CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2016

## FEDERAL PAYMENT FOR JUDICIAL COMMISSIONS

For a Federal payment, to remain available until September 30, 2017, to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities and Tenure, \$295,000, and for the Judicial Nomination Commission, \$270,000.

## FEDERAL PAYMENT FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

For a Federal payment for a school improvement program in the District of Columbia, \$45,000,000, to remain available until expended, for payments authorized under the Scholarship for Opportunity and Results Act (division C of Public Law 112–10): *Provided*, That, to the extent that funds are available for opportunity scholarships and following the priorities included in section 3006 of such Act, the Secretary of Education shall make scholarships available to students eligible under section 3013(3) of such Act (Public Law 112–10; 125 Stat. 211) including students who were not offered a scholarship during any previous school year: *Provided further*, That within funds provided for opportunity scholarships \$3,200,000 shall be for the activities specified in sections 3007(b) through 3007(d) and 3009 of the Act.

SEC. 817. (a) This section may be cited as the "D.C. Opportunity" Scholarship Program School Certification Requirements Act"

(b) Section 3007(a) of the Scholarships for Opportunity and Results Act (Public Law 112–10; 125 Stat. 203) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (4)-

(A) in subparagraph (E), by striking "and" after the semicolon;

(B) in subparagraph (F), by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

"(G)(i) is provisionally or fully accredited by a national or regional accrediting agency that is recognized in the District of Columbia School Reform Act of 1995 (sec. 38– 1802.02(16)(A)-(G), D.C. Official Code) or any other accrediting body deemed appropriate by the Office of the State Superintendent for Schools for the purposes of accrediting an elementary or secondary school; or

'(ii) in the case of a school that is a participating school as of the day before the date of enactment of the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program School Certification Requirements Act and, as of such day,

does not meet the requirements of clause (i)-

"(I) by not later than 1 year after such date of enactment, is pursuing accreditation by a national or regional accrediting agency recognized in the District of Columbia School Reform Act of 1995 (sec. 38–1802.02(16)(A)–(G), D.C. Official Code) or any other accrediting body deemed appropriate by the Office of the State Superintendent for Schools for the purposes of accrediting an elementary or secondary school; and

"(II) by not later than 5 years after such date of enactment, is provisionally or fully accredited by such accrediting agency, except that an eligible entity may grant not more than one 1-year extension to meet this requirement for each participating school that provides evidence to the eligible entity from such accrediting agency that the school's application for accreditation is in process and the school will be awarded accreditation before the end of the 1-year extension period;

"(H) conducts criminal background checks on school employees who have direct and unsupervised interaction

with students; and

"(I) complies with all requests for data and information regarding the reporting requirements described in section 3010."; and

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(2) by adding at the end the following:

"(5) NEW PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS.—If a school is not a participating school as of the date of enactment of the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program School Certification Requirements Act, the school shall not become a participating school and none of the funds provided under this division for opportunity scholarships may be used by an eligible student to enroll in that school unless the school-

"(A) is actively pursuing provisional or full accredita-tion by a national or regional accrediting agency that is recognized in the District of Columbia School Reform Act of 1995 (sec. 38–1802.02(16)(A)–(G), D.C. Official Code) or any other accrediting body deemed appropriate by the Office of the State Superintendent for Schools for the purposes of accrediting an elementary or secondary school;

"(B) meets all of the other requirements for partici-

pating schools under this Act.
"(6) ENROLLING IN ANOTHER SCHOOL.—An eligible entity shall assist the parents of a participating eligible student in identifying, applying to, and enrolling in an another participating school for which opportunity scholarship funds may be used, if—

"(A) such student is enrolled in a participating private school and may no longer use opportunity scholarship funds for enrollment in that participating private school because such school fails to meet a requirement under paragraph 4, or any other requirement of this Act; or

"(B) a participating eligible student is enrolled in a

school that ceases to be a participating school.".

(c) REPORT TO ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—Section 3010 of the Scholarships for Opportunity and Results Act (Public Law 112–10; 125 Stat. 203) is further amended-

(1) by redesignating subsection (d) as subsection (e); and

(2) by inserting after subsection (c) the following:

"(d) REPORTS TO ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—The eligible entity receiving funds under section 3004(a) shall ensure that each participating school under this division submits to the eligible entity beginning not later than 5 years after the date of the enactment of the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program School Certification Requirements Act, a certification that the school has been awarded provisional or full accreditation, or has been granted an extension by the eligible entity in accordance with section 3007(a)(4)(G).

(d) Unless specifically provided otherwise, this section, and the amendments made by this section, shall take effect 1 year

after the date of enactment of this Act.