, guardians, advocates,
2	and authorized representatives,"; and
3	(B) in subparagraph (C), by striking
4	"consumer-responsive" and inserting "consumer-
5	responsive, consumer-driven, comprehensive'';
6	(3) by striking paragraph (6) and redesignating
7	paragraph (7) as paragraph (6);
8	(4) in paragraph (6) (as redesignated by para-
9	graph (3)), by inserting ", or any recipient of its
10	funds," after "State"; and
11	(5) by adding at the end the following:
12	"(7) Continuation of Program.—A descrip-
13	tion of the steps the State has taken or will take to
14	continue on a permanent basis a consumer-respon-
15	sive, consumer-driven, comprehensive statewide pro-
16	gram of technology-related assistance, including an
17	identification of potential funding sources and fund-
18	ing commitments for the program from the public
19	and private sectors and from the agencies and entities
20	who will be involved with and direct future efforts.".
21	SEC. 104. SECOND EXTENSION GRANTS.
22	The Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals
23	With Disabilities Act of 1988 (29 U.S.C. 2201 et seq.) is
24	amended—

1	(1) by redesignating sections 104 and 105 as sec-
2	tions 105 and 106, respectively;
3	(2) by redesignating section 106 as section 108;
4	and
5	(3) by inserting after section 103 the following:
6	"SEC. 104. SECOND EXTENSION GRANTS.
7	"(a) General Authority.—The Secretary may
8	award a 5-year second extension grant to any State that—
9	"(1) has been awarded one extension grant under
10	section 103;
11	"(2) has successfully satisfied the requirements
12	in such section; and
13	"(3) has demonstrated to the Secretary that the
14	State made significant progress in developing and
15	implementing a consumer-responsive, consumer-driv-
16	en, comprehensive statewide program of technology-re-
17	lated assistance, consistent with sections $2(b)(1)$, 101,
18	and 102(d).
19	"(b) Amounts of Grants.—The amounts and the
20	priority of the extension grants under this section shall be
21	the same as the amounts and priority of extension grants
22	under section 103(c), except that—
23	"(1) the amount paid to a State for the fourth
24	year of the grant period shall be 75 percent of the

- 1 amount paid to the State for the third year of the 2 grant period;
- "(2) the amount paid to a State for the fifth year of the grant period shall be 50 percent of the amount paid to the State for the third year of the grant period; and
- 7 "(3) after the fifth year of the grant period, no 8 Federal funds shall be made available to the State 9 under this Act.
- 10 In providing any increases in State grants above the
- 11 amounts provided to States in fiscal year 1993, the Sec-
- 12 retary shall give priority to the 10 States that have the larg-
- 13 est populations, as determined by the 1990 decennial census
- 14 of the population, and States that are sparsely populated,
- 15 with a wide geographic spread, where such characteristics
- 16 have impeded the development of a statewide program.
- 17 "(c) Application.—A State that desires to receive an
- 18 extension grant under this section shall submit an applica-
- 19 tion that contains the information and assurances required
- 20 under section 103(d), except that the descriptions of the ac-
- 21 tivities carried out and the progress made under a develop-
- 22 ment grant that are referred to in such section shall relate,
- 23 in an application under this section, to an extension grant
- 24 under section 103.".

1 SEC. 105. PROGRESS REPORTS.

2	Section 105 of the Technology-Related Assistance for
3	Individuals With Disabilities Act of 1988 (29 U.S.C. 2214)
4	(as redesignated by section 104) is amended—
5	(1) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the
6	following:
7	"(a) In General.—Each State that receives a grant
8	under this title shall submit to the Secretary annually a
9	report that documents significant progress in developing
10	and implementing a consumer-responsive, consumer-driven,
11	comprehensive statewide program of technology-related as-
12	sistance, consistent with sections 2(b)(1), 101, and 102(d).
13	The report shall document the following:
14	"(1) Successful systems change activities to in-
15	crease funding for, and access to, assistive technology
16	devices and services, including—
17	"(A) an analysis of laws, regulations, poli-
18	cies, procedures, and practices that have
19	changed, the program has attempted to change,
20	or that need to be changed to facilitate the acqui-
21	sition of assistive technology;
22	"(B) a report on protection and advocacy
23	services provided; and
24	"(C) other relevant processes or activities.
25	"(2) The degree of consumer satisfaction and
26	participation, and particularly the satisfaction and

- participation of underrepresented populations and rural populations, with the statewide program, based upon mechanisms that have been developed pursuant to section 101(b)(2)(B)(iii).
 - "(3) The degree of involvement of various State agencies in the preparation of the application and the continuing role of each agency in the development and implementation of the statewide program, including the identification of the available resources and financial responsibility of each agency for paying for assistive technology devices and services.
 - "(4) Efforts to train personnel as well as consumers.
 - "(5) Information collection and dissemination activities relating to systems change activities identified in paragraph (1).
 - "(6) Written notices by State and local agencies of policies, procedures, and practices that have been developed or amended in order to inform individuals with disabilities and their family members, guardians, advocates, and authorized representatives of Federal requirements pertaining to assistive technology devices and services, particularly under parts B and H of the Individuals with Disabilities Edu-

1	cation Act (20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.) and title I of the
2	Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 720 et seq.).
3	"(7) Efforts to disseminate information on all
4	major program initiatives to other States by means
5	of electronic communication.
6	"(8) Efforts to comply with the assurance pro-
7	vided pursuant to section 102(d)(24).
8	"(9) Efforts to reduce the service delivery time
9	for receiving assistive technology devices and services.
10	"(10) Efforts to disseminate information about
11	interagency activities that promote coordination of
12	assistive technology services, including evidence of in-
13	creased participation of State and local special edu-
14	cation, vocational rehabilitation, and medical assist-
15	ance agencies and departments.";
16	(2) in subsection (b), by striking "section 103"
17	and inserting "sections 103 and 104"; and
18	(3) by adding at the end the following:
19	"(c) Reports on Protection and Advocacy Serv-
20	ICES.—An organization that is awarded a contract to pro-
21	vide protection and advocacy services pursuant to section
22	101(b)(4) shall make significant progress in providing such
23	services. One year after the date of the enactment of the
24	Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals With Dis-
25	abilities Amendments of 1993, and each year thereafter, the

- organization shall document such progress for the Secretary in each of the following areas: 3 "(1) Conducting activities that are consumer-re-4 sponsive and consumer-driven, including activities 5 that will lead to increased access to funding for assistive technology devices and services. 6 7 "(2) Executing legal, administrative, and other appropriate means of representation to implement 8 9 systems change. "(3) Developing and implementing strategies de-10 signed to enhance the long-term abilities of individ-11 uals with disabilities and their family members, 12 13 guardians, advocates, and authorized representatives to successfully advocate for assistive technology to 14 which the individuals with disabilities are entitled 15 under law. 16 17 "(4) Coordination with protection and advocacy 18 services funded through sources other than this Act. 19 "(d) Public Comment.— 20 "(1) Hearing.—An organization that is awarded a contract to provide protection and advocacy 21 22
 - ed a contract to provide protection and advocacy services pursuant to section 101(b)(4) shall, during the period described in paragraph (2), conduct a hearing for public comment from interested persons to ascertain the extent to which the State that awarded

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- the contract to the organization is making significant progress, under the grant that is effective at the time of the hearing, in developing and implementing a consumer-responsive, consumer-driven, comprehensive statewide program of technology-related assistance.
 - "(2) Date of Hearing.—The hearing required under paragraph (1) shall be conducted within the 6-month period ending on the date of the termination of a grant received under section 103, or within the 6-month period ending on the date that is 24 months after the date on which a grant under section 104 commenced, whichever is applicable to the State that awarded the contract to the organization.
 - "(3) Report.—An organization referred to in paragraph (1) shall submit to the Secretary a report summarizing the public comments received at a hearing conducted under the paragraph within the 6-month period beginning on the date the hearing is concluded."

20 SEC. 106. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.

- 21 Section 106 of the Technology-Related Assistance for
- 22 Individuals With Disabilities Act of 1988 (29 U.S.C. 2215)
- 23 (as redesignated by section 104) is amended—
- 24 (1) in clause (ii) of subsection (a)(2)(B), by
- 25 striking "GS-18 of the General Schedule under section

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1	5332 of title 5," and inserting "level IV of the Execu-
2	tive Schedule under section 5315 of title 5,';
3	(2) by redesignating subsection (c) as subsection
4	(g);
5	(3) by inserting after subsection (b) the follow-
6	ing:
7	"(c) Redesignation of Lead Agency.—
8	"(1) Monitoring panel.—Once a State becomes
9	subject to a corrective action plan pursuant to sub-
10	section (b), the Governor of the State, subject to ap-
11	proval by the Secretary, shall appoint within 30 days
12	a monitoring panel consisting of the following rep-
13	resentatives:
14	"(A) The head of the lead agency designated
15	by the Governor.
16	"(B) 2 representatives from different public
17	or private nonprofit organizations that represent
18	the interests of individuals with disabilities.
19	"(C) 2 consumers who are users of assistive
20	technology devices and services and who are
21	not—
22	"(i) members of the advisory council of
23	the program; or
24	"(ii) employees of the State lead agen-
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1 "(D) 2 service providers with knowledge 2 and expertise in assistive technology devices and 3 services.

The monitoring panel shall be ethnically diverse and shall choose its own chairperson. The panel shall receive periodic reports from the State regarding progress in implementing the corrective action plan and shall have the authority to request additional information necessary to determine compliance. The meetings of the panel to determine compliance shall be open to the public (subject to confidentiality concerns) and held at locations that are accessible to individuals with disabilities. The panel shall remain active for the entire period of the corrective action plan, as determined by the Secretary. The panel shall be funded by a portion of the funds received by the State under this title, as directed by the Secretary.

- "(2) Failure to appoint monitoring panel.—A failure by a Governor of a State to comply with the requirements of paragraph (1) shall result in the complete loss of funding under this title, until redesignation pursuant to the process established in paragraph (4).
- "(3) Determination.—Based on its findings, a monitoring panel may determine that a lead agency

1	designated by a Governor has not met the purposes es-
2	tablished in section $2(b)(1)$ and that there is good
3	cause for redesignation and the temporary loss of
4	funds under this title. In this paragraph, the term
5	'good cause' includes—
6	"(A) lack of progress with employment of
7	qualified staff;
8	"(B) lack of consumer-responsive, consumer-
9	driven activities;
10	"(C) lack of resource allocation to systems
11	change activities;
12	"(D) lack of progress with meeting the as-
13	surances in section 102(d); or
14	"(E) inadequate fiscal management.
15	If a monitoring panel makes such a determination, it
16	shall recommend to the Secretary that further reme-
17	dial action be taken or that the Secretary order the
18	Governor to hold an open competition pursuant to
19	paragraph (4). The Secretary, based on the findings
20	and recommendations of the monitoring panel, shall
21	make a final determination with respect to the lead
22	agency designation under this title.
23	"(4) New state competition.—In the event
24	that a State loses funding under this title pursuant
25	to paragraph (2) or (3), the Governor of the State

1 shall hold an open competition within the State and 2 issue a request for proposals within 30 days for agency redesignation. Such competition shall be open to 3 State agencies, public and private nonprofit organizations, consortia of such organizations, or institutions 5 of higher education. The competition shall ensure 6 public involvement, including a public hearing and 7 adequate opportunity for public comment. The Sec-8 retary shall have final approval of the agency or or-9 ganization designated after such competition. 10 11 "(d) Redesignation of Protection and Advocacy Services.—If the Secretary determines that significant 12 progress has not been achieved by an organization that is awarded a contract to provide protection and advocacy services for a State pursuant to section 101(b)(4), the Secretary shall consult with the Governor of such State in a timely manner. After such consultation, if it is determined that remedial action is not appropriate, the Governor shall hold an open competition within the State and issue a re-19 quest for proposals within 30 days for agency redesignation. Such competition shall be open to entities with the same 21 expertise and ability to provide legal services as an organi-

24 shall ensure public involvement, including a public hearing

zation referred to in section 101(b)(4). The competition

25 and adequate opportunity for public comment.

1	"(e) Annual Report.—
2	"(1) In general.—The Secretary shall publish,
3	by December 31 of each year, an annual report to the
4	President and to the Congress on the activities funded
5	under this Act and other Federal initiatives to im-
6	prove the access of individuals with disabilities to
7	assistive technology devices and services. The report
8	shall address the following:
9	"(A) Demonstrated successes at the Federal
10	and State levels in improving interagency co-
11	ordination, streamlining access to funding, and
12	producing beneficial outcomes for users of
13	assistive technology.
14	"(B) Demonstrated successes in promoting
15	funding access in existing public programs and
16	establishing new funding options.
17	"(C) Activities targeted to reach
18	underrepresented populations and rural popu-
19	lations.
20	"(D) Consumer involvement activities in the
21	State programs.
22	"(E) Education and training activities to
23	promote awareness of available funding in public
24	programs.

"(F) Efforts made to educate and train individuals with disabilities and their family
members, guardians, advocates, and authorized
representatives, representatives of public agencies
and private entities that have contact with individuals with disabilities (including insurers),
teachers and related services personnel, technology experts (including engineers), employers,
and other appropriate individuals about technology-related assistance.

- "(G) Research activities undertaken to improve the understanding of the cost-benefit ratio resulting from the use of assistive technology for individuals of all ages and with varying disabilities.
- "(2) Report on availability.—As soon as practicable, but not later than January 1, 1996, the Secretary shall include in the annual report required by this section a report on the availability of assistive technology devices and services for individuals with disabilities based on the national classification system developed under section 201.
- "(f) Interagency Disability Coordinating Coun-24 CIL.—On or before October 1, 1995, the Interagency Dis-25 ability Coordinating Council established under section 507

- 1 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794d) shall
- 2 prepare and submit to the President and to the Congress
- 3 a report of—
- 4 "(1) the response of the Interagency Disability
- 5 Coordinating Council to the findings and rec-
- 6 ommendations of the National Council on Disability
- 7 (established under section 400 of the Rehabilitation
- 8 Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 780)) that were included in
- 9 the Study on the Financing of Assistive Technology
- 10 Devices and Services for Individuals with Disabilities
- of the National Council on Disability; and
- 12 "(2) activities of the Interagency Disability Co-
- ordinating Council that facilitate the accomplishment
- of section 2(b)(2) with respect to the Federal Govern-
- *ment.*
- 16 The report shall include any comments submitted by the
- 17 National Council on Disability to the Interagency Disabil-
- 18 ity Coordinating Council that pertain to paragraph (1) or
- 19 (2)."; and
- 20 (4) by amending subsection (g) (as redesignated
- 21 by paragraph (2)) to read as follows:
- 22 "(g) Effect on Other Assistance.—This title may
- 23 not be construed as authorizing a State or a Federal agency
- 24 to reduce medical or other assistance available or to alter
- 25 eligibility under any Federal statute.".

1 SEC. 107. INFORMATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

2	The Technology Related Assistance for Individuals
3	With Disabilities Act of 1988 (29 U.S.C. 2201 et seq.) is
4	amended by inserting after section 106 (as redesignated by
5	section 104) the following:
6	"SEC. 107. INFORMATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.
7	"(a) In General.—The Secretary shall provide to
8	States and individuals with disabilities and their family
9	members, guardians, advocates, and authorized representa-
10	tives information and technical assistance.
11	"(b) Information and Technical Assistance to
12	States.—Information and technical assistance provided to
13	the States under subsection (a) shall include—
14	"(1) providing a clearinghouse for activities that
15	have been developed and implemented by projects
16	funded pursuant to this Act;
17	"(2) facilitating service delivery capacity build-
18	ing, training of personnel across disciplines, evalua-
19	tion strategies, and research and data collection;
20	"(3) providing information and technical assist-
21	ance on effective approaches to information referral,
22	interagency coordination on training and service de-
23	livery, outreach to underrepresented populations and
24	rural populations, and public awareness activities;
25	"(4) assisting in planning, developing, imple-
26	menting and evaluating appropriate activities to fur-

1	ther extend consumer-responsive, consumer-driven,
2	comprehensive statewide programs of technology-relat-
3	ed assistance for individuals with disabilities;
4	"(5) providing technical assistance and training
5	to the projects funded pursuant to this title for activi-
6	ties conducted pursuant to section 101(c)(3); and
7	"(6) providing any other appropriate informa-
8	tion and technical assistance to assist the States in
9	accomplishing the purposes of this Act.
10	"(c) Information and Technical Assistance to
11	Individuals.—Information and technical assistance pro-
12	vided to individuals with disabilities and their family
13	members, guardians, advocates, and authorized representa-
14	tives under subsection (a) shall include—
15	"(1) disseminating information and providing
16	technical assistance on Federal, State and local laws,
17	regulations, policies, procedures, and practices that
18	facilitate funding for and access to assistive tech-
19	nology devices and services, to promote independence,
20	productivity, and inclusion in the economic, political,
21	social, cultural, and educational mainstream of
22	American society for individuals of all ages with dis-
23	abilities;
24	"(2) identifying, collecting, and disseminating
25	information, and providing technical assistance on ef-

- fective systems change activities, advocacy services,
 and protection and advocacy services;
- "(3) collecting, analyzing, and disseminating on a national basis assistive technology funding decisions made as a result of policies, procedures, and practices, or through regulations, administrative hearings, or legal action that enhance access to funding of assistive technology devices and services for individuals with disabilities;
 - "(4) promoting State-Federal coordination through information dissemination and technical assistance activities in response to funding policy improvements identified by the States that enhance funding for, or access to, assistive technology devices and services for individuals of all ages with disabilities; and
 - "(5) providing any other appropriate information and technical assistance to assist individuals with disabilities and their family members, guardians, advocates, and authorized representatives in accomplishing the purposes of this Act.
- 22 "(d) Grants, Contracts, and Agreements.—
 - "(1) Public or private agencies.—The Secretary shall provide the information and technical assistance described in this section through grants, con-

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- tracts, or cooperative agreements with public or private agencies and organizations, including institutions of higher education, with documented experience, expertise, and capacity to accomplish identified activities.
- "(2) Number.—The Secretary shall provide the 6 7 information and technical assistance described in this section through one or two grants, contracts, or coop-8 9 erative agreements. An agency or organization that is 10 a party to such a grant, contract, or agreement may 11 contract with other public or private agencies or organizations for the purposes of providing the informa-12 tion and technical assistance described in this sec-13 14 tion.".

15 **SEC. 108. FUNDING.**

- 16 Section 108 of the Technology-Related Assistance for
- 17 Individuals With Disabilities Act of 1988 (29 U.S.C. 2216)
- 18 (as redesignated by section 104) is amended to read as fol-
- 19 *lows:*

20 *"SEC. 108. FUNDING.*

- 21 "(a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
- 22 "(1) In General.—There are authorized to be
- appropriated to carry out this title \$50,000,000 for
- 24 fiscal year 1994, and such sums as may be necessary
- 25 for each of the fiscal years 1995 through 2002.

1 "(2) Reservation.—The Secretary shall reserve 2 2 percent of funds appropriated in any fiscal year 3 under paragraph (1), or \$1,500,000, whichever is greater, for the purpose of providing to States and in-4 dividuals with disabilities and their family members, 5 guardians, advocates, and authorized representatives 6 7 information and technical assistance under section 107. 8 9 "(b) Administration.—From funds appropriated for salaries and expenses with respect to the Department of 10 Education for each fiscal year beginning after October 1, 11 1993, the Secretary— 12 "(1) shall expend such amounts as may be nec-13 essary to ensure that 4 full-time employees are added 14 15 to the number of employees serving on September 30, 1993, in the Office of Special Education and Reha-16 17 bilitative Services of the Department of Education; 18 and 19 "(2) shall assign such additional employees to the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilita-20 tion Research to be engaged in the full-time adminis-21 22 tration of this Act.".

TITLE II—PROGRAMS OF 1 NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE 2 SEC. 201. PROGRAMS AUTHORIZED. The Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals 4 With Disabilities Act of 1988 (29 U.S.C. 2201 et seq.) is 5 amended by striking title II and inserting the following: "TITLE II—PROGRAMS OF 7 NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE 8 9 "PART A—NATIONAL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM 10 "SEC. 201. NATIONAL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM. "(a) In General.—The Secretary— 11 12 "(1) shall collect the uniform data described in 13 subsection (c) across the publicly funded programs described in subsection (d) through the use of a single 14 15 taxonomy and a uniform data collection instrument; 16 and "(2) shall develop, in consultation with the In-17 ternal Revenue Service, procedures for determining 18 19 whether devices and services are assistive technology 20 devices or services within the meaning of paragraph 21 (2) or (3) of section 3. "(b) SINGLE TAXONOMY.— 22 "(1) In General.—The Secretary, in consulta-23 24 tion with the technical assistance contractees de-25 scribed in section 107(d), the States receiving funds

- under title I, organizations that have worked in the information and referral field in the past, and assistive technology reimbursement specialists, shall adopt a single taxonomy for assistive technology devices and services.
- "(2) Deadlines.—(A) The Secretary may carry 6 7 out this subsection through a contract or grant if the contract or grant is made within the 6-month period 8 beginning on the date of the enactment of the Tech-9 10 nology-Related Assistance for Individuals With Disabilities Amendments of 1993. If the Secretary carries 11 out this subsection through contract or grant, the con-12 tract or grant shall be for a period of not more than 13 14 2 years.
 - "(B) If the Secretary does not carry out this subsection through contract or grant, the Secretary shall adopt the taxonomy described in paragraph (1) within the 2-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of the Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals With Disabilities Amendments of 1993.
- 21 "(c) Uniform Data.—The uniform data referred to 22 in subsection (a) shall include the following:
- 23 "(1) Expenditures for the different types of 24 assistive technology devices and services.
- 25 "(2) Type of disability of the individual.

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              "(10) Geographic residence of the individual.
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         "(d) Publicly Funded Programs.—The publicly
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              "(1) titles I. VI. and VII of the Rehabilitation
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              "(2) parts H and B of the Individuals with Dis-
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              "(3) titles V and XIX of the Social Security Act
         (42 U.S.C. 301 et seq.);
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              "(4) programs funded under the Older Ameri-
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         cans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.); and
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              "(5) programs funded under the Developmental
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         Disabilities and Bill of Rights Act (42 U.S.C. 6000
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         et seq.).
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1 "PART B—TRAINING AND DEMONSTRATION 2 **PROJECTS** 3 "SEC. 211. TRAINING GRANTS. "(a) Technology Training.— 4 5 "(1) General authority.—The Secretary shall 6 enter into contracts or cooperative agreements with 7 appropriate public or private agencies and organizations, including institutions of higher education, for 8 9 the purposes of— "(A) conducting training sessions; and 10 "(B) developing, demonstrating, disseminat-11 12 ing, and evaluating curricula, materials, and 13 methods used to train individuals regarding the provision of technology-related assistance. 14 15 "(2) Eligible activities.—Activities conducted 16 under contracts or cooperative agreements entered 17 into under paragraph (1) may address the training 18 needs of individuals with disabilities and their family members, guardians, advocates, and authorized rep-19 20 resentatives, representatives of public agencies and 21 private entities that have contact with individuals with disabilities (including insurers), teachers and re-22 lated services personnel, technology experts (including 23 24 engineers), employers, and other appropriate individ-25 uals. 26 "(b) Technology Careers.—

"(1) In General.—The Secretary shall make 1 2 grants to assist institutions of higher education to 3 prepare students and faculty working in specific fields for careers relating to the provision of assistive 4 5 technology devices and services. The specific fields include— 6 7 "(A) engineering; 8 ''(B) industrial technology; "(C) computer science; 9 "(D) communication disorders: 10 "(E) special education; 11 "(F) rehabilitation; and 12 "(G) social work. 13 14 "(2) Priority.—In awarding grants under 15 paragraph (1), the Secretary shall give priority to the preparation of personnel who will provide technical 16 17 assistance, administer programs, or prepare personnel 18 necessary to support the development and implemen-19 tation of consumer-responsive, consumer-driven, com-20 prehensive statewide programs of technology-related 21 assistance for individuals with disabilities. 22 ''(3) USES OF FUNDS.—Amounts made available 23 for grants under paragraph (1) may be used by institutions of higher education to assist in covering the 24 25 cost of courses of training or study for such personnel

- 1 and for establishing and maintaining fellowships or
- 2 traineeships with such stipends and allowances as
- 3 may be determined by the Secretary.
- 4 "(c) Grants to Historically Black Colleges.—
- 5 In exercising the authority granted in subsections (a) and
- 6 (b), the Secretary shall reserve an adequate amount for
- 7 grants to historically black colleges and universities and
- 8 other institutions of higher education whose minority stu-
- 9 dent enrollment is at least 50 percent.

10 "SEC. 212. TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER.

- 11 "The Secretary shall provide funds to an organization
- 12 whose primary function is to promote technology transfer
- 13 from, and cooperation among, Federal laboratories (as de-
- 14 fined in section 4(6) of the Stevenson-Wydler Technology
- 15 Innovation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3701 et seq.)). Such
- 16 funds shall be used to promote technology transfer that will
- 17 spur the development of assistive technology devices.
- 18 "SEC. 213. DEVICE AND EQUIPMENT REDISTRIBUTION IN-
- 19 FORMATION SYSTEMS AND RECYCLING CEN-
- 20 **TERS.**
- 21 "(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall make grants
- 22 to, or enter into contracts or cooperative agreements with,
- 23 public agencies, private entities, or institutions of higher
- 24 education for the purpose of developing and establishing re-
- 25 cycling projects.

1	"(b) Eligible Activities.—Eligible recycling activi-
2	ties may include—
3	"(1) a system for accepting, on an unconditional
4	gift basis, assistive technology devices, including a
5	process for valuing the devices and evaluating their
6	use and potential;
7	"(2) a system for storing and caring for such de-
8	vices;
9	"(3) an information system (including computer
10	databases) by which local educational agencies, reha-
11	bilitation entities, local community-based organiza-
12	tions, independent living centers and other entities,
13	would be informed, on a periodic and timely basis,
14	about the availability and nature of the devices cur-
15	rently held; and
16	"(4) a system for making such devices available
17	to consumers and those entities listed in paragraph
18	(3), provided that such system include provision for
19	tracking each device throughout its useful life.
20	"(c) Multiple Providers.—With respect to activi-
21	ties funded under this section, an agency, entity, or institu-
22	tion may utilize a single authority or may establish a sys-
23	tem of service providers. If an agency, entity, or institution
24	uses multiple providers, the agency, entity, or institution
2.5	shall assure that—

1	"(1) all consumers within a State receive equal
2	access to services, regardless of the geographic location
3	or socioeconomic status of the consumers; and
4	"(2) all activities of the providers are coordi-
5	nated and monitored by the agency, entity, or institu-
6	tion.
7	"(d) Other Laws.—Nothing in this section shall af-
8	fect the provision of services or devices pursuant to title I
9	of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 720 et seq.)
10	or part B of the Individuals With Disabilities Education
11	Act (20 U.S.C 1411 et seq.).
12	"(e) Existing Programs.—Public agencies, private
13	entities, or institutions of higher education that have al-
14	ready established recycling programs may extend and
15	strengthen such programs through grants, contracts, or
16	agreements under this section.
17	"SEC. 214. BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS
18	WITH DISABILITIES.
19	"The Secretary may make grants to individuals with
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20	disabilities to enable them to establish or operate commer-
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1	the research and development of products of universal de-
2	sign. Preference shall be given to those enterprises which
3	are owned or operated by individuals with disabilities.
4	"SEC. 216. GOVERNING STANDARDS FOR PART B PROJECTS.
5	"Projects operated pursuant to this part shall—
6	"(1) be held to the same consumer-responsive,
7	consumer-driven standards as the program under title
8	I;
9	"(2) make available to individuals with disabil-
10	ities and their family members, guardians, advocates,
11	and authorized representatives information concern-
12	ing technology-related assistance in a form that will
13	allow such individuals with disabilities to effectively
14	use such information;
15	"(3) in preparing such information for dissemi-
16	nation, consider the media-related needs of individ-
17	uals with disabilities who have sensory and cognitive
18	limitations and consider the use of auditory mate-
19	rials, including audio cassettes, visual materials, in-
20	cluding video cassettes and video discs, and braille
21	materials; and
22	"(4) coordinate their efforts with the consumer-
23	responsive, consumer-driven, comprehensive statewide
24	program of technology-related assistance for individ-

1	uals with disabilities in the State or States in which
2	the projects operate.
3	"PART C—AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS
4	"SEC. 221. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.
5	"(a) In General.—There are authorized to be appro-
6	priated to carry out this title \$10,000,000 for fiscal year
7	1994, and such sums as may be necessary for each of the
8	fiscal years 1995 through 1998.
9	"(b) Reservation.—Of the amounts appropriated
10	under subsection (a), the Secretary shall reserve \$200,000
11	in each of the fiscal years 1994 and 1995 for the purpose
12	of adopting the taxonomy under section 201.".
13	TITLE III—ALTERNATIVE
14	FINANCING MECHANISMS
15	SEC. 301. ALTERNATIVE FINANCING MECHANISMS AUTHOR-
16	IZED.
17	The Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals
18	With Disabilities Act of 1988 (29 U.S.C. 2201 et seq.) is
19	amended by adding at the end the following:
20	"TITLE III—ALTERNATIVE
21	FINANCING MECHANISMS
22	"SEC. 301. GENERAL AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE ALTER-
23	NATIVE FINANCING MECHANISMS.
24	"(a) In General.—The Secretary shall award grants
25	to States to provide a Federal share for the establishment

- 1 of, or the expansion of, alternative financing mechanisms
- 2 to allow individuals with disabilities and their family
- 3 members, guardians, and authorized representatives to pur-
- 4 chase assistive technology devices and services. Grants
- 5 under this section may be used to provide up to one-half
- 6 of the costs of providing and administering such alternative
- 7 financing mechanisms. The mechanisms may include—
- 8 "(1) a low-interest loan fund;
- 9 "(2) a revolving fund;
- 10 "(3) a loan insurance program;
- 11 "(4) a partnership with private entities for the
- 12 purchase, lease, or other acquisition of assistive tech-
- nology devices or the provision of assistive technology
- 14 services; and
- 15 "(5) other alternative financing mechanisms that
- meet the requirements of this Act and are approved
- 17 by the Secretary.
- 18 "(b) Construction of Title I.—Nothing in this sec-
- 19 tion shall be construed as affecting the authority of a State
- 20 to establish alternative financing mechanisms under title
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- 22 "SEC. 302. APPLICATIONS AND PROCEDURES.
- 23 "States that receive or have received grants under sec-
- 24 tion 102, 103, or 104 shall be eligible to compete for grants
- 25 under this title. The Secretary shall make grants under this

1	title under such conditions as the Secretary shall, by regula-
2	tion, determine, except that—
3	"(1) a State may receive only one grant under
4	this title;
5	"(2) a State that desires to receive a grant under
6	this title shall submit an application that contains—
7	"(A) an assurance that the State will pro-
8	vide an amount not less than the amount paid
9	to the State by the Secretary under this title, as
10	set forth under section 304, for the purpose of
11	supporting the alternative financing mechanisms
12	that are covered by the grant;
13	"(B) an assurance that an alternative fi-
14	nancing mechanism shall continue on a perma-
15	nent basis; and
16	"(C) a description of the degree to which the
17	alternative financing mechanisms to be funded
18	under this title will expand and emphasize
19	consumer choice and control;
20	"(3) a State that receives a grant under this
21	title—
22	"(A) shall contract with a community-based
23	organization (or a consortia of such organiza-
24	tions) that has individuals with disabilities in-
25	volved at all organizational levels for the admin-

1	istration of the alternative financing mecha-
2	nisms that are supported by this title; and
3	"(B) shall require that such community-
4	based organization contract, for the purpose of
5	expanding opportunities under this title and fa-
6	cilitating the administration of the alternative
7	financing mechanisms, with—
8	"(i) commercial lending institutions or
9	organizations; or
10	"(ii) State financing agencies; and
11	"(4) a contract between a State that receives a
12	grant under this title and a community-based organi-
13	zation described in paragraph (3)—
14	"(A) shall include the administration of
15	both the Federal and non-Federal matching
16	share in a manner consistent with the provisions
17	of this title; and
18	"(B) shall include any provision required
19	by the Secretary dealing with oversight and eval-
20	uation as may be necessary to protect the finan-
21	cial interests of the United States.
22	"SEC. 303. GRANT ADMINISTRATION REQUIREMENTS.
23	"A State that receives a grant under this title, together
24	with any community-based organization that contracts to
25	administer an alternative financing mechanism that is sup-

- 1 ported by this title, shall develop and submit to the Sec-
- 2 retary, pursuant to a timeline that the Secretary may es-
- 3 tablish or, if the Secretary does not establish a timeline,
- 4 within the 12-month period beginning on the date that the
- 5 State receives the grant, the following policies or procedures
- 6 for administration of the mechanism:
- 7 "(1) A procedure to review and process in a 8 timely fashion requests for financial assistance for 9 both immediate and potential technology needs, in-10 cluding consideration of methods to reduce paperwork 11 and duplication of effort, particularly relating to 12 need, eligibility and determination of the specific de-13 vice or service to be provided.
 - "(2) A policy and procedure to assure that access to the alternative funding mechanism shall be given to consumers regardless of type of disability, age, location of residence in the State, or type of assitive technology device or service requested and shall be made available to applicants of all income levels.
- 20 "(3) A procedure to assure consumer-controlled 21 oversight.

22 "SEC. 304. FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS.

23 "A State that desires to receive a grant under this title 24 shall submit an application that contains assurances that

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1	funds supporting an alternative financing mechanism
2	under this title shall meet the following requirements:
3	"(1) Funds provided by the State to match the
4	Federal share for the mechanism—
5	"(A) shall be from either State, local, or
6	private sources;
7	"(B) shall be of an amount at least equal to
8	the Federal funds provided under a grant under
9	this title; and
10	"(C) shall not be taken from, or obtained by
11	the reduction of any services in, any program
12	providing similar services to individuals with
13	disabilities which is in operation on the date of
14	the submission of the application.
15	"(2) Funds that support an alternative financ-
16	ing mechanism under this title—
17	"(A) shall be used to supplement and not
18	supplant existing public funding options; and
19	"(B) may only be distributed as a payer of
20	last resort for assistance that is not available in
21	a reasonable or timely fashion from any other
22	Federal, State, or local source.
23	"(3) All funds that support an alternative fi-
24	nancing mechanism funded under this title, including
25	funds repaid during the life of the mechanism, shall

be placed in a permanent separate account and identified and accounted for separately from any other fund. Funds within this account may be invested in low-risk securities in which a regulated insurance company may invest under the law of the State for which the grant is provided and shall be administered with the same judgment and care that a person of prudence, discretion, and intelligence would exercise in the management of the financial affairs of such person.

"(4) The principal and interest from an account described in paragraph (3) shall be available to support an alternative financing mechanism supported under this title. Any interest or investment income that accrues on any funds covered under this paragraph after such funds have been placed under the control of the entity administering the mechanism, but before such funds are distributed for purposes of supporting the mechanism, shall be the property of the entity administering the mechanism and shall not be taken into account by any officer or employee of the Federal Government for any purpose.

"SEC. 305. AMOUNT OF GRANTS.

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- 2 ''(a) In General.—A grant under this title shall be
- 3 for an amount that is not more than \$500,000 increased
- 4 by any amount made available under subsection (b).
- 5 "(b) Excess Funds.—If funds appropriated under
- 6 section 308 for a fiscal year are in excess of the amount
- 7 necessary to fund acceptable applications for such year, the
- 8 Secretary shall make such excess amount available to States
- 9 receiving grants under this title in such year on a competi-
- 10 tive basis. A State that desires to receive additional funds
- 11 under this subsection shall amend and resubmit to the Sec-
- 12 retary the application submitted under section 302. Such
- 13 amended application shall contain an assurance that the
- 14 State will provide an additional amount for the purpose
- 15 of supporting the alternative financing mechanisms covered
- 16 by the grant that is not less than any additional amount
- 17 paid to the State by the Secretary under this subsection.
- 18 "(c) Insufficient Funds.—If funds appropriated
- 19 under section 308 for a fiscal year are not sufficient to fund
- 20 each of the acceptable applications for such year, a State
- 21 whose application was approved as acceptable for such year
- 22 but that did not receive a grant under this title may update
- 23 such application for the succeeding fiscal year. Priority
- 24 shall be given in such succeeding fiscal year to such updated
- 25 applications, if acceptable.

"SEC. 306. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

2 "((a) Ii	n General	—The S	Secretary	shall ,	provide	infor-

- 3 mation and technical assistance to States under this title.
- 4 The information and technical assistance shall include—
- 5 "(1) assisting States in the preparation of appli-
- 6 cations for grants under this title;
- 7 "(2) assisting States that receive such grants in
- 8 developing and implementing alternative financing
- 9 mechanisms; and

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- 10 "(3) providing any other information and tech-
- 11 nical assistance to assist States in accomplishing the
- 12 purposes of this title.
- 13 "(b) Grants, Contracts, and Agreements.—The
- 14 Secretary shall provide the information and technical as-
- 15 sistance described in subsection (a) through grants, con-
- 16 tracts, or cooperative agreements with public or private
- 17 agencies and organizations, including institutions of higher
- 18 education, with documented experience, expertise, and ca-
- 19 pacity to assist States in the development and implementa-
- 20 tion of the alternative financing mechanisms described in
- 21 *section 301.*

22 "SEC. 307. ANNUAL REPORT.

- 23 "Not later than December 31 of each year, the Sec-
- 24 retary shall submit a report to the Congress stating whether
- 25 each State program to provide alternative financing mecha-
- 26 nisms that was supported by this title during the year is

making significant progress in achieving the objectives of this title. The report shall include— 3 "(1) the number of applications for a grant under this title that were received by the Secretary; 4 "(2) the number of grants made and the amounts 5 of such grants; 6 "(3) the ratio of the amount of funds provided 7 by each State for a State program to provide alter-8 native financing mechanisms to the amount of Fed-9 eral funds provided for such program; 10 "(4) the type of program to provide alternative 11 financing mechanisms that was adopted in each State 12 and the community-based organization (or consortia 13 of such organizations) with whom each State has con-14 tracted: and 15 "(5) the amount of assistance given to consumers 16 17 (who shall be classified by age, type of disability, type 18 of assistive technology device or service received, geographic distribution within the State, gender, and 19 whether they are part of an underrepresented popu-20 lation or a rural population). 21 22 "SEC. 308. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS. 23 "(a) In General.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this title \$8,000,000 for fiscal year

1	1994, and such sums as may be necessary for each of the
2	fiscal years 1995 through 2002.
3	"(b) Availability in Succeeding Fiscal Year.—
4	Amounts appropriated under subsection (a) shall remain
5	available for expenditure in the fiscal year immediately fol-
6	lowing the fiscal year for which such amounts were appro-
7	priated.
8	"(c) Reservation.—Of the amounts appropriated
9	under subsection (a), the Secretary shall reserve \$250,000
10	for the purpose of providing information and technical as-
11	sistance to States under section 306.".
12	TITLE IV—AMENDMENTS TO
13	OTHER ACTS
14	SEC. 401. INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION
15	ACT.
16	Section 631(a)(1) of the Individuals with Disabilities
17	Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1431(a)(1)) is amended—
18	(1) by striking ", and" at the end of subpara-
19	graph (D) and inserting a comma;
20	(2) by striking the period at the end of subpara-
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21	graph (E) and inserting '', and''; and
21	graph (E) and inserting '', and''; and (3) by adding at the end the following:
22	(3) by adding at the end the following:

1	Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals With
2	Disabilities Act of 1988 (29 U.S.C. 2201 et seq.)).".
3	SEC. 402. REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973.
4	(a) National Institute on Disability and Reha-
5	BILITATION RESEARCH.—Section 202(b)(8) of the Rehabili-
6	tation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 761a(b)(8)) is amended by
7	striking "characteristics of individuals with disabilities"
8	and inserting "characteristics of individuals with disabil-
9	ities, including information on individuals with disabilities
10	who live in rural or inner-city settings, with particular at-
11	tention given to underserved populations, ''.
12	(b) Training.—Section 302(b)(1)(B) of the Rehabili-
13	tation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 771a(b)(1)(B)), as added by
14	section 302(b) of Public Law 102-569 (106 Stat. 4412), is
15	amended—
16	(1) by striking "; and" at the end of clause (ii)
17	and inserting a semicolon;
18	(2) by striking the period at the end of clause
19	(iii) and inserting "; and"; and
20	(3) by adding at the end the following:
21	"(iv) projects to train personnel in the use,
22	applications, and benefits of assistive technology
23	devices and services (as defined in sections 3(2)
24	and 3(3) of the Technology-Related Assistance for

- 1 Individuals With Disabilities Act of 1988 (29
- 2 U.S.C. 2201 et seq.)).".

3 SEC. 403. TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.

- 4 (a) Assistive Technology Device.—Section 7(23)
- 5 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 706(23)), as
- 6 added by section 102(n) of Public Law 102-569 (106 Stat.
- 7 4350), is amended by striking "3(1)" and inserting "3(2)".
- 8 (b) Assistive Technology Service.—Section 7(24)
- 9 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 706(24)), as
- 10 added by section 102(n) of Public Law 102-569 (106 Stat.
- 11 4350), is amended by striking "3(2)" and inserting "3(3)".

12 TITLE V—EFFECTIVE DATE

- 13 SEC. 501. EFFECTIVE DATE.
- 14 This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall
- 15 take effect on October 1, 1993, or on the date of the enact-
- 16 ment of this Act, whichever occurs later.

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill to revise and extend the programs of the Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals With Disabilities Act of 1988, and for other purposes.".

- HR 2339 RH——2
- HR 2339 RH——3
- HR 2339 RH——4
- HR 2339 RH——5
- HR 2339 RH——6