

United States Information Agency and of matters relating to the foreign relations of the United States; and

“(2) providing periodic authorizations of appropriations for that Department and Agency.”

[For abolition of United States Information Agency (other than Broadcasting Board of Governors and International Broadcasting Bureau), transfer of functions, and treatment of references thereto, see sections 6531, 6532, and 6551 of this title.]

§ 2680-1. Deadline for responses to questions from congressional committees

(a) In general

An officer or employee of the Department of State to whom a written or oral question is addressed by any member of a committee specified in subsection (b), acting within his official capacity, shall respond to such question within 21 days unless the Secretary of State submits a letter to such member explaining why a timely response cannot be made.

(b) Specified committees

The committees referred to in subsection (a) are the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives.

(Pub. L. 102-138, title I, §196, Oct. 28, 1991, 105 Stat. 684.)

§ 2680-2. Facilitating access to Department of State

(a) Procedures to facilitate access

The Department of State shall maintain procedures to ensure that the members and staff of the congressional committees of jurisdiction are granted easy access to the Department of State in the conduct of their duties.

(b) Parking

The Department of State shall also make available adequate parking for members and staff of the congressional committees of jurisdiction in order to facilitate attendance of meetings at the Department of State.

(Pub. L. 103-236, title I, §129, Apr. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 394.)

§ 2680a. Compensation for disability or death

Section 1651 of title 42 shall not apply with respect to such contracts as the Secretary of State may determine which are contracts with persons employed to perform work for the Department of State or the Foreign Service on an intermittent basis for not more than 90 days in a calendar year.

(Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 841, title I, §16, as added and renumbered title I, Pub. L. 97-241, title I, §122, title II, §202(a), Aug. 24, 1982, 96 Stat. 281, 282.)

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PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2680a, acts Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 841, §16, as added Oct. 26, 1974, Pub. L. 93-475, §12, 88 Stat. 1442; amended Oct. 7, 1978, Pub. L. 95-426, title I, §117, 92 Stat. 969, related to authority and responsibility of chiefs of mission, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 96-465, title II, §2205(10), Oct. 17, 1980, 94 Stat. 2160. Repeal effective

Feb. 15, 1981, except as otherwise provided, see section 2403 of Pub. L. 96-465, set out as an Effective Date note under section 3901 of this title. See section 3927 of this title.

§ 2680b. Special rules for certain monthly workers' compensation payments and other payments for Department of State personnel under chief of mission authority

(a) Adjustment of compensation for certain injuries

(1) Increase

The Secretary of State or the head of any other Federal agency may pay an additional monthly monetary benefit, provided that the covered employee is receiving benefits under section 8105 or 8106 of title 5, and may determine the amount of each monthly monetary benefit amount by taking into account—

(A) the severity of the qualifying injury;

(B) the circumstances by which the covered employee became injured; and

(C) the seniority of the covered employee, particularly for purposes of compensating for lost career growth.

(2) Maximum

Notwithstanding chapter 81 of title 5, the total amount of monthly compensation increased under paragraph (1) may not exceed the monthly pay of the maximum rate of basic pay for GS-15 of the General Schedule under section 5332 of such title.

(b) Costs for treating qualifying injuries

The Secretary of State may pay the costs of or reimburse for diagnosing and treating—

(1) a qualifying injury of a covered employee for such costs, that are not otherwise covered by chapter 81 of title 5 or other provision of Federal law; or

(2) a covered individual, or a covered dependent, for such costs that are not otherwise covered by Federal law.

(c) Information exchange

To avoid duplicate or otherwise improper payments under this subsection, the Secretary of Labor, the Secretary of State, and, as appropriate, the head of any other Federal agency paying benefits under this section shall exchange information about the amounts paid for treatment of qualifying injuries.

(d) Regulations

Not later than 120 days after December 20, 2019, the Secretary of State shall—

(1) prescribe regulations ensuring the fair and equitable implementation of this section; and

(2) submit to the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives such regulations.

(e) Definitions

In this section:

(1) Covered dependent

The term “covered dependent” means a family member (as defined by the Secretary of State) of a¹ employee who, on or after January 1, 2016—

¹ So in original. Probably should be “an”.

(A) accompanies the employee to an assigned duty station in a foreign country under chief of mission authority; and

(B) becomes injured by reason of a qualifying injury.

(2) Covered employee

The term “covered employee” means an employee of the Federal Government who, on or after January 1, 2016, becomes injured by reason of a qualifying injury and was assigned to a duty station in the Republic of Cuba, the People’s Republic of China, or another foreign country designated by the Secretary of State pursuant to subsection (f), but does not include an individual receiving compensation under section 3519b of title 50.

(3) Covered individual

The term “covered individual” means an individual who, on or after January 1, 2016, becomes injured by reason of a qualifying injury and is—

(A) detailed to a duty station in the Republic of Cuba, the People’s Republic of China, or another foreign country designated by the Secretary of State pursuant to subsection (f); or

(B) affiliated with the Department of State, as determined by the Secretary of State.

(4) Qualifying injury

The term “qualifying injury” means the following:

(A) With respect to a covered dependent, an injury incurred—

(i) during a period in which the covered dependent is accompanying an employee to an assigned duty station in the Republic of Cuba, the People’s Republic of China, or another foreign country designated by the Secretary of State pursuant to subsection (f);

(ii) in connection with war, insurgency, hostile act, terrorist activity, or other incident designated by the Secretary of State; and

(iii) that was not the result of the willful misconduct of the covered dependent.

(B) With respect to a covered employee or a covered individual, an injury incurred—

(i) during a period of assignment to a duty station in the Republic of Cuba, the People’s Republic of China, or another country designated by the Secretary of State pursuant to subsection (f);

(ii) in connection with war, insurgency, hostile act, terrorist activity, or other incident designated by the Secretary of State; and

(iii) that was not the result of the willful misconduct of the covered employee or the covered individual.

(f) Designation by the Secretary of State of another foreign country or duty station

The Secretary of State may designate another foreign country for the purposes of this section, provided that the Secretary reports such designation to the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Af-

fairs of the House of Representatives, and includes in such report a rationale for each such designation. The Secretary of State may not designate an added foreign country or duty station for purposes of providing additional monetary benefit pursuant to subsection (a), (b), or (i) for a qualifying injury to covered employees, covered dependents, or covered individuals under this section unless the Secretary of State—

(1) provides to the Committees on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives 30 days’ notice of the designation of a particular additional country or duty station and the rationale for such addition; and

(2) provides no such additional monetary benefit pursuant to subsection (a), (b), or (i) to covered employees, covered dependents, or covered individuals for a qualifying injury until the 30-day notice period expires, unless there is written agreement by both the Chair and Ranking Members of both the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives that there is no objection to proceeding with provision of such monetary benefit compensation in less than 30 days.

(g) Treatment of amounts

For purposes of section 104 of title 26, amounts paid pursuant to this section shall be treated as amounts described in subsection (a)(5) of such section.

(h) Application

(1) Adjustment of compensation provision

Subsections (a) and (b) shall apply with respect to—

(A) payments made to covered employees (as defined in such section) under section 8105 or 8106 of title 5 beginning on or after January 1, 2016; and

(B) diagnosis or treatment described in subsection (b) occurring on or after January 1, 2016.

(2) Other payment provision

Payment under subsection (i) may be made available for a qualifying injury (as defined in such subsection) that occurs before, on, or after October 8, 2021.

(3) Rule of construction

Nothing in this section shall limit, modify, or otherwise supersede chapter 81 of title 5, the Defense Base Act (42 U.S.C. 1651 et seq.), or section 3519b of title 50. Monetary benefits and treatment expenses paid under this section shall not be considered payments under any workers’ compensation law.

(i) Other injuries

(1) Definitions

In this subsection:

(A) Covered dependent

The term “covered dependent” has the meaning given such term in subsection (e), except that the assigned duty station need not be in the Republic of Cuba, the People’s Republic of China, or another foreign country.

(B) Covered employee

The term “covered employee” has the meaning given such term in subsection (e), except that the assigned duty station need not be in the Republic of Cuba, the People’s Republic of China, or another foreign country.

(C) Covered individual

The term “covered individual” has the meaning given such term in subsection (e), except that the assigned duty station need not be in the Republic of Cuba, the People’s Republic of China, or another foreign country.

(D) Qualifying injury

The term “qualifying injury” has the meaning given such term in subsection (e), except that the assigned duty station need not be in the Republic of Cuba, the People’s Republic of China, or another foreign country.

(2) Authority

Notwithstanding any other provision of law but subject to paragraph (3), the Secretary of State or other agency head with an employee may provide payment to a covered dependent, a dependent of a former employee, a covered employee, a former employee, and a covered individual for a qualifying injury to the brain.

(3) Limitations**(A) Appropriations required**

Payment under paragraph (2) in a fiscal year may only be made using amounts appropriated in advance specifically for payments under such paragraph in such fiscal year.

(B) Matter of payments

Payments under paragraph (2) using amounts appropriated for such purpose shall be made on a first come, first serve, or pro rata basis.

(C) Amounts of payments

The total amount of funding obligated for payments under paragraph (2) may not exceed the amount specifically appropriated for providing payments under such paragraph during its period of availability.

(4) Regulations**(A) In general**

The Secretary or other agency head described in paragraph (2) that provides payment under such paragraph shall prescribe regulations to carry out this subsection.

(B) Elements

The regulations prescribed under subparagraph (A) shall include regulations detailing fair and equitable criteria for payment under paragraph (2).

(5) No effect on other benefits

Payments made under paragraph (2) are supplemental to any other benefit furnished by the United States Government for which a covered dependent, dependent of a former employee, covered employee, former employee, or

covered individual is entitled, and the receipt of such payments may not affect the eligibility of such a person to any other benefit furnished by the United States Government.

(j) Expansion of authorities

The head of any Federal agency may exercise the authorities of this section, including to designate an incident, whether the incident occurred in the United States or abroad, for purposes of subparagraphs (A)(ii) and (B)(ii) of subsection (e)(4) when the incident affects United States Government employees of the agency or their dependents who are not under the security responsibility of the Secretary of State as set forth in section 4802 of this title or when operational control of overseas security responsibility for such employees or dependents has been delegated to the head of the agency.

(Pub. L. 116–94, div. J, title IX, §901, Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 3079; Pub. L. 116–283, div. A, title XI, §1110, Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3892; Pub. L. 117–46, §3(b), Oct. 8, 2021, 135 Stat. 394; Pub. L. 117–103, div. X, title VI, §603(b), Mar. 15, 2022, 136 Stat. 995; Pub. L. 117–263, div. I, title XCII, §9216, Dec. 23, 2022, 136 Stat. 3877.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Defense Base Act, referred to in subsec. (h)(3), is act Aug. 16, 1941, ch. 357, 55 Stat. 622, which is classified generally to chapter 11 (§1651 et seq.) of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1651 of Title 42 and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

- 2022—Subsec. (i)(5). Pub. L. 117–103 added par. (5).
 Subsec. (j). Pub. L. 117–263 added subsec. (j).
 2021—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 116–283, §1110(1), inserted “or the head of any other Federal agency” after “The Secretary of State” in introductory provisions.
 Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 116–283, §1110(2), substituted “, the Secretary of State, and, as appropriate, the head of any other Federal agency paying benefits under this section” for “and the Secretary of State”.
 Subsec. (e)(2). Pub. L. 116–283, §1110(3), substituted “the Federal Government” for “the Department of State” and inserted “, but does not include an individual receiving compensation under section 3519b of title 50” before period at end.
 Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 117–46, §3(b)(1), substituted “subsection (a), (b), or (i)” for “subsection (a) or (b)” in introductory provisions and in par. (2).
 Subsec. (h)(1). Pub. L. 117–46, §3(b)(2)(A), substituted “Adjustment of compensation provision” for “In general” in heading and “Subsections (a) and (b)” for “This section” in introductory provisions.
 Subsec. (h)(2). Pub. L. 117–46, §3(b)(2)(C), added par. (2). Former par. (2) redesignated (3).
 Pub. L. 116–283, §1110(4), substituted “Nothing in this section shall limit, modify, or otherwise supersede chapter 81 of title 5, the Defense Base Act (42 U.S.C. 1651 et seq.), or section 3519b of title 50.” for “Nothing in this section shall modify or otherwise supersede chapter 81 of title 5 or chapter 11 of title 42.”
 Subsec. (h)(3). Pub. L. 117–46, §3(b)(2)(B), redesignated par. (2) as (3).
 Subsec. (i). Pub. L. 117–46, §3(b)(3), added subsec. (i).

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

REGULATIONS

Pub. L. 117–46, §3(d), Oct. 8, 2021, 135 Stat. 396, provided that:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 8, 2021], the Secretary of State and each other agency head that makes a payment under subsection (i)(2) of section 901 of title IX of division J of the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (22 U.S.C. 2680b), as added by subsection (b) of this section, shall prescribe regulations required under subsection (i)(4)(A) of such Act.

“(2) NOTICE TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 210 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State and the agency heads described in paragraph (1) shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees the regulations prescribed in accordance with paragraph (1).”

[For definition of “appropriate congressional committees” as used in section 3(d) of Pub. L. 117–46, set out above, see section 3(a) of Pub. L. 117–46, set out below.]

DEFINITIONS

Pub. L. 117–46, §3(a), Oct. 8, 2021, 135 Stat. 393, provided that:

“(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section [amending this section and enacting provisions set out as a note above]:

“(1) DEFINITION OF APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—The term ‘appropriate congressional committees’ means—

“(A) the Committee on Foreign Relations, the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and

“(B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on Homeland Security, and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

“(2) COVERED DEPENDENT.—The term ‘covered dependent’ has the meaning given such term in subsection (i)(1) of section 901 of title IX of division J of the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (22 U.S.C. 2680b), as added by subsection (b).

“(3) COVERED EMPLOYEE.—The term ‘covered employee’ has the meaning given such term in subsection (i)(1) of section 901 of title IX of division J of the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (22 U.S.C. 2680b), as added by subsection (b).

“(4) COVERED INDIVIDUAL.—The term ‘covered individual’ has the meaning given such term in subsection (i)(1) of section 901 of title IX of division J of the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (22 U.S.C. 2680b), as added by subsection (b).

“(5) QUALIFYING INJURY.—The term ‘qualifying injury’ has the meaning given such term in subsection (i)(1) of section 901 of title IX of division J of the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (22 U.S.C. 2680b), as added by subsection (b).”

§ 2681. International broadcasting facilities; transfer to Department of State; acquisition of property

For the purpose of assuring continued operation of the facilities hereinafter described for international broadcasting as a means of achieving the objectives of the United States Information and Educational Exchange Act of 1948 [22 U.S.C. 1431 et seq.] under authority of that Act, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, as successor to Defense Plant Corporation, shall transfer, without regard to the provisions of the Surplus Property Act of 1944, as amended, and without reimbursement or transfer of funds, to the Secretary of State (hereinafter referred to as the “Secretary”) all of its right, title, and interest in and to the facilities known as Plancors 1805, 1985, and 1986 located in Butler County, Ohio, in the vicinity of Delano, California, and Dixon, California, respectively, together with the equipment and other property appurtenant

thereto. For the purposes of sections 2681 to 2683 of this title, the Secretary is authorized to acquire property or rights or interests therein necessary or desirable for the operation of such facilities by purchase, lease, gift, transfer, condemnation, or otherwise.

(July 9, 1949, ch. 301, §1, 63 Stat. 408.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The United States Information and Educational Exchange Act of 1948, referred to in text, is act Jan. 27, 1948, ch. 36, 62 Stat. 6, which is classified generally to chapter 18 (§1431 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1431 of this title, and Tables.

The Surplus Property Act of 1944, referred to in text, is act Oct. 3, 1944, ch. 479, 58 Stat. 765, which was classified principally to sections 1611 to 1646 of the former Appendix to Title 50, War and National Defense, and was repealed effective July 1, 1949, with the exception of sections 1622, 1631, 1637, and 1641 of the former Appendix to Title 50, by act June 30, 1949, ch. 288, title VI, §602(a)(1), 63 Stat. 399, renumbered Sept. 5, 1950, ch. 849, §6(a), (b), 64 Stat. 583. Sections 1622 and 1641 were partially repealed by the 1949 act, and section 1622 was editorially reclassified and is set out as a note under section 545 of Title 40, Public Buildings, Property, and Works. Section 1622(g) was repealed and reenacted as sections 47151 to 47153 of Title 49, Transportation, by Pub. L. 103–272, §§1(d), 7(b), July 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 1278–1280, 1379. Section 1631 was repealed by act June 7, 1939, ch. 190, §6(e), as added by act July 23, 1946, ch. 590, 60 Stat. 599, and is covered by sections 98 et seq. of Title 50. Section 1637 was repealed by act June 25, 1948, ch. 645, §21, 62 Stat. 862, eff. Sept. 1, 1948, and is covered by section 3287 of Title 18, Crimes and Criminal Procedure. Provisions of section 1641 not repealed by the 1949 act were repealed by Pub. L. 87–256, §111(a)(1), Sept. 21, 1961, 75 Stat. 538, and are covered by chapter 33 (§2451 et seq.) of this title. The provisions of the Surplus Property Act of 1944 originally repealed by the 1949 act are covered by provisions of the 1949 act which were classified to chapter 10 (§471 et seq.) of former Title 40, Public Buildings, Property, and Works, and which were repealed and reenacted by Pub. L. 107–217, §§1, 6(b), Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1062, 1304, as chapters 1 to 11 of Title 40.

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 170a of Title 5 prior to the general revision and enactment of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, by Pub. L. 89–554, §1, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 378.

Executive Documents

ABOLITION OF RECONSTRUCTION FINANCE CORPORATION

Section 6(a) of Reorg. Plan No. 1 of 1957, eff. June 30, 1957, 22 F.R. 4633, 71 Stat. 647, set out as a note under section 601 of Title 15, Commerce and Trade, abolished the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

§ 2682. Liquidation and disposal of broadcasting facilities

Whenever the Secretary finds that the operation of the facilities authorized by sections 2681 to 2683 of this title to be transferred is no longer necessary or desirable, he shall report such fact to Congress with his recommendations for the disposition of such facilities.

(July 9, 1949, ch. 301, §2, 63 Stat. 408.)