

## **SECTION 203**

### **Definitions**

In this subtitle:

- (1) **ADULT EDUCATION-** The term ‘adult education’ means services or instruction below the postsecondary level for individuals--
  - (A) who have attained 16 years of age;
  - (B) who are not enrolled or required to be enrolled in secondary school under State law; and
  - (C) who--
    - (i) lack sufficient mastery of basic educational skills to enable the individuals to function effectively in society;
    - (ii) do not have a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent, and have not achieved an equivalent level of education; or
    - (iii) are unable to speak, read, or write the English language.
- (2) **ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY ACTIVITIES-** The term ‘adult education and literacy activities’ means activities described in section 231(b).
- (3) **EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY-** The term ‘educational service agency’ means a regional public multi-service agency authorized by State statute to develop and manage a service or program, and to provide the service or program to a local educational agency.
- (4) **ELIGIBLE AGENCY-** The term ‘eligible agency’ means the sole entity or agency in a State or an outlying area responsible for administering or supervising policy for adult education and literacy in the State or outlying area, respectively, consistent with the law of the State or outlying area, respectively.
- (5) **ELIGIBLE PROVIDER-** The term ‘eligible provider’ means--
  - (A) a local educational agency;
  - (B) a community-based organization of demonstrated effectiveness;
  - (C) a volunteer literacy organization of demonstrated effectiveness;
  - (D) an institution of higher education;
  - (E) a public or private nonprofit agency;
  - (F) a library;
  - (G) a public housing authority;
  - (H) a nonprofit institution that is not described in any of subparagraphs (A) through (G) and has the ability to provide literacy services to adults and families; and
  - (I) a consortium of the agencies, organizations, institutions, libraries, or authorities described in any of subparagraphs (A) through (H).
- (6) **ENGLISH LITERACY/CIVICS**  
A special program authorized by Congress under P.L. 106-113 to help expand English literacy services and to integrate program of services that incorporates literacy and civics education.
- (7) **ENGLISH LITERACY PROGRAM-** The term ‘English literacy program’ means a program of instruction designed to help individuals of limited English proficiency achieve competence in the English language.
- (8) **FAMILY LITERACY SERVICES-** The term ‘family literacy services’ means services that are of sufficient intensity in terms of hours, and of sufficient duration, to make sustainable changes in a family, and that integrate all of the following activities:

- (A) Interactive literacy activities between parents and their children.
  - (B) Training for parents regarding how to be the primary teacher for their children and full partners in the education of their children.
  - (C) Parent literacy training that leads to economic self-sufficiency.
  - (D) An age-appropriate education to prepare children for success in school and life experiences.
- (9) GOVERNOR- The term ‘Governor’ means the chief executive officer of a State or outlying area.
- (10) INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY-
- (A) IN GENERAL- The term ‘individual with a disability’ means an individual with any disability (as defined in section 3 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12102)).
  - (B) INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES- The term ‘individuals with disabilities’ means more than one individual with a disability.
- (11) INDIVIDUAL OF LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY- The term ‘individual of limited English proficiency’ means an adult or out-of-school youth who has limited ability in speaking, reading, writing, or understanding the English language, and--
- (A) whose native language is a language other than English; or
  - (B) who lives in a family or community environment where a language other than English is the dominant language.
- (12) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION- The term ‘institution of higher education’ has the meaning given the term in section 1201 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1141).
- (13) LITERACY- The term ‘literacy’ means an individual’s ability to read, write, and speak in English, compute, and solve problems, at levels of proficiency necessary to function on the job, in the family of the individual, and in society.
- (14) LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY- The term ‘local educational agency’ has the meaning given the term in section 14101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 8801).
- (15) OUTLYING AREA- The term ‘outlying area’ has the meaning given the term in section 101.
- (16) POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION- The term ‘postsecondary educational institution’ means--
- (A) an institution of higher education that provides not less than a 2-year program of instruction that is acceptable for credit toward a bachelor’s degree;
  - (B) a tribally controlled community college; or
  - (C) a nonprofit educational institution offering certificate or apprenticeship programs at the postsecondary level.
- (17) SECRETARY- The term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of Education.
- (18) STATE- The term ‘State’ means each of the several States of the United States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.
- (19) WORKPLACE LITERACY SERVICES- The term ‘workplace literacy services’ means literacy services that are offered for the purpose of improving the productivity of the workforce through the improvement of literacy skills. -