

(i) a comprehensive and detailed report of the Center's operations, activities, financial condition, and accomplishments, and such recommendations as the Director determines appropriate;

(ii) evidence of coordination with the Department of Education, the National Science Foundation, Office of the Director of Defense Research and Engineering in the Department of Defense, and other related Federal agencies to carry out the operations and activities of the Center;

(iii) a comprehensive and detailed inventory of funds distributed from the Center during the fiscal year for which the report is being prepared; and

(iv) an independent audit of the Center's finances and operations, and of the implementation of the goals established by the Board.

(C) STATEMENT OF THE BOARD.—Each report under subparagraph (A) shall include a statement from the Board containing—

(i) a clear description of the plans and priorities of the Board for the subsequent year for activities of the Center; and

(ii) an estimate of the funds that will be expended by the Center for such year.

(2) TESTIMONY.—The Director and principal officers of the Center shall testify before the authorizing committees and the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate, upon request of such committees, with respect to—

(A) any report required under paragraph (1)(A); and

(B) any other matter that such committees may determine appropriate.

(h) USE OF FUNDS SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATIONS.—The authority to award grants, enter into contracts, or otherwise expend funds under this section is subject to the availability of amounts deposited into the Center under subsection (c), or amounts otherwise appropriated for such purposes by an Act of Congress.

(i) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

(1) AUTHORIZING COMMITTEES.—The term “authorizing committees” has the meaning given the term in section 103 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1003).

(2) BOARD.—The term “Board” means the Board of the Center appointed under subsection (d)(1).

(3) CENTER.—The term “Center” means the National Center for Research in Advanced Information and Digital Technologies established under subsection (a).

(4) DIRECTOR.—The term “Director” means the Director of the Center appointed under subsection (e)(1).

SEC. 803. ESTABLISHMENT OF PILOT PROGRAM FOR COURSE MATERIAL RENTAL.

(a) PILOT GRANT PROGRAM.—From the amounts appropriated pursuant to subsection (e), the Secretary of Education (referred to in this section as the “Secretary”) shall make grants on a competitive basis to not more than ten institutions of higher education to support pilot programs that expand the services of bookstores

to provide the option for students to rent course materials in order to achieve savings for students.

(b) APPLICATION.—An institution of higher education that desires to obtain a grant under this section shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time, in such form, and containing or accompanied by such information, agreements, and assurances as the Secretary may reasonably require.

(c) USE OF FUNDS.—The funds made available by a grant under this section may be used for—

(1) purchase of course materials that the entity will make available by rent to students;

(2) any equipment or software necessary for the conduct of a rental program;

(3) hiring staff needed for the conduct of a rental program, with priority given to hiring enrolled undergraduate students; and

(4) building or acquiring extra storage space dedicated to course materials for rent.

(d) EVALUATION AND REPORT.—

(1) EVALUATIONS BY RECIPIENTS.—After a period of time to be determined by the Secretary, each institution of higher education that receives a grant under this section shall submit a report to the Secretary on the effectiveness of their rental programs in reducing textbook costs for students.

(2) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than September 30, 2010, the Secretary shall submit a report to Congress on the effectiveness of the textbook rental pilot programs under this section, and identify the best practices developed in such pilot programs. Such report shall contain an estimate by the Secretary of the savings achieved by students who participate in such pilot programs.

(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 2009 and 2010.

~~TITLE IX—AMENDMENTS TO OTHER LAWS~~

~~PART A—EDUCATION OF THE DEAF ACT OF 1986~~

~~SEC. 901. LAURENT CLERC NATIONAL DEAF EDUCATION CENTER.~~

~~Section 104 of the Education of the Deaf Act of 1986 (20 U.S.C. 4304) is amended—~~

~~(1) by striking the section heading and inserting “LAURENT CLERC NATIONAL DEAF EDUCATION CENTER”;~~

~~(2) in subsection (a)(1)(A), by inserting “the Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center (referred to in this section as the ‘Clerc Center’) to carry out” after “maintain and operate”; and~~

~~(3) in subsection (b)—~~

~~(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1), by striking “elementary and secondary education programs” and inserting “Clerc Center”;~~

~~(B) in paragraph (2)—~~