

INSPECTOR GENERAL ACT OF 1978

Pub. L. 95-452, Oct. 12, 1978, 92 Stat. 1101, as amended by Pub. L. 96-88, title V, §508(n), Oct. 17, 1979, 93 Stat. 694; Pub. L. 97-113, title VII, §705(a)(1)-(3), Dec. 29, 1981, 95 Stat. 1544; Pub. L. 97-252, title XI, §1117(a)-(c), Sept. 8, 1982, 96 Stat. 750-752; Pub. L. 99-93, title I, §150(a), Aug. 16, 1985, 99 Stat. 427; Pub. L. 99-399, title IV, §412(a), Aug. 27, 1986, 100 Stat. 867; Pub. L. 100-504, title I, §§102(a)-(d), (f), (g), 104(a), 105-107, 109, 110, Oct. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 2515-2529; Pub. L. 100-527, §13(h), Oct. 25, 1988, 102 Stat. 2643; Pub. L. 101-73, title V, §501(b)(1), title VII, §702(c), Aug. 9, 1989, 103 Stat. 393, 415; Pub. L. 102-233, title III, §315(a), Dec. 12, 1991, 105 Stat. 1772; Pub. L. 103-82, title II, §202(g)(1), (2)(A), (3)(A), (4), (5), Sept. 21, 1993, 107 Stat. 889, 890; Pub. L. 103-204, §23(a), Dec. 17, 1993, 107 Stat. 2407; Pub. L. 103-296, title I, §108(l), Aug. 15, 1994, 108 Stat. 1488; Pub. L. 103-325, title I, §118(a), Sept. 23, 1994, 108 Stat. 2188; Pub. L. 104-88, title III, §319, Dec. 29, 1995, 109 Stat. 949; Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title XV, §1502(f)(6), div. D, title XLIII, §4322(b)(1), (3), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 510, 677; Pub. L. 104-208, div. A, title I, §101(f) [title VI, §662(b), title VIII, §805(c)], Sept. 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 3009-314, 3009-379, 3009-393; Pub. L. 105-134, title IV, §409(a)(1), Dec. 2, 1997, 111 Stat. 2586; Pub. L. 105-206, title I, §1103(a)-(c)(1), (e)(1)-(3), July 22, 1998, 112 Stat. 705, 708, 709; Pub. L. 105-272, title VII, §702(b), Oct. 20, 1998, 112 Stat. 2415; Pub. L. 105-277, div. C, title III, §306(h), as added Pub. L. 106-31, title I, §105(a)(5), May 21, 1999, 113 Stat. 63; Pub. L. 105-277, div. G, title XIII, §1314(b), title XIV, §1422(b)(2), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-776, 2681-792; Pub. L. 106-65, div. A, title X, §1067(17), Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 775; Pub. L. 106-113, div. B, §1000(a)(7) [title II, §205], Nov. 29, 1999, 113 Stat. 1536, 1501A-422; Pub. L. 106-422, §1(b), Nov. 1, 2000, 114 Stat. 1872; Pub. L. 107-108, title III, §309(b), Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1400; Pub. L. 107-189, §22(a), (c), (d), June 14, 2002, 116 Stat. 707, 708; Pub. L. 107-252, title VIII, §812(a), Oct. 29, 2002, 116 Stat. 1727; Pub. L. 107-273, div. A, title III, §308, Nov. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 1784; Pub. L. 107-296, title VIII, §§811(e), 812(a), title XI, §1112(a), title XVII, §1701, Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2221, 2222, 2275, 2313; Pub. L. 107-306, title VIII, §825, Nov. 27, 2002, 116 Stat. 2429; Pub. L. 108-7, div. L, §104(b), (c)(2), Feb. 20, 2003, 117 Stat. 529, 531; Pub. L. 108-271, §8(b), July 7, 2004, 118 Stat. 814; Pub. L. 108-458, title I, §1078, title VIII, §8304, Dec. 17, 2004, 118 Stat. 3695, 3868; Pub. L. 109-177, title VI, §605(e)(3), (4), Mar. 9, 2006, 120 Stat. 255; Pub. L. 109-295, title VI, §612(c), Oct. 4, 2006, 120 Stat. 1410; Pub. L. 109-435, title VI, §§603(b), 605(a), Dec. 20, 2006, 120 Stat. 3240, 3242; Pub. L. 110-234, title XIV, §14217(c), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1482; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title XIV, §14217(c), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2244; Pub. L. 110-289, div. A, title I, §1105(c), July 30, 2008, 122 Stat. 2668; Pub. L. 110-409, §§2-4(a)(1), 5, 6(a), (b), 7(a), (d)(1), 8, 9, 11-13(a), 14, Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4302, 4305, 4313-4316; Pub. L. 110-417, [div. A], title IX, §§907, 931(b)(2), Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4569, 4575; Pub. L. 111-13, title IV, §4101, Apr. 21, 2009, 123 Stat. 1597; Pub. L. 111-84, div. A, title X, §1042, Oct. 28, 2009, 123 Stat. 2455; Pub. L. 111-203, title IX, §§989B-989D, title X, §1081, July 21, 2010, 124 Stat. 1945, 1946, 2080; Pub. L. 111-259, title IV, §§405(d), 431, Oct. 7, 2010, 124 Stat. 2719, 2731; Pub. L. 112-199, title I, §117(a), (b), Nov. 27, 2012, 126 Stat. 1474, 1475; Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title VIII, §848, title XVI, §1614, Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1851, 2066; Pub. L. 113-126, title III, §310, title IV, §§402, 412, title VI, §603(a), July 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 1398, 1408, 1409, 1420; Pub. L. 113-235, div. H, title I, §1301(b), Dec. 16, 2014, 128 Stat. 2537; Pub. L. 114-113, div. H, title IV, §401(a), div. M, title III, §304, Dec. 18, 2015, 129 Stat. 2639, 2913; Pub. L. 114-317, §§2, 3, 4(c)-6, 7(b)(1), (c), (d)(2), (3), Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1595-1606; Pub. L. 115-141, div. P, title V, §501(a), Mar. 23, 2018, 132 Stat. 1090; Pub. L. 115-192, §2(a)-(c), June 25, 2018, 132 Stat. 1502, 1503; Pub. L. 115-254, div. F, title I, §1414, Oct. 5, 2018, 132 Stat. 3492; Pub. L. 116-92, div. A, title XVII, §§1710, 1732(b)-1734, div. E, title LXVII, §6726(c), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 1801, 1817, 1818, 2236; Pub. L. 116-260, div. U, title V, §501(a), Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 2293.

§ 1. Short title

This Act be cited as the “Inspector General Act of 1978”.

(Pub. L. 95-452, §1, Oct. 12, 1978, 92 Stat. 1101.)

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

SHORT TITLE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 115-192, §1, June 25, 2018, 132 Stat. 1502, provided that: “This Act [amending sections 3, 5, and 11 of Pub. L. 95-452, set out in this Appendix, and repealing provisions set out as a note under section 3 of Pub. L. 95-452, set out in this Appendix] may be cited as the ‘Whistleblower Protection Coordination Act.’”

SHORT TITLE OF 2016 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 114-317, §1(a), Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1595, provided that: “This Act [enacting section 8N of Pub. L. 95-452, set out in this Appendix, amending sections 3 to 6, 8, 8A, 8D, 8E, 8G, 8I, 8J, 8M, and 11 of Pub. L. 95-452, set out in this Appendix, enacting provisions set out as a note under section 8M of Pub. L. 95-452, set out in this Appendix, amending provisions set out as a note under section 11 of Pub. L. 95-452, set out in this Appendix, and repealing provisions set out as notes under section 8M of Pub. L. 95-452, set out in this Appendix, and section 1211 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees] may be cited as the ‘Inspector General Empowerment Act of 2016.’”

SHORT TITLE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 110-409, §1, Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4302, provided that: “This Act [see Tables for classification] may be cited as the ‘Inspector General Reform Act of 2008’.”

SHORT TITLE OF 2006 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 109-440, §1, Dec. 20, 2006, 120 Stat. 3286, provided that: “This Act [amending provisions set out as a note under section 8G of Pub. L. 95-452, set out in this Appendix] may be cited as the ‘Iraq Reconstruction Accountability Act of 2006’.”

SHORT TITLE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 105-272, title VII, §701(a), Oct. 20, 1998, 112 Stat. 2413, provided that: “This title [enacting section 8H of Pub. L. 95-452, set out in this Appendix, amending section 8I of Pub. L. 95-452, set out in this Appendix, and section 403q of Title 50, War and National Defense, and enacting provisions set out as a note under section 8H of Pub. L. 95-452, set out in this Appendix] may be cited as the ‘Intelligence Community Whistleblower Protection Act of 1998’.”

SHORT TITLE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 100-504, title I, §101, Oct. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 2515, provided that: “This title [enacting sections 8B-8F of Pub. L. 95-452, set out in this Appendix, amending sections 2, 4-6, 8, 9, and 11 of Pub. L. 95-452, set out in this Appendix, sections 5315 and 5316 of this title, sections 405 and 1105 of Title 31, Money and Finance, and section 410 of Title 39, Postal Service, repealing sections 3521-3527 and 7138 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, and section 231v of Title 45, Railroads, and enacting provisions set out as notes under sections 1, 5, 8D, 8E, and 9 of Pub. L. 95-452, set out in this Appendix] may be cited as the ‘Inspector General Act Amendments of 1988’.”

PAYMENT AUTHORITY SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATIONS

Pub. L. 100-504, title I, §112, Oct. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 2530, provided that: “Any authority to make payments under this title [see Short Title of 1988 Amendment note above] shall be effective only to such extent as provided in appropriations Acts.”

§ 2. Purpose and establishment of Offices of Inspector General; departments and agencies involved

In order to create independent and objective units—

(1) to conduct and supervise audits and investigations relating to the programs and operations of the establishments listed in section 12(2);

(2) to provide leadership and coordination and recommend policies for activities designed (A) to promote economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in the administration of, and (B) to prevent and detect fraud and abuse in, such programs and operations; and

(3) to provide a means for keeping the head of the establishment and the Congress fully and currently informed about problems and deficiencies relating to the administration of such programs and operations and the necessity for and progress of corrective action;

there is established—

(A) in each of such establishments an office of Inspector General, subject to subparagraph (B); and

(B) in the establishment of the Department of the Treasury—

(i) an Office of Inspector General of the Department of the Treasury; and

(ii) an Office of Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration.

(Pub. L. 95-452, §2, Oct. 12, 1978, 92 Stat. 1101; Pub. L. 96-88, title V, §508(n)(1), Oct. 17, 1979, 93 Stat. 694; Pub. L. 97-113, title VII, §705(a)(1), Dec. 29, 1981, 95 Stat. 1544; Pub. L. 97-252, title XI, §1117(a)(1), Sept. 8, 1982, 96 Stat. 750; Pub. L. 99-93, title I, §150(a)(1), Aug. 16, 1985, 99 Stat. 427; Pub. L. 99-399, title IV, §412(a)(1), Aug. 27, 1986, 100 Stat. 867; Pub. L. 100-504, title I, §102(a), (b), Oct. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 2515; Pub. L. 100-527, §13(h)(1), Oct. 25, 1988, 102 Stat. 2643; Pub. L. 105-206, title I, §1103(a), July 22, 1998, 112 Stat. 705; Pub. L. 110-409, §7(d)(1)(A), Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4313.)

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-527 amended section as it existed prior to amendment by Pub. L. 100-504, see Effective Date of 1988 Amendments note below.

AMENDMENTS

2008—Par. (1). Pub. L. 110-409 substituted “section 12(2)” for “section 11(2)”.

1998—Pub. L. 105-206, in concluding provisions, substituted “there is established—” and subpars. (A) and (B) for “there is hereby established in each of such establishments an office of Inspector General.”

1988—Pub. L. 100-504 substituted “there” for “thereby” in concluding provisions and amended par. (1) generally. Prior to amendment, par. (1), as amended by Pub. L. 100-527, read as follows: “to conduct and supervise audits and investigations relating to programs and operations of the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Commerce, the Department of Defense, the Department of Education, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Department of the Interior, the Department of Labor, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Agency for International Development, the Community Services Administration, the Environmental Protection Agency, the General Services Administration, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the Small Business Administration, the United States Information Agency, and the Department of State;”.

Par. (1). Pub. L. 100-527 inserted “the Department of Veterans Affairs,” and struck out “the Veterans’ Administration,” after “United States Information Agency.” See Codification note above.

1986—Par. (1). Pub. L. 99-399 inserted “the United States Information Agency.”.

1985—Par. (1). Pub. L. 99-93 inserted reference to the Department of State.

1982—Par. (1). Pub. L. 97-252, §1117(a)(1), inserted “the Department of Defense.”.

1981—Par. (1). Pub. L. 97-113 inserted “the Agency for International Development.”.

1979—Par. (1). Pub. L. 96-88 inserted “the Department of Education.”.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENTS

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-527 effective Mar. 15, 1989, see section 18(a) of Pub. L. 100-527, set out as a Department of Veterans Affairs Act note under section 301 of Title 38, Veterans’ Benefits.

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-504 effective 180 days after Oct. 18, 1988, see section 113 of Pub. L. 100-504, set out as a note under section 5 of Pub. L. 95-452 in this Appendix.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1979 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 96-88 effective May 4, 1980, with specified exceptions, see section 601 of Pub. L.

96-88, set out as an Effective Date note under section 3401 of Title 20, Education.

§ 3. Appointment of Inspector General; supervision; removal; political activities; appointment of Assistant Inspector General for Auditing and Assistant Inspector General for Investigations

(a) There shall be at the head of each Office an Inspector General who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, without regard to political affiliation and solely on the basis of integrity and demonstrated ability in accounting, auditing, financial analysis, law, management analysis, public administration, or investigations. Each Inspector General shall report to and be under the general supervision of the head of the establishment involved or, to the extent such authority is delegated, the officer next in rank below such head, but shall not report to, or be subject to supervision by, any other officer of such establishment. Neither the head of the establishment nor the officer next in rank below such head shall prevent or prohibit the Inspector General from initiating, carrying out, or completing any audit or investigation, or from issuing any subpoena during the course of any audit or investigation.

(b) An Inspector General may be removed from office by the President. If an Inspector General is removed from office or is transferred to another position or location within an establishment, the President shall communicate in writing the reasons for any such removal or transfer to both Houses of Congress, not later than 30 days before the removal or transfer. Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit a personnel action otherwise authorized by law, other than transfer or removal.

(c) For the purposes of section 7324 of title 5, United States Code, no Inspector General shall be considered to be an employee who determines policies to be pursued by the United States in the nationwide administration of Federal laws.

(d)(1) Each Inspector General shall, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations governing the civil service—

(A) appoint an Assistant Inspector General for Auditing who shall have the responsibility for supervising the performance of auditing activities relating to programs and operations of the establishment;

(B) appoint an Assistant Inspector General for Investigations who shall have the responsibility for supervising the performance of investigative activities relating to such programs and operations; and

(C) designate a Whistleblower Protection Coordinator who shall—

(i) educate agency employees—

(I) about prohibitions against retaliation for protected disclosures; and

(II) who have made or are contemplating making a protected disclosure about the rights and remedies against retaliation for protected disclosures, including—

(aa) the means by which employees may seek review of any allegation of reprisal, including the roles of the Office of the Inspector General, the Office of Spe-

cial Counsel, the Merit Systems Protection Board, and any other relevant entities; and

(bb) general information about the timeliness of such cases, the availability of any alternative dispute mechanisms, and avenues for potential relief.¹

(ii) assist the Inspector General in promoting the timely and appropriate handling and consideration of protected disclosures and allegations of reprisal, to the extent practicable, by the Inspector General; and

(iii) assist the Inspector General in facilitating communication and coordination with the Special Counsel, the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, the establishment, Congress, and any other relevant entity regarding the timely and appropriate handling and consideration of protected disclosures, allegations of reprisal, and general matters regarding the implementation and administration of whistleblower protection laws, rules, and regulations.

(2) The Whistleblower Protection Coordinator shall not act as a legal representative, agent, or advocate of the employee or former employee.

(3) The Whistleblower Protection Coordinator shall have direct access to the Inspector General as needed to accomplish the requirements of this subsection.

(4) For the purposes of this section, the requirement of the designation of a Whistleblower Protection Ombudsman² under paragraph (1)(C) shall not apply to—

(A) any agency that is an element of the intelligence community (as defined in section 3(4) of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 401a(4)) [50 U.S.C. 3003(4)]); or

(B) as determined by the President, any executive agency or unit thereof the principal function of which is the conduct of foreign intelligence or counter intelligence activities.

(e) The annual rate of basic pay for an Inspector General (as defined under section 12(3)) shall be the rate payable for level III of the Executive Schedule under section 5314 of title 5, United States Code, plus 3 percent.

(f) An Inspector General (as defined under section 8G(a)(6) or 12(3)) may not receive any cash award or cash bonus, including any cash award under chapter 45 of title 5, United States Code.

(g) Each Inspector General shall, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations governing the civil service, obtain legal advice from a counsel either reporting directly to the Inspector General or another Inspector General.

(Pub. L. 95-452, § 3, Oct. 12, 1978, 92 Stat. 1101; Pub. L. 110-409, §§ 3(a), 4(a)(1), 5, 6(a), Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4302, 4305; Pub. L. 112-199, title I, § 117(a), Nov. 27, 2012, 126 Stat. 1474; Pub. L. 114-317, § 7(d)(3)(A), Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1606; Pub. L. 115-192, § 2(a), June 25, 2018, 132 Stat. 1502.)

¹ So in original. The period probably should be a semicolon.

² So in original. Probably should be "Coordinator".

Editorial Notes**AMENDMENTS**

2018—Subsec. (d)(1)(C). Pub. L. 115–192, §2(a)(1)(B), substituted “Coordinator who shall—” for “Ombudsman who shall educate agency employees—” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (d)(1)(C)(i). Pub. L. 115–192, §2(a)(1)(B), inserted cl. (i) designation and introductory provisions. Former cl. (i) redesignated subcl. (I) of cl. (i).

Subsec. (d)(1)(C)(i)(I). Pub. L. 115–192, §2(a)(1)(A), (C), redesignated cl. (i) as subcl. (I) of cl. (i) and substituted “against retaliation” for “on retaliation”.

Subsec. (d)(1)(C)(i)(II). Pub. L. 115–192, §2(a)(1)(A), (D), redesignated cl. (ii) as subcl. (II) of cl. (i), substituted “, including—” for period at end, and added items (aa) and (bb).

Subsec. (d)(1)(C)(ii), (iii). Pub. L. 115–192, §2(a)(1)(E), added cls. (ii) and (iii). Former cl. (ii) redesignated subcl. (II) of cl. (i).

Subsec. (d)(2). Pub. L. 115–192, §2(a)(2), substituted “Coordinator” for “Ombudsman”.

Subsec. (d)(3), (4). Pub. L. 115–192, §2(a)(3), (4), added par. (3) and redesignated former par. (3) as (4).

2016—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 114–317 substituted “subpoena” for “subpena”.

2012—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 112–199 added subsec. (d) and struck out former subsec. (d) which read as follows: “Each Inspector General shall, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations governing the civil service—

“(1) appoint an Assistant Inspector General for Auditing who shall have the responsibility for supervising the performance of auditing activities relating to programs and operations of the establishment, and

“(2) appoint an Assistant Inspector General for Investigations who shall have the responsibility for supervising the performance of investigative activities relating to such programs and operations.”

2008—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 110–409, §3(a), substituted “If an Inspector General is removed from office or is transferred to another position or location within an establishment, the President shall communicate in writing the reasons for any such removal or transfer to both Houses of Congress, not later than 30 days before the removal or transfer. Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit a personnel action otherwise authorized by law, other than transfer or removal.” for “The President shall communicate the reasons for any such removal to both Houses of Congress.”

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 110–409, §4(a)(1), added subsec. (e).

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 110–409, §5, added subsec. (f).

Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 110–409, §6(a), added subsec. (g).

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**EFFECTIVE AND TERMINATION DATES OF 2012 AMENDMENT**

Pub. L. 112–199, title I, §117(c), Nov. 27, 2012, 126 Stat. 1475, which terminated the amendments made to this section and section 8D of Pub. L. 95–452 by section 117 of Pub. L. 112–199 5 years after Nov. 27, 2012, and revived the text as it read on the day before Nov. 27, 2012, was repealed by Pub. L. 115–192, §2(d), June 25, 2018, 132 Stat. 1503, effective Nov. 26, 2017.

Amendment by Pub. L. 112–199 effective 30 days after Nov. 27, 2012, see section 202 of Pub. L. 112–199, set out as an Effective Date of 2012 Amendment note under section 1204 of this title.

CONSTRUCTION

Pub. L. 110–409, §6(c), Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4305, provided that: “Nothing in the amendments made by this section [amending this section and section 8G of Pub. L. 95–452, set out in this Appendix] shall be construed to alter the duties and responsibilities of the counsel for any establishment or designated Federal entity, except for the availability of counsel as provided under sections 3(g) and 8G(g) of the Inspector General Act of

1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) (as amended by this section). The Counsel to the Inspector General shall perform such functions as the Inspector General may prescribe.”

TRANSITION RULE RELATING TO INSPECTORS GENERAL OF THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Pub. L. 115–141, div. P, title V, §501(b), Mar. 23, 2018, 132 Stat. 1090, provided that: “An individual serving as Inspector General of the Commission [Federal Communications Commission] on the date of the enactment of this Act [Mar. 23, 2018] pursuant to an appointment made under section 8G of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.)—

“(1) may continue so serving until the President makes an appointment under section 3(a) of such Act [subsec. (a) of this section] with respect to the Commission consistent with the amendments made by subsection (a); and

“(2) shall, while serving under paragraph (1), remain subject to the provisions of section 8G of such Act which, immediately before the date of the enactment of this Act, applied with respect to the Inspector General of the Commission and suffer no reduction in pay.”

PAY OF INSPECTORS GENERAL

Pub. L. 110–409, §4(a)(3), Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4303, as amended by Pub. L. 111–259, title IV, §405(b), Oct. 7, 2010, 124 Stat. 2719, provided that:

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the annual rate of basic pay of the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community, the Inspector General of the Central Intelligence Agency, the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction, and the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction shall be that of an Inspector General as defined under section 12(3) of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) (as amended by section 7(a) of this Act).

“(B) PROHIBITION OF CASH BONUS OR AWARDS.—Section 3(f) of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) (as amended by section 5 of this Act) shall apply to the Inspectors General described under subparagraph (A).”

Pub. L. 110–409, §4(b)–(d), Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4304, provided that:

“(b) INSPECTORS GENERAL OF DESIGNATED FEDERAL ENTITIES.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Inspector General of each designated Federal entity (as those terms are defined under section 8G of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.)) shall, for pay and all other purposes, be classified at a grade, level, or rank designation, as the case may be, at or above those of a majority of the senior level executives of that designated Federal entity (such as a General Counsel, Chief Information Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Human Capital Officer, or Chief Acquisition Officer). The pay of an Inspector General of a designated Federal entity (as those terms are defined under section 8G of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.)) shall be not less than the average total compensation (including bonuses) of the senior level executives of that designated Federal entity calculated on an annual basis.

“(2) LIMITATION ON ADJUSTMENT.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an Inspector General of a designated Federal entity whose pay is adjusted under paragraph (1), the total increase in pay in any fiscal year resulting from that adjustment may not exceed 25 percent of the average total compensation (including bonuses) of the Inspector General of that entity for the preceding 3 fiscal years.

“(B) SUNSET OF LIMITATION.—The limitation under subparagraph (A) shall not apply to any adjustment made in fiscal year 2013 or each fiscal year thereafter.

“(c) SAVINGS PROVISION FOR NEWLY APPOINTED INSPECTORS GENERAL.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The provisions of section 3392 of title 5, United States Code, other than the terms ‘performance awards’ and ‘awarding of ranks’ in subsection (c)(1) of such section, shall apply to career appointees of the Senior Executive Service who are appointed to the position of Inspector General.

“(2) NONREDUCTION IN PAY.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, career Federal employees serving on an appointment made pursuant to statutory authority found other than in section 3392 of title 5, United States Code, shall not suffer a reduction in pay, not including any bonus or performance award, as a result of being appointed to the position of Inspector General.

“(d) SAVINGS PROVISION.—Nothing in this section [amending this section, section 5315 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, and section 12651e of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, and enacting provisions set out as a note under this section] shall have the effect of reducing the rate of pay of any individual serving on the date of enactment of this section [Oct. 14, 2008] as an Inspector General of—

“(1) an establishment as defined under section 12(2) of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) (as amended by section 7(a) of this Act);

“(2) a designated Federal entity as defined under section 8G(2) of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.);

“(3) a legislative agency for which the position of Inspector General is established by statute; or

“(4) any other entity of the Government for which the position of Inspector General is established by statute.”

ACTING TREASURY INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR TAX ADMINISTRATION

Pub. L. 105–277, div. C, title I, §101, Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681–584, as amended by Pub. L. 106–113, div. B, §1000(a)(5) [title II, §239(a)], Nov. 29, 1999, 113 Stat. 1536, 1501A–302, provided that:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the President may appoint an acting Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration to serve during the period—

“(1) beginning on the date of the enactment of this section [Oct. 21, 1998] (or, if later, the date of the appointment), and

“(2) ending on the earlier of—

“(A) April 30, 1999, or

“(B) the date on which the first Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration takes office (other than pursuant to this section).

“(b) DUTIES BEFORE JANUARY 18, 1999.—The acting Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration appointed under subsection (a) shall, before January 18, 1999, take only such actions as are necessary to begin operation of the Office of Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, including—

“(1) making interim arrangements for administrative support for the Office,

“(2) establishing interim positions in the Office into which personnel will be transferred upon the transfer of functions and duties to the Office on January 18, 1999,

“(3) appointing such acting personnel on an interim basis as may be necessary upon the transfer of functions and duties to the Office on January 18, 1999, and

“(4) providing guidance and input for the fiscal year 2000 budget process for the Office.

“(c) ACTIONS NOT TO LIMIT AUTHORITY OF IG.—None of the actions taken by an individual appointed under subsection (a) shall affect the future authority of any Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration not appointed under subsection (a).

“(d) LIMITATIONS.—

“(1) NOMINATION.—No individual appointed under subsection (a) may serve on or after January 19, 1999, unless on or before such date the President has submitted to the Senate his nomination of an individual to serve as the first Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration.

“(2) TREASURY INSPECTOR GENERAL MAY NOT SERVE.—No individual appointed under subsection (a) may serve during any period such individual is serving as the Inspector General of the Treasury of the United States or the acting Inspector General of the Treasury of the United States.

“(3) EMPLOYMENT RESTRICTIONS.—The provisions of section 8D(j) of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply to any individual appointed under subsection (a).”

[Pub. L. 106–113, div. B, §1000(a)(5) [title II, §239(b)], Nov. 29, 1999, 113 Stat. 1536, 1501A–302, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending section 101 of Pub. L. 105–277, set out above] shall be effective as if included in the enactment of section 101 of title I of division C of the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999 [Pub. L. 105–277].”]

TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO APPOINTMENT OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OF FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Pub. L. 103–204, §23(c), Dec. 17, 1993, 107 Stat. 2408, provided that:

“(1) CURRENT SERVICE.—Except as otherwise provided by law, the individual serving as the Inspector General of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation before the date of enactment of this Act [Dec. 17, 1993] may continue to serve in such position until the earlier of—

“(A) the date on which the President appoints a successor under section 3(a) of the Inspector General Act of 1978 [subsec. (a) of this section]; or

“(B) the date which is 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act.

“(2) DEFINITION.—For purposes of paragraph (1), the term ‘successor’ may include the individual holding the position of Inspector General of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation on or after the date of enactment of this Act.”

Executive Documents

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 12993

Ex. Ord. No. 12993, Mar. 21, 1996, 61 F.R. 13043, which related to administrative allegations against Inspectors General, was omitted from the Code pursuant to Pub. L. 110–409, §7(c)(2), Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4313, which provided that Ex. Ord. No. 12933 (probably meaning Ex. Ord. No. 12993), as in effect before Oct. 14, 2008, was to have no force or effect on and after the earlier of either the date on which the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency becomes effective and operational or the last day of the 180-day period beginning on Oct. 14, 2008. See section 7(c)(2) of Pub. L. 110–409, set out as an Effective Date; Existing Executive Orders note under section 11 of this Appendix.

§ 4. Duties and responsibilities; report of criminal violations to Attorney General

(a) It shall be the duty and responsibility of each Inspector General, with respect to the establishment within which his Office is established—

(1) to provide policy direction for and to conduct, supervise, and coordinate audits and investigations relating to the programs and operations of such establishment;

(2) to review existing and proposed legislation and regulations relating to programs and operations of such establishment and to make recommendations in the semiannual reports required by section 5(a) concerning the impact of such legislation or regulations on the economy and efficiency in the administration of programs and operations administered or fi-

nanced by such establishment or the prevention and detection of fraud and abuse in such programs and operations;

(3) to recommend policies for, and to conduct, supervise, or coordinate other activities carried out or financed by such establishment for the purpose of promoting economy and efficiency in the administration of, or preventing and detecting fraud and abuse in, its programs and operations;

(4) to recommend policies for, and to conduct, supervise, or coordinate relationships between such establishment and other Federal agencies, State and local governmental agencies, and nongovernmental entities with respect to (A) all matters relating to the promotion of economy and efficiency in the administration of, or the prevention and detection of fraud and abuse in, programs and operations administered or financed by such establishment, or (B) the identification and prosecution of participants in such fraud or abuse; and

(5) to keep the head of such establishment and the Congress fully and currently informed, by means of the reports required by section 5 and otherwise, concerning fraud and other serious problems, abuses, and deficiencies relating to the administration of programs and operations administered or financed by such establishment, to recommend corrective action concerning such problems, abuses, and deficiencies, and to report on the progress made in implementing such corrective action.

(b)(1) In carrying out the responsibilities specified in subsection (a)(1), each Inspector General shall—

(A) comply with standards established by the Comptroller General of the United States for audits of Federal establishments, organizations, programs, activities, and functions;

(B) establish guidelines for determining when it shall be appropriate to use non-Federal auditors; and

(C) take appropriate steps to assure that any work performed by non-Federal auditors complies with the standards established by the Comptroller General as described in paragraph (1).¹

(2) For purposes of determining compliance with paragraph (1)(A) with respect to whether internal quality controls are in place and operating and whether established audit standards, policies, and procedures are being followed by Offices of Inspector General of establishments defined under section 12(2), Offices of Inspector General of designated Federal entities defined under section 8G(a)(2), and any audit office established within a Federal entity defined under section 8G(a)(1), reviews shall be performed exclusively by an audit entity in the Federal Government, including the Government Accountability Office or the Office of Inspector General of each establishment defined under section 12(2), or the Office of Inspector General of each designated Federal entity defined under section 8G(a)(2).

(c) In carrying out the duties and responsibilities established under this Act, each Inspector

General shall give particular regard to the activities of the Comptroller General of the United States with a view toward avoiding duplication and insuring effective coordination and cooperation.

(d) In carrying out the duties and responsibilities established under this Act, each Inspector General shall report expeditiously to the Attorney General whenever the Inspector General has reasonable grounds to believe there has been a violation of Federal criminal law.

(e)(1) In carrying out the duties and responsibilities established under this Act, whenever an Inspector General issues a recommendation for corrective action to the agency, the Inspector General—

(A) shall submit the document making a recommendation for corrective action to—

(i) the head of the establishment;

(ii) the congressional committees of jurisdiction; and

(iii) if the recommendation for corrective action was initiated upon request by an individual or entity other than the Inspector General, that individual or entity;

(B) may submit the document making a recommendation for corrective action to any Member of Congress upon request; and

(C) not later than 3 days after the recommendation for corrective action is submitted in final form to the head of the establishment, post the document making a recommendation for corrective action on the website of the Office of Inspector General.

(2) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as authorizing an Inspector General to publicly disclose information otherwise prohibited from disclosure by law.

(Pub. L. 95-452, § 4, Oct. 12, 1978, 92 Stat. 1102; Pub. L. 100-504, title I, § 109, Oct. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 2529; Pub. L. 103-82, title II, § 202(g)(5)(A), Sept. 21, 1993, 107 Stat. 890; Pub. L. 108-271, § 8(b), July 7, 2004, 118 Stat. 814; Pub. L. 110-409, § 7(d)(1)(A), Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4313; Pub. L. 114-317, §§ 4(d), 7(d)(2)(A), Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1602, 1606.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Paragraph (1), referred to in subsec. (b)(1)(C), means par. (1) of subsec. (b) of this section, but probably should be a reference to subpar. (A) of subsec. (b)(1) of this section following the redesignation of subsec. (b)(1) as subsec. (b)(1)(A) by Pub. L. 100-504, title I, § 109(1), (2), Oct. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 2529.

AMENDMENTS

2016—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 114-317, § 7(d)(2)(A), substituted “8G(a)(2)” for “8F(a)(2)” in two places and “8G(a)(1)” for “8F(a)(1)”.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 114-317, § 4(d), added subsec. (e).

2008—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 110-409 substituted “section 12(2)” for “section 11(2)” in two places.

2004—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 108-271 substituted “Government Accountability Office” for “General Accounting Office”.

1993—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 103-82 substituted “section 8F(a)(2), and any” for “section 8E(a)(2), and any”, “section 8F(a)(1)” for “section 8E(a)(1)”, and “section 8F(a)(2)” for “section 8E(a)(2)”.

1988—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 100-504 designated existing provisions as par. (1), redesignated pars. (1) to (3) as subpars. (A) to (C), respectively, and added par. (2).

¹ See References in Text note below.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1993 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 103-82 effective Oct. 1, 1993, see section 202(i) of Pub. L. 103-82, set out as an Effective Date note under section 12651 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-504 effective 180 days after Oct. 18, 1988, see section 113 of Pub. L. 100-504, set out as a note under section 5 of Pub. L. 95-452 in this Appendix.

§ 5. Semiannual reports; transmittal to Congress; availability to public; immediate report on serious or flagrant problems; disclosure of information; definitions

(a) Each Inspector General shall, not later than April 30 and October 31 of each year, prepare semiannual reports summarizing the activities of the Office during the immediately preceding six-month periods ending March 31 and September 30. Such reports shall include, but need not be limited to—

(1) a description of significant problems, abuses, and deficiencies relating to the administration of programs and operations of such establishment disclosed by such activities during the reporting period;

(2) a description of the recommendations for corrective action made by the Office during the reporting period with respect to significant problems, abuses, or deficiencies identified pursuant to paragraph (1);

(3) an identification of each significant recommendation described in previous semiannual reports on which corrective action has not been completed;

(4) a summary of matters referred to prosecutive authorities and the prosecutions and convictions which have resulted;

(5) a summary of each report made to the head of the establishment under section 6(c)(2) during the reporting period;

(6) a listing, subdivided according to subject matter, of each audit report, inspection reports,¹ and evaluation reports¹ issued by the Office during the reporting period and for each report, where applicable, the total dollar value of questioned costs (including a separate category for the dollar value of unsupported costs) and the dollar value of recommendations that funds be put to better use;

(7) a summary of each particularly significant report;

(8) statistical tables showing the total number of audit reports, inspection reports, and evaluation reports and the total dollar value of questioned costs (including a separate category for the dollar value of unsupported costs), for reports—

(A) for which no management decision had been made by the commencement of the reporting period;

(B) which were issued during the reporting period;

(C) for which a management decision was made during the reporting period, including—

(i) the dollar value of disallowed costs; and

(ii) the dollar value of costs not disallowed; and

(D) for which no management decision has been made by the end of the reporting period;

(9) statistical tables showing the total number of audit reports, inspection reports, and evaluation reports and the dollar value of recommendations that funds be put to better use by management, for reports—

(A) for which no management decision had been made by the commencement of the reporting period;

(B) which were issued during the reporting period;

(C) for which a management decision was made during the reporting period, including—

(i) the dollar value of recommendations that were agreed to by management; and

(ii) the dollar value of recommendations that were not agreed to by management; and

(D) for which no management decision has been made by the end of the reporting period;

(10) a summary of each audit report, inspection reports,¹ and evaluation reports¹ issued before the commencement of the reporting period—

(A) for which no management decision has been made by the end of the reporting period (including the date and title of each such report), an explanation of the reasons such management decision has not been made, and a statement concerning the desired timetable for achieving a management decision on each such report;

(B) for which no establishment comment was returned within 60 days of providing the report to the establishment; and

(C) for which there are any outstanding unimplemented recommendations, including the aggregate potential cost savings of those recommendations.²

(11) a description and explanation of the reasons for any significant revised management decision made during the reporting period;

(12) information concerning any significant management decision with which the Inspector General is in disagreement;

(13) the information described under section 804(b) of the Federal Financial Management Improvement Act of 1996;

(14)(A) an appendix containing the results of any peer review conducted by another Office of Inspector General during the reporting period; or

(B) if no peer review was conducted within that reporting period, a statement identifying the date of the last peer review conducted by another Office of Inspector General;

(15) a list of any outstanding recommendations from any peer review conducted by another Office of Inspector General that have

¹ So in original. Probably should be singular.

² So in original. The period probably should be a semicolon.

not been fully implemented, including a statement describing the status of the implementation and why implementation is not complete;

(16) a list of any peer reviews conducted by the Inspector General of another Office of the Inspector General during the reporting period, including a list of any outstanding recommendations made from any previous peer review (including any peer review conducted before the reporting period) that remain outstanding or have not been fully implemented;

(17) statistical tables showing—

(A) the total number of investigative reports issued during the reporting period;

(B) the total number of persons referred to the Department of Justice for criminal prosecution during the reporting period;

(C) the total number of persons referred to State and local prosecuting authorities for criminal prosecution during the reporting period; and

(D) the total number of indictments and criminal informations during the reporting period that resulted from any prior referral to prosecuting authorities;

(18) a description of the metrics used for developing the data for the statistical tables under paragraph (17);

(19) a report on each investigation conducted by the Office involving a senior Government employee where allegations of misconduct were substantiated, including the name of the senior government official (as defined by the department or agency) if already made public by the Office, and a detailed description of—

(A) the facts and circumstances of the investigation; and

(B) the status and disposition of the matter, including—

(i) if the matter was referred to the Department of Justice, the date of the referral; and

(ii) if the Department of Justice declined the referral, the date of the declination;

(20)(A) a detailed description of any instance of whistleblower retaliation, including information about the official found to have engaged in retaliation; and

(B) what, if any, consequences the establishment actually imposed to hold the official described in subparagraph (A) accountable;

(21) a detailed description of any attempt by the establishment to interfere with the independence of the Office, including—

(A) with budget constraints designed to limit the capabilities of the Office; and

(B) incidents where the establishment has resisted or objected to oversight activities of the Office or restricted or significantly delayed access to information, including the justification of the establishment for such action; and

(22) detailed descriptions of the particular circumstances of each—

(A) inspection, evaluation, and audit conducted by the Office that is closed and was not disclosed to the public; and

(B) investigation conducted by the Office involving a senior Government employee that is closed and was not disclosed to the public.

(b) Semiannual reports of each Inspector General shall be furnished to the head of the establishment involved not later than April 30 and October 31 of each year and shall be transmitted by such head to the appropriate committees or subcommittees of the Congress within thirty days after receipt of the report, together with a report by the head of the establishment containing—

(1) any comments such head determines appropriate;

(2) statistical tables showing the total number of audit reports, inspection reports, and evaluation reports and the dollar value of disallowed costs, for reports—

(A) for which final action had not been taken by the commencement of the reporting period;

(B) on which management decisions were made during the reporting period;

(C) for which final action was taken during the reporting period, including—

(i) the dollar value of disallowed costs that were recovered by management through collection, offset, property in lieu of cash, or otherwise; and

(ii) the dollar value of disallowed costs that were written off by management; and

(D) for which no final action has been taken by the end of the reporting period;

(3) statistical tables showing the total number of audit reports, inspection reports, and evaluation reports and the dollar value of recommendations that funds be put to better use by management agreed to in a management decision, for reports—

(A) for which final action had not been taken by the commencement of the reporting period;

(B) on which management decisions were made during the reporting period;

(C) for which final action was taken during the reporting period, including—

(i) the dollar value of recommendations that were actually completed; and

(ii) the dollar value of recommendations that management has subsequently concluded should not or could not be implemented or completed; and

(D) for which no final action has been taken by the end of the reporting period;

(4) whether the establishment entered into a settlement agreement with the official described in subsection (a)(20)(A), which shall be reported regardless of any confidentiality agreement relating to the settlement agreement; and

(5) a statement with respect to audit reports on which management decisions have been made but final action has not been taken, other than audit reports on which a management decision was made within the preceding year, containing—

(A) a list of such audit reports and the date each such report was issued;

(B) the dollar value of disallowed costs for each report;

(C) the dollar value of recommendations that funds be put to better use agreed to by management for each report; and

(D) an explanation of the reasons final action has not been taken with respect to each such audit report,

except that such statement may exclude such audit reports that are under formal administrative or judicial appeal or upon which management of an establishment has agreed to pursue a legislative solution, but shall identify the number of reports in each category so excluded.

(c) Within sixty days of the transmission of the semiannual reports of each Inspector General to the Congress, the head of each establishment shall make copies of such report available to the public upon request and at a reasonable cost. Within 60 days after the transmission of the semiannual reports of each establishment head to the Congress, the head of each establishment shall make copies of such report available to the public upon request and at a reasonable cost.

(d) Each Inspector General shall report immediately to the head of the establishment involved whenever the Inspector General becomes aware of particularly serious or flagrant problems, abuses, or deficiencies relating to the administration of programs and operations of such establishment. The head of the establishment shall transmit any such report to the appropriate committees or subcommittees of Congress within seven calendar days, together with a report by the head of the establishment containing any comments such head deems appropriate.

(e)(1) Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize the public disclosure of information which is—

(A) specifically prohibited from disclosure by any other provision of law;

(B) specifically required by Executive order to be protected from disclosure in the interest of national defense or national security or in the conduct of foreign affairs; or

(C) a part of an ongoing criminal investigation.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1)(C), any report under this section may be disclosed to the public in a form which includes information with respect to a part of an ongoing criminal investigation if such information has been included in a public record.

(3) Except to the extent and in the manner provided under section 6103(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 [26 U.S.C. 6103(f)], nothing in this section or in any other provision of this Act shall be construed to authorize or permit the withholding of information from the Congress, or from any committee or subcommittee thereof.

(4) Subject to any other provision of law that would otherwise prohibit disclosure of such information, the information described in paragraph (1) may be provided to any Member of Congress upon request.

(5) An Office may not provide to Congress or the public any information that reveals the personally identifiable information of a whistleblower under this section unless the Office first obtains the consent of the whistleblower.

(f) As used in this section—

(1) the term “questioned cost” means a cost that is questioned by the Office because of—

(A) an alleged violation of a provision of a law, regulation, contract, grant, cooperative agreement, or other agreement or document governing the expenditure of funds;

(B) a finding that, at the time of the audit, such cost is not supported by adequate documentation; or

(C) a finding that the expenditure of funds for the intended purpose is unnecessary or unreasonable;

(2) the term “unsupported cost” means a cost that is questioned by the Office because the Office found that, at the time of the audit, such cost is not supported by adequate documentation;

(3) the term “disallowed cost” means a questioned cost that management, in a management decision, has sustained or agreed should not be charged to the Government;

(4) the term “recommendation that funds be put to better use” means a recommendation by the Office that funds could be used more efficiently if management of an establishment took actions to implement and complete the recommendation, including—

(A) reductions in outlays;

(B) deobligation of funds from programs or operations;

(C) withdrawal of interest subsidy costs on loans or loan guarantees, insurance, or bonds;

(D) costs not incurred by implementing recommended improvements related to the operations of the establishment, a contractor or grantee;

(E) avoidance of unnecessary expenditures noted in preaward reviews of contract or grant agreements; or

(F) any other savings which are specifically identified;

(5) the term “management decision” means the evaluation by the management of an establishment of the findings and recommendations included in an audit report and the issuance of a final decision by management concerning its response to such findings and recommendations, including actions concluded to be necessary;

(6) the term “final action” means—

(A) the completion of all actions that the management of an establishment has concluded, in its management decision, are necessary with respect to the findings and recommendations included in an audit report; and

(B) in the event that the management of an establishment concludes no action is necessary, final action occurs when a management decision has been made; and

(7) the term “senior Government employee” means—

(A) an officer or employee in the executive branch (including a special Government employee as defined in section 202 of title 18, United States Code) who occupies a position classified at or above GS-15 of the General Schedule or, in the case of positions not under the General Schedule, for which the rate of basic pay is equal to or greater than 120 percent of the minimum rate of basic pay

payable for GS-15 of the General Schedule; and

(B) any commissioned officer in the Armed Forces in pay grades O-6 and above.

(Pub. L. 95-452, § 5, Oct. 12, 1978, 92 Stat. 1103; Pub. L. 97-252, title XI, § 1117(c), Sept. 8, 1982, 96 Stat. 752; Pub. L. 100-504, title I, §§ 102(g), 106, Oct. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 2521, 2525; Pub. L. 104-208, div. A, title I, § 101(f) [title VIII, § 805(c)], Sept. 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 3009-314, 3009-393; Pub. L. 110-409, § 12, Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4315; Pub. L. 111-203, title IX, § 989C, July 21, 2010, 124 Stat. 1945; Pub. L. 114-317, §§ 4(c), 7(d)(2)(B), (C), Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1600, 1606; Pub. L. 115-192, § 2(c), June 25, 2018, 132 Stat. 1503; Pub. L. 116-92, div. A, title XVII, § 1710, Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 1801.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 804(b) of the Federal Financial Management Improvement Act of 1996, referred to in subsec. (a)(13), is section 101(f) [title VIII, § 804(b)] of title I of Pub. L. 104-208, Sept. 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 3009-314, 3009-392, which is set out in a note under section 3512 of Title 31, Money and Finance.

The General Schedule, referred to in subsec. (f)(7)(A), is set out under section 5332 of this title.

Commissioned officer pay grade O-6, referred to in subsec. (f)(7)(B), is described in section 201 of Title 37, Pay and Allowances of the Uniformed Services, and is set out under section 5332 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2019—Subsec. (a)(19). Pub. L. 116-92, which directed insertion of “the name of the senior government official (as defined by the department or agency) if already made public by the Office, and” after “including”, was executed by making the insertion after “including” the first time appearing to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

2018—Subsec. (a)(20). Pub. L. 115-192, § 2(c)(1), amended par. (20) generally. Prior to amendment, par. (20) read as follows: “a detailed description of any instance of whistleblower retaliation, including information about the official found to have engaged in retaliation and what, if any, consequences the establishment imposed to hold that official accountable;”.

Subsec. (b)(4), (5). Pub. L. 115-192, § 2(c)(2), added par. (4) and redesignated former par. (4) as (5).

2016—Subsec. (a)(5). Pub. L. 114-317, § 7(d)(2)(B), substituted “section 6(c)(2)” for “section 6(b)(2)”.

Subsec. (a)(10). Pub. L. 114-317, § 4(c)(1)(A), inserted dash after “commencement of the reporting period”, designated remainder of existing provisions as subpar. (A), and added subpars. (B) and (C).

Subsec. (a)(13). Pub. L. 114-317, § 7(d)(2)(C), substituted “804(b)” for “05(b)”.

Subsec. (a)(17) to (22). Pub. L. 114-317, § 4(c)(1)(B)-(D), added pars. (17) to (22).

Subsec. (e)(4), (5). Pub. L. 114-317, § 4(c)(2), added pars. (4) and (5).

Subsec. (f)(7). Pub. L. 114-317, § 4(c)(3), added par. (7).

2010—Subsec. (a)(14) to (16). Pub. L. 111-203 added pars. (14) to (16).

2008—Subsec. (a)(6). Pub. L. 110-409, § 12(1)(B), struck out “audit” after “reporting period and for each”.

Pub. L. 110-409, § 12(1)(A), which directed insertion of “, inspection reports, and evaluation reports” after “audit reports” the first place appearing, was executed by making the insertion after “audit report” the first place appearing, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

Subsec. (a)(8), (9). Pub. L. 110-409, § 12(1), in introductory provisions, inserted “, inspection reports, and evaluation reports” after “number of audit reports” and struck out “audit” before “reports—”.

Subsec. (a)(10). Pub. L. 110-409, § 12(2), which directed insertion of “, inspection reports, and evaluation reports” after “audit reports”, was executed by making the insertion after “audit report” to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

Subsec. (b)(2), (3). Pub. L. 110-409, § 12(1), in introductory provisions, inserted “, inspection reports, and evaluation reports” after “number of audit reports” and struck out “audit” before “reports—”.

1996—Subsec. (a)(13). Pub. L. 104-208 added par. (13).

1988—Subsec. (a)(6) to (12). Pub. L. 100-504, § 106(a), added pars. (6) to (12), and struck out former par. (6) which read as follows: “a listing of each audit report completed by the Office during the reporting period.”

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 100-504, § 106(b), substituted “head of the establishment containing—” and pars. (1) to (4) for “head of the establishment containing any comments such head deems appropriate.”

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 100-504, § 106(c), inserted at end “Within 60 days after the transmission of the semi-annual reports of each establishment head to the Congress, the head of each establishment shall make copies of such report available to the public upon request and at a reasonable cost.”

Subsec. (e)(3). Pub. L. 100-504, § 102(g), substituted “Except to the extent and in the manner provided under section 6103(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, nothing” for “Nothing”.

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 100-504, § 106(d), added subsec. (f). 1982—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 97-252 added subsec. (e).

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2010 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 111-203 effective 1 day after July 21, 2010, except as otherwise provided, see section 4 of Pub. L. 111-203, set out as an Effective Date note under section 5301 of Title 12, Banks and Banking.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1996 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 104-208 effective for fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1997, see section 101(f) [title VIII, § 807] of Pub. L. 104-208, set out in a Federal Financial Management Improvement note under section 3512 of Title 31, Money and Finance.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 100-504, title I, § 113, Oct. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 2530, provided that: “This title and the amendments made by this title [enacting sections 8B-8F of Pub. L. 95-452, set out in this Appendix, amending sections 2, 4-6, 8, 9, and 11 of Pub. L. 95-452, set out in this Appendix, sections 5315 and 5316 of this title, sections 405 and 1105 of Title 31, Money and Finance, and section 410 of Title 39, Postal Service, repealing sections 3521-3527 and 7138 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, and section 231v of Title 45, Railroads, and enacting provisions set out as notes under sections 1, 8D, 8E, and 9 of Pub. L. 95-452, set out in this Appendix] shall take effect 180 days after the date of the enactment of this title [Oct. 18, 1988], except that section 5(a)(6) through (12) of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (as amended by section 106(a) of this title) and section 5(b)(1) through (4) of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (as amended by section 106(b) of this title) shall take effect 1 year after the date of the enactment of this title.”

CORRECTIVE RESPONSES BY HEADS OF CERTAIN ESTABLISHMENTS TO DEFICIENCIES IDENTIFIED BY INSPECTORS GENERAL

Pub. L. 111-203, title IX, § 989H, July 21, 2010, 124 Stat. 1948, provided that: “The Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, the Chairman of the National Credit Union Administration, the Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, and the Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission shall each—

“(1) take action to address deficiencies identified by a report or investigation of the Inspector General of the establishment concerned; or

“(2) certify to both Houses of Congress that no action is necessary or appropriate in connection with a deficiency described in paragraph (1).”

DISCLOSURE OF GOVERNMENT CONTRACTOR AUDIT FINDINGS

Pub. L. 110-181, div. A, title VIII, §845, Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 240, provided that:

“(a) REQUIRED ANNEX ON SIGNIFICANT AUDIT FINDINGS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Each Inspector General appointed under the Inspector General Act of 1978 [Pub. L. 95-452, set out in this Appendix] shall submit, as part of the semiannual report submitted to Congress pursuant to section 5 of such Act, an annex on final, completed contract audit reports issued to the contracting activity containing significant audit findings issued during the period covered by the semiannual report concerned.

“(2) ELEMENTS.—Such annex shall include—

“(A) a list of such contract audit reports;

“(B) for each audit report, a brief description of the nature of the significant audit findings in the report; and

“(C) for each audit report, the specific amounts of costs identified as unsupported, questioned, or disallowed.

“(3) INFORMATION EXEMPT FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE.—(A) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to require the release of information to the public that is exempt from public disclosure under section 552(b) of title 5, United States Code.

“(B) For each element required by paragraph (2), the Inspector General concerned shall note each instance where information has been redacted in accordance with the requirements of section 552(b) of title 5, United States Code, and submit an unredacted annex to the committees listed in subsection (d)(2) within 7 days after the issuance of the semiannual report.

“(b) DEFENSE CONTRACT AUDIT AGENCY INCLUDED.—For purposes of subsection (a), audits of the Defense Contract Audit Agency shall be included in the annex provided by the Inspector General of the Department of Defense if they include significant audit findings.

“(c) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a) shall not apply to an Inspector General if no audits described in such subsection were issued during the covered period.

“(d) SUBMISSION OF INDIVIDUAL AUDITS.—

“(1) REQUIREMENT.—The head of each Federal department or agency shall provide, within 14 days after a request in writing by the chairman or ranking member of any committee listed in paragraph (2), a full and unredacted copy of any audit described in subsection (a). Such copy shall include an identification of information in the audit exempt from public disclosure under section 552(b) of title 5, United States Code.

“(2) COMMITTEES.—The committees listed in this paragraph are the following:

“(A) The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform [now Committee on Oversight and Reform] of the House of Representatives.

“(B) The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate.

“(C) The Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

“(D) With respect to the Department of Defense and the Department of Energy, the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives.

“(E) The Committees of primary jurisdiction over the agency or department to which the request is made.

“(e) CLASSIFIED INFORMATION.—Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to require the handling of classified information or information relating to intelligence sources and methods in a manner inconsistent with any law, regulation, executive order, or rule of the House of Representatives or of the Senate relating to the handling or protection of such information.

“(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) SIGNIFICANT AUDIT FINDINGS.—The term ‘significant audit findings’ includes—

“(A) unsupported, questioned, or disallowed costs in an amount in excess of \$10,000,000; or

“(B) other findings that the Inspector General of the agency or department concerned determines to be significant.

“(2) CONTRACT.—The term ‘contract’ includes a contract, an order placed under a task or delivery order contract, or a subcontract.”

PROMPT MANAGEMENT DECISIONS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS

Pub. L. 103-355, title VI, §6009, Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3367, as amended by Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title VIII, §810, Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 394, provided that:

“(a) MANAGEMENT DECISIONS.—(1) The head of a Federal agency shall make management decisions on all findings and recommendations set forth in an audit report of the inspector general of the agency within a maximum of six months after the issuance of the report.

“(2) The head of a Federal agency shall make management decisions on all findings and recommendations set forth in an audit report of any auditor from outside the Federal Government within a maximum of six months after the date on which the head of the agency receives the report.

“(b) COMPLETION OF FINAL ACTION.—The head of a Federal agency shall complete final action on each management decision required with regard to a recommendation in an inspector general’s report under subsection (a)(1) within 12 months after the date of the inspector general’s report. If the head of the agency fails to complete final action with regard to a management decision within the 12-month period, the inspector general concerned shall identify the matter in each of the inspector general’s semiannual reports pursuant to section 5(a)(3) of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) until final action on the management decision is completed.”

§ 6. Authority of Inspector General; information and assistance from Federal agencies; unreasonable refusal; office space and equipment

(a) In addition to the authority otherwise provided by this Act, each Inspector General, in carrying out the provisions of this Act, is authorized—

(1)(A) to have timely access to all records, reports, audits, reviews, documents, papers, recommendations, or other materials available to the applicable establishment which relate to the programs and operations with respect to which that Inspector General has responsibilities under this Act;

(B) to have access under subparagraph (A) notwithstanding any other provision of law, except pursuant to any provision of law enacted by Congress that expressly—

(i) refers to the Inspector General; and

(ii) limits the right of access of the Inspector General; and

(C) except as provided in subsection (i), with regard to Federal grand jury materials protected from disclosure pursuant to rule 6(e) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, to have timely access to such information if the Attorney General grants the request in accordance with subsection (h);

(2) to make such investigations and reports relating to the administration of the programs and operations of the applicable establishment as are, in the judgment of the Inspector General, necessary or desirable;

(3) to request such information or assistance as may be necessary for carrying out the duties and responsibilities provided by this Act from any Federal, State, or local governmental agency or unit thereof;

(4) to require by subpoena the production of all information, documents, reports, answers, records, accounts, papers, and other data in any medium (including electronically stored information), as well as any tangible thing and documentary evidence necessary in the performance of the functions assigned by this Act, which subpoena, in the case of contumacy or refusal to obey, shall be enforceable by order of any appropriate United States district court: *Provided*, That procedures other than subpoenas shall be used by the Inspector General to obtain documents and information from Federal agencies;

(5) to administer to or take from any person an oath, affirmation, or affidavit, whenever necessary in the performance of the functions assigned by this Act, which oath, affirmation, or affidavit when administered or taken by or before an employee of an Office of Inspector General designated by the Inspector General shall have the same force and effect as if administered or taken by or before an officer having a seal;

(6) to have direct and prompt access to the head of the establishment involved when necessary for any purpose pertaining to the performance of functions and responsibilities under this Act;

(7) to select, appoint, and employ such officers and employees as may be necessary for carrying out the functions, powers, and duties of the Office subject to the provisions of title 5, United States Code, governing appointments in the competitive service, and the provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of such title relating to classification and General Schedule pay rates;

(8) to obtain services as authorized by section 3109 of title 5, United States Code, at daily rates not to exceed the equivalent rate prescribed for grade GS-18 of the General Schedule by section 5332 of title 5, United States Code; and

(9) to the extent and in such amounts as may be provided in advance by appropriations Acts, to enter into contracts and other arrangements for audits, studies, analyses, and other services with public agencies and with private persons, and to make such payments as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed as authorizing an Inspector General to publicly disclose information otherwise prohibited from disclosure by law.

(c)(1) Upon request of an Inspector General for information or assistance under subsection (a)(3), the head of any Federal agency involved shall, insofar as is practicable and not in contravention of any existing statutory restriction or regulation of the Federal agency from which the information is requested, furnish to such Inspector General, or to an authorized designee, such information or assistance.

(2) Whenever information or assistance requested under subsection (a)(1) or (a)(3) is, in the

judgment of an Inspector General, unreasonably refused or not provided, the Inspector General shall report the circumstances to the head of the establishment involved without delay.

(d) Each head of an establishment shall provide the Office within such establishment with appropriate and adequate office space at central and field office locations of such establishment, together with such equipment, office supplies, and communications facilities and services as may be necessary for the operation of such offices, and shall provide necessary maintenance services for such offices and the equipment and facilities located therein.

(e)(1)(A) For purposes of applying the provisions of law identified in subparagraph (B)—

(i) each Office of Inspector General shall be considered to be a separate agency; and

(ii) the Inspector General who is the head of an office referred to in clause (i) shall, with respect to such office, have the functions, powers, and duties of an agency head or appointing authority under such provisions.

(B) This paragraph applies with respect to the following provisions of title 5, United States Code:

(i) Subchapter II of chapter 35.

(ii) Sections 8335(b), 8336, 8344, 8414, 8468, and 8425(b).

(iii) All provisions relating to the Senior Executive Service (as determined by the Office of Personnel Management), subject to paragraph (2).

(2) For purposes of applying section 4507(b) of title 5, United States Code, paragraph (1)(A)(ii) shall be applied by substituting “the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (established by section 11 of the Inspector General Act) shall” for “the Inspector General who is the head of an office referred to in clause (i) shall, with respect to such office,”.

(f)(1) In addition to the authority otherwise provided by this Act, each Inspector General, any Assistant Inspector General for Investigations under such an Inspector General, and any special agent supervised by such an Assistant Inspector General may be authorized by the Attorney General to—

(A) carry a firearm while engaged in official duties as authorized under this Act or other statute, or as expressly authorized by the Attorney General;

(B) make an arrest without a warrant while engaged in official duties as authorized under this Act or other statute, or as expressly authorized by the Attorney General, for any offense against the United States committed in the presence of such Inspector General, Assistant Inspector General, or agent, or for any felony cognizable under the laws of the United States if such Inspector General, Assistant Inspector General, or agent has reasonable grounds to believe that the person to be arrested has committed or is committing such felony; and

(C) seek and execute warrants for arrest, search of a premises, or seizure of evidence issued under the authority of the United States upon probable cause to believe that a violation has been committed.

(2) The Attorney General may authorize exercise of the powers under this subsection only upon an initial determination that—

(A) the affected Office of Inspector General is significantly hampered in the performance of responsibilities established by this Act as a result of the lack of such powers;

(B) available assistance from other law enforcement agencies is insufficient to meet the need for such powers; and

(C) adequate internal safeguards and management procedures exist to ensure proper exercise of such powers.

(3) The Inspector General offices of the Department of Commerce, Department of Education, Department of Energy, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Homeland Security, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Department of the Interior, Department of Justice, Department of Labor, Department of State, Department of Transportation, Department of the Treasury, Department of Veterans Affairs, Agency for International Development, Environmental Protection Agency, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Federal Emergency Management Agency, General Services Administration, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Personnel Management, Railroad Retirement Board, Small Business Administration, Social Security Administration, and the Tennessee Valley Authority are exempt from the requirement of paragraph (2) of an initial determination of eligibility by the Attorney General.

(4) The Attorney General shall promulgate, and revise as appropriate, guidelines which shall govern the exercise of the law enforcement powers established under paragraph (1).

(5)(A) Powers authorized for an Office of Inspector General under paragraph (1) may be rescinded or suspended upon a determination by the Attorney General that any of the requirements under paragraph (2) is no longer satisfied or that the exercise of authorized powers by that Office of Inspector General has not complied with the guidelines promulgated by the Attorney General under paragraph (4).

(B) Powers authorized to be exercised by any individual under paragraph (1) may be rescinded or suspended with respect to that individual upon a determination by the Attorney General that such individual has not complied with guidelines promulgated by the Attorney General under paragraph (4).

(6) A determination by the Attorney General under paragraph (2) or (5) shall not be reviewable in or by any court.

(7) To ensure the proper exercise of the law enforcement powers authorized by this subsection, the Offices of Inspector General described under paragraph (3) shall, not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this subsection, collectively enter into a memorandum of understanding to establish an external review process for ensuring that adequate internal safeguards and management procedures continue to exist within each Office and within any Office that later receives an authorization under paragraph (2). The review process shall be established in consultation with the Attorney General, who shall

be provided with a copy of the memorandum of understanding that establishes the review process. Under the review process, the exercise of the law enforcement powers by each Office of Inspector General shall be reviewed periodically by another Office of Inspector General or by a committee of Inspectors General. The results of each review shall be communicated in writing to the applicable Inspector General and to the Attorney General.

(8) No provision of this subsection shall limit the exercise of law enforcement powers established under any other statutory authority, including United States Marshals Service special deputation.

(9) In this subsection, the term "Inspector General" means an Inspector General appointed under section 3 or an Inspector General appointed under section 8G.

(g)(1) For each fiscal year, an Inspector General shall transmit a budget estimate and request to the head of the establishment or designated Federal entity to which the Inspector General reports. The budget request shall specify the aggregate amount of funds requested for such fiscal year for the operations of that Inspector General and shall specify the amount requested for all training needs, including a certification from the Inspector General that the amount requested satisfies all training requirements for the Inspector General's office for that fiscal year, and any resources necessary to support the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency. Resources necessary to support the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency shall be specifically identified and justified in the budget request.

(2) In transmitting a proposed budget to the President for approval, the head of each establishment or designated Federal entity shall include—

(A) an aggregate request for the Inspector General;

(B) amounts for Inspector General training;

(C) amounts for support of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency; and

(D) any comments of the affected Inspector General with respect to the proposal.

(3) The President shall include in each budget of the United States Government submitted to Congress—

(A) a separate statement of the budget estimate prepared in accordance with paragraph (1);

(B) the amount requested by the President for each Inspector General;

(C) the amount requested by the President for training of Inspectors General;

(D) the amount requested by the President for support for the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency; and

(E) any comments of the affected Inspector General with respect to the proposal if the Inspector General concludes that the budget submitted by the President would substantially inhibit the Inspector General from performing the duties of the office.

(h)(1) If the Inspector General of an establishment submits a request to the head of the estab-

lishment for Federal grand jury materials pursuant to subsection (a)(1), the head of the establishment shall immediately notify the Attorney General of such request.

(2) Not later than 15 days after the date on which a request is submitted to the Attorney General under paragraph (1), the Attorney General shall determine whether to grant or deny the request for Federal grand jury materials and shall immediately notify the head of the establishment of such determination. The Attorney General shall grant the request unless the Attorney General determines that granting access to the Federal grand jury materials would be likely to—

(A) interfere with an ongoing criminal investigation or prosecution;

(B) interfere with an undercover operation;

(C) result in disclosure of the identity of a confidential source, including a protected witness;

(D) pose a serious threat to national security; or

(E) result in significant impairment of the trade or economic interests of the United States.

(3)(A) The head of the establishment shall inform the Inspector General of the establishment of the determination made by the Attorney General with respect to the request for Federal grand jury materials.

(B) The Inspector General of the establishment described under subparagraph (A) may submit comments on the determination submitted pursuant to such subparagraph to the committees listed under paragraph (4) that the Inspector General considers appropriate.

(4) Not later than 30 days after notifying the head of an establishment of a denial pursuant to paragraph (2), the Attorney General shall submit a statement that the request for Federal grand jury materials by the Inspector General was denied and the reason for the denial to each of the following:

(A) The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, the Committee on the Judiciary, and the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate.

(B) The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, the Committee on the Judiciary, and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives.

(C) Other appropriate committees and subcommittees of Congress.

(i) Subsections (a)(1)(C) and (h) shall not apply to requests from the Inspector General of the Department of Justice.

(j)(1) In this subsection, the terms “agency”, “matching program”, “record”, and “system of records” have the meanings given those terms in section 552a(a) of title 5, United States Code.

(2) For purposes of section 552a of title 5, United States Code, or any other provision of law, a computerized comparison of two or more automated Federal systems of records, or a computerized comparison of a Federal system of records with other records or non-Federal records, performed by an Inspector General or by an agency in coordination with an Inspector

General in conducting an audit, investigation, inspection, evaluation, or other review authorized under this Act shall not be considered a matching program.

(3) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to impede the exercise by an Inspector General of any matching program authority established under any other provision of law.

(k) Subchapter I of chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, shall not apply to the collection of information during the conduct of an audit, investigation, inspection, evaluation, or other review conducted by the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency or any Office of Inspector General, including any Office of Special Inspector General.

(Pub. L. 95-452, § 6, Oct. 12, 1978, 92 Stat. 1104; Pub. L. 100-504, title I, §§ 107, 110(a), Oct. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 2528, 2529; Pub. L. 107-296, title VIII, § 812(a), Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2222; Pub. L. 110-409, §§ 8, 9, 11, 14(a), Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4313-4316; Pub. L. 114-317, §§ 2, 5, 7(d)(2)(D), (3)(B), Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1595, 1603, 1606.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, referred to in subsec. (a)(1)(C), are set out in the Appendix to Title 18, Crimes and Criminal Procedure.

Section 11 of the Inspector General Act, referred to in subsec. (e)(2), probably means section 11 of the Inspector General Act of 1978, Pub. L. 95-452, which is set out in this Appendix.

The date of enactment of this subsection, referred to in subsec. (f)(7), is the date of enactment of Pub. L. 107-296, which was approved Nov. 25, 2002.

AMENDMENTS

2016—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 114-317, § 5(1), added par. (1) and struck out former par. (1) which read as follows: “to have access to all records, reports, audits, reviews, documents, papers, recommendations, or other material available to the applicable establishment which relate to programs and operations with respect to which that Inspector General has responsibilities under this Act;”.

Subsec. (a)(4). Pub. L. 114-317, § 7(d)(2)(D), (3)(B), substituted “information), as well as any tangible thing” for “information, as well as any tangible thing)” and “subpoenas” for “subpenas”.

Subsecs. (b) to (g). Pub. L. 114-317, § 5(2), (3), added subsec. (b) and redesignated former subsecs. (b) to (f) as (c) to (g), respectively.

Subsecs. (h), (i). Pub. L. 114-317, § 5(4), added subsecs. (h) and (i).

Subsec. (j), (k). Pub. L. 114-317, § 2, added subsecs. (j) and (k).

2008—Subsec. (a)(4). Pub. L. 110-409, § 9(2), which directed substitution of “subpoena” for “subpena”, was executed by making the substitution for “subpena” both places it appeared, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

Pub. L. 110-409, § 9(1), inserted “in any medium (including electronically stored information, as well as any tangible thing)” after “other data”.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 110-409, § 14(a), amended subsec. (d) generally. Prior to amendment, subsec. (d) read as follows: “For purposes of the provisions of title 5, United States Code, governing the Senior Executive Service, any reference in such provisions to the ‘appointing authority’ for a member of the Senior Executive Service or for a Senior Executive Service position shall, if such member or position is or would be within the Office of an Inspector General, be deemed to be a reference to such Inspector General.”

Subsec. (e)(1). Pub. L. 110-409, §11(1), struck out “appointed under section 3” after “each Inspector General” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (e)(9). Pub. L. 110-409, §11(2), added par. (9).

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 110-409, §8, added subsec. (f).

2002—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 107-296 added subsec. (e).

1988—Subsec. (a)(5) to (9). Pub. L. 100-504, §107, added par. (5) and redesignated former pars. (5) to (8) as (6) to (9), respectively.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 100-504, §110(a), added subsec. (d).

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

CHANGE OF NAME

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of House of Representatives changed to Committee on Oversight and Reform of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 6, One Hundred Sixteenth Congress, Jan. 9, 2019.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2002 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 107-296, title VIII, §812(c), Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2224, provided that:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) [amending this section] shall take effect 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act [Nov. 25, 2002].

“(2) INITIAL GUIDELINES.—Subsection (b) [enacting provisions set out as a note below] shall take effect on the date of enactment of this Act [Nov. 25, 2002].”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-504 effective 180 days after Oct. 18, 1988, see section 113 of Pub. L. 100-504, set out as a note under section 5 of Pub. L. 95-452 in this Appendix.

REFERENCES IN OTHER LAWS TO GS-16, 17, OR 18 PAY RATES

References in laws to the rates of pay for GS-16, 17, or 18, or to maximum rates of pay under the General Schedule, to be considered references to rates payable under specified sections of this title, see section 529 [title I, §101(c)(1)] of Pub. L. 101-509, set out in a note under section 5376 of this title.

LINKS TO WEBSITES OF OFFICES OF INSPECTORS GENERAL

Provisions of Pub. L. 110-161, div. B, title V, §534, div. D, title VII, §746, div. E, title V, §555, div. G, title V, §522, div. I, title II, §226, div. J, title I, §115, div. K, title I, §195, title II, §234, and Pub. L. 110-116, div. A, title VIII, §8121, formerly set out as notes under this section were transferred, and are listed in a table of similar provisions under section 8M of this Appendix.

PROMULGATION OF INITIAL GUIDELINES

Pub. L. 107-296, title VIII, §812(b), Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2223, required the Attorney General to promulgate, within 180 days of Nov. 25, 2002, initial guidelines under subsec. (e)(4) [now (f)(4)] of this section applicable to the Inspector General offices described in subsec. (e)(3) [now (f)(3)] of this section.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of all functions, personnel, assets, components, authorities, grant programs, and liabilities of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, including the functions of the Under Secretary for Federal Emergency Management relating thereto, to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, see section 315(a)(1) of Title 6, Domestic Security.

For transfer of functions, personnel, assets, and liabilities of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, including the functions of the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency relating thereto, to the Secretary of Homeland Security, and for treatment of related references, see former section 313(1) and sections 551(d), 552(d), and 557 of Title 6, Domestic Security,

and the Department of Homeland Security Reorganization Plan of November 25, 2002, as modified, set out as a note under section 542 of Title 6.

ESTABLISHMENT OF INSPECTORS GENERAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR ACADEMY AND INSPECTORS GENERAL FORENSIC LABORATORY

Pub. L. 106-422, §2, Nov. 1, 2000, 114 Stat. 1873, provided that:

“(a) INSPECTORS GENERAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR ACADEMY.—

“(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established the Criminal Investigator Academy within the Department of the Treasury. The Criminal Investigator Academy is established for the purpose of performing investigator training services for offices of inspectors general created under the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.).

“(2) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.—The Criminal Investigator Academy shall be administered by an Executive Director who shall report to an inspector general for an establishment as defined in section 11 of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.).—

“(A) designated by the President’s Council on Integrity and Efficiency; or

“(B) if that council is eliminated, by a majority vote of the inspectors general created under the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.).

“(b) INSPECTORS GENERAL FORENSIC LABORATORY.—

“(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established the Inspectors General Forensic Laboratory within the Department of the Treasury. The Inspectors General Forensic Laboratory is established for the purpose of performing forensic services for offices of inspectors general created under the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.).

“(2) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.—The Inspectors General Forensic Laboratory shall be administered by an Executive Director who shall report to an inspector general for an establishment as defined in section 11 of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.).—

“(A) designated by the President’s Council on Integrity and Efficiency; or

“(B) if that council is eliminated, by a majority vote of the inspectors general created under the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.).

“(c) SEPARATE APPROPRIATIONS ACCOUNT.—[Amended section 1105 of Title 31, Money and Finance.]

“(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to carry out this section such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 2001 and each fiscal year thereafter.”

§ 7. Complaints by employees; disclosure of identity; reprisals

(a) The Inspector General may receive and investigate complaints or information from an employee of the establishment concerning the possible existence of an activity constituting a violation of law, rules, or regulations, or mismanagement, gross waste of funds, abuse of authority or a substantial and specific danger to the public health and safety.

(b) The Inspector General shall not, after receipt of a complaint or information from an employee, disclose the identity of the employee without the consent of the employee, unless the Inspector General determines such disclosure is unavoidable during the course of the investigation.

(c) Any employee who has authority to take, direct others to take, recommend, or approve any personnel action, shall not, with respect to such authority, take or threaten to take any action against any employee as a reprisal for making a complaint or disclosing information to an

Inspector General, unless the complaint was made or the information disclosed with the knowledge that it was false or with willful disregard for its truth or falsity.

(Pub. L. 95-452, § 7, Oct. 12, 1978, 92 Stat. 1105.)

§ 8. Additional provisions with respect to the Inspector General of the Department of Defense

(a) No member of the Armed Forces, active or reserve, shall be appointed Inspector General of the Department of Defense.

(b)(1) Notwithstanding the last two sentences of section 3(a), the Inspector General shall be under the authority, direction, and control of the Secretary of Defense with respect to audits or investigations, or the issuance of subpoenas, which require access to information concerning—

- (A) sensitive operational plans;
- (B) intelligence matters;
- (C) counterintelligence matters;
- (D) ongoing criminal investigations by other administrative units of the Department of Defense related to national security; or
- (E) other matters the disclosure of which would constitute a serious threat to national security.

(2) With respect to the information described in paragraph (1) the Secretary of Defense may prohibit the Inspector General from initiating, carrying out, or completing any audit or investigation, from accessing information described in paragraph (1), or from issuing any subpoena, after the Inspector General has decided to initiate, carry out or complete such audit or investigation, access such information, or to issue such subpoena, if the Secretary determines that such prohibition is necessary to preserve the national security interests of the United States.

(3) If the Secretary of Defense exercises any power under paragraph (1) or (2), the Inspector General shall submit a statement concerning such exercise within thirty days to the Committees on Armed Services and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight of the House of Representatives and to other appropriate committees or subcommittees of the Congress.

(4) The Secretary shall, within thirty days after submission of a statement under paragraph (3), transmit a statement of the reasons for the exercise of power under paragraph (1) or (2) to the congressional committees specified in paragraph (3) and to other appropriate committees or subcommittees.

(c) In addition to the other duties and responsibilities specified in this Act, the Inspector General of the Department of Defense shall—

- (1) be the principal adviser to the Secretary of Defense for matters relating to the prevention and detection of fraud, waste, and abuse in the programs and operations of the Department;
- (2) initiate, conduct, and supervise such audits and investigations in the Department of Defense (including the military departments) as the Inspector General considers appropriate;

(3) provide policy direction for audits and investigations relating to fraud, waste, and abuse and program effectiveness;

(4) investigate fraud, waste, and abuse uncovered as a result of other contract and internal audits, as the Inspector General considers appropriate;

(5) develop policy, monitor and evaluate program performance, and provide guidance with respect to all Department activities relating to criminal investigation programs;

(6) monitor and evaluate the adherence of Department auditors to internal audit, contract audit, and internal review principles, policies, and procedures;

(7) develop policy, evaluate program performance, and monitor actions taken by all components of the Department in response to contract audits, internal audits, internal review reports, and audits conducted by the Comptroller General of the United States;

(8) request assistance as needed from other audit, inspection, and investigative units of the Department of Defense (including military departments);

(9) give particular regard to the activities of the internal audit, inspection, and investigative units of the military departments with a view toward avoiding duplication and insuring effective coordination and cooperation; and

(10) conduct, or approve arrangements for the conduct of, external peer reviews of Department of Defense audit agencies in accordance with and in such frequency as provided by Government auditing standards as established by the Comptroller General of the United States.

(d) Notwithstanding section 4(d), the Inspector General of the Department of Defense shall expeditiously report suspected or alleged violations of chapter 47 of title 10, United States Code (Uniform Code of Military Justice), to the Secretary of the military department concerned or the Secretary of Defense.

(e) For the purposes of section 7, a member of the Armed Forces shall be deemed to be an employee of the Department of Defense, except that, when the Coast Guard operates as a service of another department or agency of the Federal Government, a member of the Coast Guard shall be deemed to be an employee of such department or agency.

(f)(1) Each semiannual report prepared by the Inspector General of the Department of Defense under section 5(a) shall be transmitted by the Secretary of Defense to the Committees on Armed Services and on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Committees on Armed Services and on Oversight and Government Reform of the House of Representatives and to other appropriate committees or subcommittees of Congress. Each such report shall include—

(A) information concerning the numbers and types of contract audits conducted by the Department during the reporting period; and

(B) information concerning any Department of Defense audit agency that, during the reporting period, has either received a failed opinion from an external peer review or is overdue for an external peer review required

to be conducted in accordance with subsection (c)(10).

(2) Any report required to be transmitted by the Secretary of Defense to the appropriate committees or subcommittees of the Congress under section 5(d) shall also be transmitted, within the seven-day period specified in such section, to the congressional committees specified in paragraph (1).

(g) The provisions of section 1385 of title 18, United States Code, shall not apply to audits and investigations conducted by, under the direction of, or at the request of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense to carry out the purposes of this Act.

(h)(1) There is a General Counsel to the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, who shall be appointed by the Inspector General of the Department of Defense.

(2)(A) Notwithstanding section 140(b) of title 10, United States Code, the General Counsel is the chief legal officer of the Office of the Inspector General.

(B) The Inspector General is the exclusive legal client of the General Counsel.

(C) The General Counsel shall perform such functions as the Inspector General may prescribe.

(D) The General Counsel shall serve at the discretion of the Inspector General.

(3) There is an Office of the General Counsel to the Inspector General of the Department of Defense. The Inspector General may appoint to the Office to serve as staff of the General Counsel such legal counsel as the Inspector General considers appropriate.

(i)(1) The Inspector General of the Department of Defense is authorized to require by subpoena the attendance and testimony of witnesses as necessary in the performance of functions assigned to the Inspector General by this Act, except that the Inspector General shall use procedures other than subpoenas to obtain attendance and testimony from Federal employees.

(2) A subpoena issued under this subsection, in the case of contumacy or refusal to obey, shall be enforceable by order of any appropriate United States district court.

(3) The Inspector General shall notify the Attorney General 7 days before issuing any subpoena under this section.

(Pub. L. 95-452, § 8, Oct. 12, 1978, 92 Stat. 1105; Pub. L. 97-252, title XI, § 1117(b), Sept. 8, 1982, 96 Stat. 751; Pub. L. 100-504, title I, § 110(b), Oct. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 2529; Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title XV, § 1502(f)(6), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 510; Pub. L. 106-65, div. A, title X, § 1067(17), Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 775; Pub. L. 110-417, [div. A], title IX, § 907, Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4569; Pub. L. 111-84, div. A, title X, § 1042, Oct. 28, 2009, 123 Stat. 2455; Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title XVI, § 1614, Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 2066; Pub. L. 114-317, § 6(1), Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1604.)

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AMENDMENTS

2016—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 114-317 inserted “from accessing information described in paragraph (1),” after “completing any audit or investigation,” and “, access

such information,” after “complete such audit or investigation”.

2013—Subsec. (c)(10). Pub. L. 112-239, § 1614(a), added par. (10).

Subsec. (f)(1). Pub. L. 112-239, § 1614(b), added par. (1) and struck out former par. (1) which read as follows: “Each semiannual report prepared by the Inspector General of the Department of Defense under section 5(a) shall include information concerning the numbers and types of contract audits conducted by the Department during the reporting period. Each such report shall be transmitted by the Secretary of Defense to the Committees on Armed Services and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight of the House of Representatives and to other appropriate committees or subcommittees of the Congress.”

2009—Subsec. (i). Pub. L. 111-84 added subsec. (i).

2008—Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 110-417 added subsec. (h).

1999—Subsecs. (b)(3), (f)(1). Pub. L. 106-65 substituted “and the Committee on Armed Services” for “and the Committee on National Security”.

1996—Subsec. (b)(3). Pub. L. 104-106, § 1502(f)(6)(A), substituted “Committee on National Security and the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight” for “Committees on Armed Services and Government Operations”.

Subsec. (b)(4). Pub. L. 104-106, § 1502(f)(6)(B), substituted “congressional committees specified in paragraph (3)” for “Committees on Armed Services and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Committees on Armed Services and Government Operations of the House of Representatives”.

Subsec. (f)(1). Pub. L. 104-106, § 1502(f)(6)(C), substituted “Committee on National Security and the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight” for “Committees on Armed Services and Government Operations”.

Subsec. (f)(2). Pub. L. 104-106, § 1502(f)(6)(D), substituted “congressional committees specified in paragraph (1)” for “Committees on Armed Services and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Committees on Armed Services and Government Operations of the House of Representatives”.

1988—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 100-504 inserted provision at end that when Coast Guard operates as service of another department or agency of Federal Government, member of Coast Guard shall be deemed employee of such department or agency.

1982—Pub. L. 97-252 amended section generally, substituting additional provisions relating to the Inspector General of the Department of Defense for provisions relating to semiannual reports of Secretary of Defense on audit, investigative, and inspection units of Defense Department, availability of such reports to the public, exclusion of national security material, delegation of the Secretary’s duties, submittal of proposed legislation, the establishment of a task force to study operation of audit, investigative and inspection units, membership in the task force, and the submission of a comprehensive report by the task force to the Secretary of Defense and Director of Office of Management and Budget, who were to submit a final report to Congress not later than April 1, 1980.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

CHANGE OF NAME

Committee on Governmental Affairs of Senate changed to Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of Senate, effective Jan. 4, 2005, by Senate Resolution No. 445, One Hundred Eighth Congress, Oct. 9, 2004.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight of House of Representatives changed to Committee on Government Reform of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 5, One Hundred Sixth Congress, Jan. 6, 1999. Committee on Government Reform of

House of Representatives changed to Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 6, One Hundred Tenth Congress, Jan. 5, 2007. Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of House of Representatives changed to Committee on Oversight and Reform of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 6, One Hundred Sixteenth Congress, Jan. 9, 2019.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-504 effective 180 days after Oct. 18, 1988, see section 113 of Pub. L. 100-504, set out as a note under section 5 of Pub. L. 95-452 in this Appendix.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of authorities, functions, personnel, and assets of the Coast Guard, including the authorities and functions of the Secretary of Transportation relating thereto, to the Department of Homeland Security, and for treatment of related references, see sections 468(b), 551(d), 552(d), and 557 of Title 6, Domestic Security, and the Department of Homeland Security Reorganization Plan of November 25, 2002, as modified, set out as a note under section 542 of Title 6.

§ 8A. Special provisions relating to the Agency for International Development

(a) In addition to the other duties and responsibilities specified in this Act, the Inspector General of the Agency for International Development shall supervise, direct, and control all security activities relating to the programs and operations of that Agency, subject to the supervision of the Administrator of that Agency.¹

(b) In addition to the Assistant Inspector Generals provided for in section 3(d) of this Act, the Inspector General of the Agency for International Development shall, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations governing the civil service, appoint an Assistant Inspector General for Security who shall have the responsibility for supervising the performance of security activities relating to programs and operations of the Agency for International Development.

(c) In addition to the officers and employees provided for in section 6(a)(6) of this Act, members of the Foreign Service may, at the request of the Inspector General of the Agency for International Development, be assigned as employees of the Inspector General. Members of the Foreign Service so assigned shall be responsible solely to the Inspector General, and the Inspector General (or his or her designee) shall prepare the performance evaluation reports for such members.

(d) In establishing and staffing field offices pursuant to section 6(d) of this Act, the Administrator of the Agency for International Development shall not be bound by overseas personnel ceilings established under the Monitoring Overseas Direct Employment policy.

(e) The Inspector General of the Agency for International Development shall be in addition to the officers provided for in section 624(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 [22 U.S.C. 2384(a)].

(f) As used in this Act, the term “Agency for International Development” includes any successor agency primarily responsible for admin-

istering part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 [22 U.S.C. 2151 et seq.].¹

(Pub. L. 95-452, § 8A, as added Pub. L. 97-113, title VII, § 705(a)(3), Dec. 29, 1981, 95 Stat. 1544; amended Pub. L. 105-277, div. G, subdiv. A, title XIV, § 1422(b)(2), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-792; Pub. L. 106-113, div. B, § 1000(a)(7) [div. A, title II, § 205], Nov. 29, 1999, 113 Stat. 1536, 1501A-422; Pub. L. 114-317, § 7(d)(2)(E), Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1606.)

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REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, referred to in subsec. (f), is Pub. L. 87-195, Sept. 4, 1961, 75 Stat. 424, as amended. Part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 is classified generally to subchapter I (§ 2151 et seq.) of chapter 32 of Title 22, Foreign Relations and Intercourse. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 2151 of Title 22 and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

2016—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 114-317 substituted “section 6(d)” for “section 6(c)”.

1999—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 106-113, § 1000(a)(7) [title II, § 205(a)], which directed the amendment of subsec. (a) by striking “and” at the end of par. (1), striking the period at the end of par. (2) and inserting “; and”, and adding a new par. (3) to read: “shall supervise, direct, and control audit and investigative activities relating to programs and operations within the Inter-American Foundation and the African Development Foundation.”, could not be executed because of the prior amendment by Pub. L. 105-277, § 1422(b)(2)(A). See 1998 Amendment note below.

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 106-113, § 1000(a)(7) [title II, § 205(b)], which directed insertion of “, an employee of the Inter-American Foundation, and an employee of the African Development Foundation” before period at end, was not executed because of the prior amendment by Pub. L. 105-277, § 1422(b)(2)(B), (C), which struck out the subsec. (f) to which the amendment was to be made. See 1998 Amendment note below.

1998—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 105-277, § 1422(b)(2)(A), struck out dash after “Agency for International Development”, struck out par. (1) designation before “shall supervise”, substituted period for “; and” after “Administrator of that Agency”, and struck out par. (2) which read as follows: “to the extent requested by the Director of the United States International Development Cooperation Agency (after consultation with the Administrator of the Agency for International Development), shall supervise, direct, and control all audit, investigative, and security activities relating to programs and operations within the United States International Development Cooperation Agency.”

Subsecs. (c) to (h). Pub. L. 105-277, § 1422(b)(2)(B), (C), redesignated subsecs. (d), (e), (g), and (h) as (c), (d), (e), and (f), respectively, and struck out former subsecs. (c) and (f) which read as follows:

“(c) The semiannual reports required to be submitted to the Administrator of the Agency for International Development pursuant to section 5(b) of this Act shall also be submitted to the Director of the United States International Development Cooperation Agency.

“(f) The reference in section 7(a) of this Act to an employee of the establishment shall, with respect to the Inspector General of the Agency for International Development, be construed to include an employee of or under the United States International Development Cooperation Agency.”

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EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 105-277 effective Apr. 1, 1999, see section 1401 of Pub. L. 105-277, set out as an Effec-

¹ See 1999 Amendment note below.

tive Date note under section 6561 of Title 22, Foreign Relations and Intercourse.

§ 8B. Special provisions concerning the Nuclear Regulatory Commission

(a) The Chairman of the Commission may delegate the authority specified in the second sentence of section 3(a) to another member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, but shall not delegate such authority to any other officer or employee of the Commission.

(b) Notwithstanding sections 6(a)(7) and (8), the Inspector General of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission is authorized to select, appoint, and employ such officers and employees as may be necessary for carrying out the functions, powers and duties of the Office of Inspector General and to obtain the temporary or intermittent services of experts or consultants or an organization thereof, subject to the applicable laws and regulations that govern such selections, appointments and employment, and the obtaining of such services, within the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

(Pub. L. 95-452, § 8B, as added Pub. L. 100-504, title I, § 102(f), Oct. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 2517.)

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective 180 days after Oct. 18, 1988, see section 113 of Pub. L. 100-504, set out as an Effective Date of 1988 Amendment note under section 5 of Pub. L. 95-452 in this Appendix.

§ 8C. Special provisions concerning the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

(a) **DELEGATION.**—The Chairperson of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation may delegate the authority specified in the second sentence of section 3(a) to the Vice Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, but may not delegate such authority to any other officer or employee of the Corporation.

(b) **PERSONNEL.**—Notwithstanding paragraphs (7) and (8) of section 6(a), the Inspector General of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation may select, appoint, and employ such officers and employees as may be necessary for carrying out the functions, powers, and duties of the Office of Inspector General and to obtain the temporary or intermittent services of experts or consultants or an organization of experts or consultants, subject to the applicable laws and regulations that govern such selections, appointments, and employment, and the obtaining of such services, within the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

(Pub. L. 95-452, § 8C, as added Pub. L. 103-204, § 23(a)(2), Dec. 17, 1993, 107 Stat. 2407.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 8C of the Inspector General Act of 1978 was renumbered section 8D by Pub. L. 103-204.

§ 8D. Special provisions concerning the Department of the Treasury

(a)(1) Notwithstanding the last two sentences of section 3(a), the Inspector General of the De-

partment of the Treasury shall be under the authority, direction, and control of the Secretary of the Treasury with respect to audits or investigations, or the issuance of subpoenas, which require access to sensitive information concerning—

(A) ongoing criminal investigations or proceedings;

(B) undercover operations;

(C) the identity of confidential sources, including protected witnesses;

(D) deliberations and decisions on policy matters, including documented information used as a basis for making policy decisions, the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to have a significant influence on the economy or market behavior;

(E) intelligence or counterintelligence matters; or

(F) other matters the disclosure of which would constitute a serious threat to national security or to the protection of any person or property authorized protection by section 3056 of title 18, United States Code, section 3056A of title 18, United States Code, or any provision of the Presidential Protection Assistance Act of 1976 (18 U.S.C. 3056 note; Public Law 94-524).

(2) With respect to the information described under paragraph (1), the Secretary of the Treasury may prohibit the Inspector General of the Department of the Treasury from carrying out or completing any audit or investigation, from accessing information described in paragraph (1), or from issuing any subpoena, after such Inspector General has decided to initiate, carry out, or complete such audit or investigation, access such information, or to issue such subpoena, if the Secretary determines that such prohibition is necessary to prevent the disclosure of any information described under paragraph (1) or to prevent significant impairment to the national interests of the United States.

(3) If the Secretary of the Treasury exercises any power under paragraph (1) or (2), the Secretary of the Treasury shall notify the Inspector General of the Department of the Treasury in writing stating the reasons for such exercise. Within 30 days after receipt of any such notice, the Inspector General of the Department of the Treasury shall transmit a copy of such notice to the Committees on Governmental Affairs and Finance of the Senate and the Committees on Government Operations and Ways and Means of the House of Representatives, and to other appropriate committees or subcommittees of the Congress.

(4) The Secretary of the Treasury may not exercise any power under paragraph (1) or (2) with respect to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration.

(b)(1) In carrying out the duties and responsibilities specified in this Act, the Inspector General of the Department of the Treasury shall have oversight responsibility for the internal investigations performed by the Office of Internal Affairs of the Tax and Trade Bureau. The head of such office shall promptly report to the Inspector General of the Department of the Treasury the significant activities being carried out by such office.

(2) The Inspector General of the Department of the Treasury shall exercise all duties and re-

sponsibilities of an Inspector General for the Department of the Treasury other than the duties and responsibilities exercised by the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration.

(3) The Secretary of the Treasury shall establish procedures under which the Inspector General of the Department of the Treasury and the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration will—

(A) determine how audits and investigations are allocated in cases of overlapping jurisdiction; and

(B) provide for coordination, cooperation, and efficiency in the conduct of such audits and investigations.

(c) Notwithstanding subsection (b), the Inspector General of the Department of the Treasury may initiate, conduct and supervise such audits and investigations in the Department of the Treasury (including the bureau referred to in subsection (b)) as the Inspector General of the Department of the Treasury considers appropriate.

(d) If the Inspector General of the Department of the Treasury initiates an audit or investigation under subsection (c) concerning the bureau referred to in subsection (b), the Inspector General of the Department of the Treasury may provide the head of the office of such bureau referred to in subsection (b) with written notice that the Inspector General of the Department of the Treasury has initiated such an audit or investigation. If the Inspector General of the Department of the Treasury issues a notice under the preceding sentence, no other audit or investigation shall be initiated into the matter under audit or investigation by the Inspector General of the Department of the Treasury and any other audit or investigation of such matter shall cease.

(e)(1) The Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration shall have access to returns and return information, as defined in section 6103(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 [26 U.S.C. 6103(b)], only in accordance with the provisions of section 6103 of such Code [26 U.S.C. 6103] and this Act.

(2) The Internal Revenue Service shall maintain the same system of standardized records or accountings of all requests from the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration for inspection or disclosure of returns and return information (including the reasons for and dates of such requests), and of returns and return information inspected or disclosed pursuant to such requests, as described under section 6103(p)(3)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 [26 U.S.C. 6103(p)(3)(A)]. Such system of standardized records or accountings shall also be available for examination in the same manner as provided under section 6103(p)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(3) The Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration shall be subject to the same safeguards and conditions for receiving returns and return information as are described under section 6103(p)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 [26 U.S.C. 6103(p)(4)].

(f) An audit or investigation conducted by the Inspector General of the Department of the Treasury or the Treasury Inspector General for

Tax Administration shall not affect a final decision of the Secretary of the Treasury or his delegate under section 6406 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 [26 U.S.C. 6406].

(g)(1) Any report required to be transmitted by the Secretary of the Treasury to the appropriate committees or subcommittees of the Congress under section 5(d) shall also be transmitted, within the seven-day period specified under such section, to the Committees on Governmental Affairs and Finance of the Senate and the Committees on Government Reform and Oversight and Ways and Means of the House of Representatives.

(2) Any report made by the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration that is required to be transmitted by the Secretary of the Treasury to the appropriate committees or subcommittees of Congress under section 5(d) shall also be transmitted, within the 7-day period specified under such subsection, to the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board and the Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

(h) The Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration shall exercise all duties and responsibilities of an Inspector General of an establishment with respect to the Department of the Treasury and the Secretary of the Treasury on all matters relating to the Internal Revenue Service. The Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration shall have sole authority under this Act to conduct an audit or investigation of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board and the Chief Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service.

(i) In addition to the requirements of the first sentence of section 3(a), the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration should have demonstrated ability to lead a large and complex organization.

(j) An individual appointed to the position of Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, the Assistant Inspector General for Auditing of the Office of the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration under section 3(d)(1)(A), the Assistant Inspector General for Investigations of the Office of the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration under section 3(d)(1)(B), or any position of Deputy Inspector General of the Office of the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration may not be an employee of the Internal Revenue Service—

(1) during the 2-year period preceding the date of appointment to such position; or

(2) during the 5-year period following the date such individual ends service in such position.

(k)(1) In addition to the duties and responsibilities exercised by an inspector general of an establishment, the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration—

(A) shall have the duty to enforce criminal provisions under section 7608(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 [26 U.S.C. 7608(b)];

(B) in addition to the functions authorized under section 7608(b)(2) of such Code, may carry firearms;

(C) shall be responsible for protecting the Internal Revenue Service against external attempts to corrupt or threaten employees of

the Internal Revenue Service, but shall not be responsible for the conducting of background checks and the providing of protection to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue; and

(D) may designate any employee in the Office of the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration to enforce such laws and perform such functions referred to under subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C).

(2)(A) In performing a law enforcement function under paragraph (1), the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration shall report any reasonable grounds to believe there has been a violation of Federal criminal law to the Attorney General at an appropriate time as determined by the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, notwithstanding section 4(d).

(B) In the administration of section 5(d) and subsection (g)(2) of this section, the Secretary of the Treasury may transmit the required report with respect to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at an appropriate time as determined by the Secretary, if the problem, abuse, or deficiency relates to—

(i) the performance of a law enforcement function under paragraph (1); and

(ii) sensitive information concerning matters under subsection (a)(1)(A) through (F).

(3) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to affect the authority of any other person to carry out or enforce any provision specified in paragraph (1).

(1)(1) The Commissioner of Internal Revenue or the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board may request, in writing, the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration to conduct an audit or investigation relating to the Internal Revenue Service. If the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration determines not to conduct such audit or investigation, the Inspector General shall timely provide a written explanation for such determination to the person making the request.

(2)(A) Any final report of an audit conducted by the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration shall be timely submitted by the Inspector General to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue and the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board.

(B) The Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration shall periodically submit to the Commissioner and Board a list of investigations for which a final report has been completed by the Inspector General and shall provide a copy of any such report upon request of the Commissioner or Board.

(C) This paragraph applies regardless of whether the applicable audit or investigation is requested under paragraph (1).

(Pub. L. 95-452, § 8D, formerly § 8C, as added Pub. L. 100-504, title I, § 102(f), Oct. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 2518; renumbered § 8D, Pub. L. 103-204, § 23(a)(3), Dec. 17, 1993, 107 Stat. 2408; amended Pub. L. 105-206, title I, § 1103(b), (e)(1), (2), July 22, 1998, 112 Stat. 705, 709; Pub. L. 107-296, title XI, § 1112(a)(1), Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2275; Pub. L. 108-7, div. L, § 104(c)(2), Feb. 20, 2003, 117 Stat. 531; Pub. L. 109-177, title VI, § 605(e)(3), Mar. 9, 2006, 120 Stat. 255; Pub. L. 110-409, § 14(b), Oct. 14,

2008, 122 Stat. 4316; Pub. L. 112-199, title I, § 117(b), Nov. 27, 2012, 126 Stat. 1475; Pub. L. 114-317, §§ 6(2), 7(d)(3)(C), Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1604, 1606.)

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REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Presidential Protection Assistance Act of 1976, referred to in subsec. (a)(1)(F), is Pub. L. 94-524, Oct. 17, 1976, 90 Stat. 2475, as amended, which enacted and amended notes set out under section 3056 of Title 18, Crimes and Criminal Procedure. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 8D of the Inspector General Act of 1978 was renumbered section 8E by Pub. L. 103-204.

AMENDMENTS

2016—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 114-317, § 7(d)(3)(C)(i), substituted “subpoenas” for “subpenas” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 114-317, § 7(d)(3)(C)(ii), substituted “subpoena” for “subpena” in two places.

Pub. L. 114-317, § 6(2), inserted “from accessing information described in paragraph (1),” after “completing any audit or investigation,” and “, access such information,” after “complete such audit or investigation”.

2012—Subsec. (j). Pub. L. 112-199 substituted “section 3(d)(1)(A)” for “section 3(d)(1)” and “section 3(d)(1)(B)” for “section 3(d)(2)”.

2008—Subsec. (k)(1)(C). Pub. L. 110-409 substituted “protection to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue” for “physical security”.

2006—Subsec. (a)(1)(F). Pub. L. 109-177 substituted “section 3056A of title 18” for “section 202 of title 3”.

2003—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 108-7, § 104(c)(2)(A), in first sentence, struck out “, the Office of Internal Affairs of the United States Customs Service, and the Office of Inspections of the United States Secret Service,” after “Tax and Trade Bureau” and, in second sentence, struck out “each” after “The head of”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 108-7, § 104(c)(2)(B), substituted “bureau” for “bureaus and services”.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 108-7, § 104(c)(2)(C), substituted “the bureau” for “a bureau or service” and struck out “or service” after “such bureau”.

2002—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 107-296 substituted “Tax and Trade Bureau” for “Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms”.

1998—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 105-206, § 1103(e)(2)(A)(i), inserted “of the Department of the Treasury” after “Inspector General” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 105-206, § 1103(e)(2)(A)(ii), inserted “of the Department of the Treasury” after “prohibit the Inspector General”.

Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 105-206, § 1103(e)(2)(A)(iii), inserted “of the Department of the Treasury” after “Inspector General” in two places.

Subsec. (a)(4). Pub. L. 105-206, § 1103(b)(1), added par. (4).

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 105-206, § 1103(e)(1), (2)(B), struck out “and the internal audits and internal investigations performed by the Office of Assistant Commissioner (Inspection) of the Internal Revenue Service” after “United States Secret Service,” in first sentence, and inserted “of the Department of the Treasury” after “Inspector General” in second sentence.

Pub. L. 105-206, § 1103(b)(2), designated existing provisions as par. (1) and added pars. (2) and (3).

Subsecs. (c), (d). Pub. L. 105-206, § 1103(e)(2)(C), inserted “of the Department of the Treasury” after “Inspector General” wherever appearing.

Subsec. (e)(1). Pub. L. 105-206, § 1103(b)(3)(A), substituted “Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration” for “Inspector General”.

Subsec. (e)(2). Pub. L. 105-206, § 1103(b)(3)(B), (C), redesignated subpar. (C) as par. (2), substituted “Treas-

ury Inspector General for Tax Administration” for “Inspector General”, and struck out former par. (2) introductory provisions and subpars. (A) and (B), which required written notice to Assistant Commissioner (Inspection) of Inspector General’s intent to access returns and return information, that such notice indicate specific returns or information being accessed, contain certification of need for purpose described under section 6103(h)(1) of this title, and identify those employees who may receive such returns or information. Former subpar. (D) redesignated par. (3).

Subsec. (e)(3). Pub. L. 105-206, §1103(b)(3)(D), redesignated subpar. (D) of par. (2) as par. (3) and substituted “Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration” for “Inspector General”.

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 105-206, §1103(b)(4), substituted “Inspector General of the Department of the Treasury or the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration” for “Inspector General”.

Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 105-206, §1103(b)(5), struck out subsec. (g) which read as follows: “Notwithstanding section 4(d), in matters involving chapter 75 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the Inspector General shall report expeditiously to the Attorney General only offenses under section 7214 of such Code, unless the Inspector General obtains the consent of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue to exercise additional reporting authority with respect to such chapter.”

Subsec. (g)(1). Pub. L. 105-206, §1103(b)(6)(A), (B), redesignated subsec. (h) as (g)(1) and substituted “and the Committees on Government Reform and Oversight and Ways and Means of the House of Representatives” for “and the Committees on Government Operations and Ways and Means of the House of Representatives”.

Subsec. (g)(2). Pub. L. 105-206, §1103(b)(6)(C), added par. (2).

Subsecs. (h) to (l). Pub. L. 105-206, §1103(b)(7), added subsecs. (h) to (l). Former subsec. (h) redesignated (g)(1).

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

CHANGE OF NAME

Committee on Governmental Affairs of Senate changed to Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of Senate, effective Jan. 4, 2005, by Senate Resolution No. 445, One Hundred Eighth Congress, Oct. 9, 2004.

Committee on Government Operations of House of Representatives treated as referring to Committee on Government Reform and Oversight of House of Representatives by section 1(a) of Pub. L. 104-14, set out as a note preceding section 21 of Title 2, The Congress, Committee on Government Reform and Oversight of House of Representatives changed to Committee on Government Reform of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 5, One Hundred Sixth Congress, Jan. 6, 1999. Committee on Government Reform of House of Representatives changed to Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 6, One Hundred Tenth Congress, Jan. 5, 2007. Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of House of Representatives changed to Committee on Oversight and Reform of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 6, One Hundred Sixteenth Congress, Jan. 9, 2019.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2012 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 112-199 effective 30 days after Nov. 27, 2012, see section 202 of Pub. L. 112-199, set out as a note under section 1204 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2002 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 107-296 effective 60 days after Nov. 25, 2002, see section 4 of Pub. L. 107-296, set out as an Effective Date note under section 101 of Title 6, Domestic Security.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective 180 days after Oct. 18, 1988, see section 113 of Pub. L. 100-504, set out as an Effective Date

of 1988 Amendment note under section 5 of Pub. L. 95-452 in this Appendix.

§ 8E. Special provisions concerning the Department of Justice

(a)(1) Notwithstanding the last two sentences of section 3(a), the Inspector General shall be under the authority, direction, and control of the Attorney General with respect to audits or investigations, or the issuance of subpoenas, which require access to sensitive information concerning—

(A) ongoing civil or criminal investigations or proceedings;

(B) undercover operations;

(C) the identity of confidential sources, including protected witnesses;

(D) intelligence or counterintelligence matters; or

(E) other matters the disclosure of which would constitute a serious threat to national security.

(2) With respect to the information described under paragraph (1), the Attorney General may prohibit the Inspector General from carrying out or completing any audit or investigation, from accessing information described in paragraph (1), or from issuing any subpoena, after such Inspector General has decided to initiate, carry out, or complete such audit or investigation, access such information, or to issue such subpoena, if the Attorney General determines that such prohibition is necessary to prevent the disclosure of any information described under paragraph (1) or to prevent the significant impairment to the national interests of the United States.

(3) If the Attorney General exercises any power under paragraph (1) or (2), the Attorney General shall notify the Inspector General in writing stating the reasons for such exercise. Within 30 days after receipt of any such notice, the Inspector General shall transmit a copy of such notice to the Committees on Governmental Affairs and Judiciary of the Senate and the Committees on Government Operations and Judiciary of the House of Representatives, and to other appropriate committees or subcommittees of the Congress.

(b) In carrying out the duties and responsibilities specified in this Act, the Inspector General of the Department of Justice—

(1) may initiate, conduct and supervise such audits and investigations in the Department of Justice as the Inspector General considers appropriate;

(2) except as specified in subsection (a) and paragraph (3), may investigate allegations of criminal wrongdoing or administrative misconduct by an employee of the Department of Justice, or may, in the discretion of the Inspector General, refer such allegations to the Office of Professional Responsibility or the internal affairs office of the appropriate component of the Department of Justice;

(3) shall refer to the Counsel, Office of Professional Responsibility of the Department of Justice, allegations of misconduct involving Department attorneys, investigators, or law enforcement personnel, where the allegations

relate to the exercise of the authority of an attorney to investigate, litigate, or provide legal advice, except that no such referral shall be made if the attorney is employed in the Office of Professional Responsibility;

(4) may investigate allegations of criminal wrongdoing or administrative misconduct by a person who is the head of any agency or component of the Department of Justice; and

(5) shall forward the results of any investigation conducted under paragraph (4), along with any appropriate recommendation for disciplinary action, to the Attorney General.

(c) Any report required to be transmitted by the Attorney General to the appropriate committees or subcommittees of the Congress under section 5(d) shall also be transmitted, within the seven-day period specified under such section, to the Committees on the Judiciary and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Committees on the Judiciary and Government Operations of the House of Representatives.

(d) The Attorney General shall ensure by regulation that any component of the Department of Justice receiving a nonfrivolous allegation of criminal wrongdoing or administrative misconduct by an employee of the Department of Justice, except with respect to allegations described in subsection (b)(3), shall report that information to the Inspector General.

(Pub. L. 95-452, § 8E, formerly § 8D, as added Pub. L. 100-504, title I, § 102(f), Oct. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 2520; renumbered § 8E, Pub. L. 103-204, § 23(a)(3), Dec. 17, 1993, 107 Stat. 2408; Pub. L. 107-273, div. A, title III, § 308, Nov. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 1784; Pub. L. 114-317, §§ 6(3), 7(d)(3)(D), Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1604, 1606.)

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PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 8E of the Inspector General Act of 1978, relating to special provisions concerning the Corporation for National and Community Service, was renumbered section 8F by Pub. L. 103-204.

Another prior section 8E of the Inspector General Act of 1978, relating to requirements for Federal entities and designated Federal entities, was successively renumbered section 8F by Pub. L. 103-82, and section 8G by Pub. L. 103-204.

AMENDMENTS

2016—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 114-317, § 7(d)(3)(D)(i), substituted “subpoenas” for “subpenas” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 114-317, § 7(d)(3)(D)(ii), substituted “subpoena” for “subpena” in two places.

Pub. L. 114-317, § 6(3), inserted “from accessing information described in paragraph (1),” after “completing any audit or investigation,” and “, access such information,” after “complete such audit or investigation”.

2002—Subsec. (b)(2) to (5). Pub. L. 107-273, § 308(1), added pars. (2) to (5) and struck out former pars. (2) and (3) which read as follows:

“(2) shall give particular regard to the activities of the Counsel, Office of Professional Responsibility of the Department and the audit, internal investigative, and inspection units outside the Office of Inspector General with a view toward avoiding duplication and insuring effective coordination and cooperation; and

“(3) shall refer to the Counsel, Office of Professional Responsibility of the Department for investigation, information or allegations relating to the conduct of an

officer or employee of the Department of Justice employed in an attorney, criminal investigative, or law enforcement position that is or may be a violation of law, regulation, or order of the Department or any other applicable standard of conduct, except that no such referral shall be made if the officer or employee is employed in the Office of Professional Responsibility of the Department.”

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 107-273, § 308(2), added subsec. (d).

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

CHANGE OF NAME

Committee on Governmental Affairs of Senate changed to Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of Senate, effective Jan. 4, 2005, by Senate Resolution No. 445, One Hundred Eighth Congress, Oct. 9, 2004.

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EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective 180 days after Oct. 18, 1988, see section 113 of Pub. L. 100-504, set out as an Effective Date of 1988 Amendment note under section 5 of Pub. L. 95-452 in this Appendix.

APPOINTMENT OF OVERSIGHT OFFICIAL WITHIN THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

Pub. L. 107-273, div. A, title III, § 309(a), Nov. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 1784, provided that:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Inspector General of the Department of Justice shall direct that 1 official from the office of the Inspector General be responsible for supervising and coordinating independent oversight of programs and operations of the Federal Bureau of Investigation until September 30, 2004.

“(2) CONTINUATION OF OVERSIGHT.—The Inspector General may continue individual oversight in accordance with paragraph (1) after September 30, 2004, at the discretion of the Inspector General.”

REVIEW OF CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLAINTS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Pub. L. 107-56, title X, § 1001, Oct. 26, 2001, 115 Stat. 391, provided that: “The Inspector General of the Department of Justice shall designate one official who shall—

“(1) review information and receive complaints alleging abuses of civil rights and civil liberties by employees and officials of the Department of Justice;

“(2) make public through the Internet, radio, television, and newspaper advertisements information on the responsibilities and functions of, and how to contact, the official; and

“(3) submit to the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives and the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate on a semi-annual basis a report on the implementation of this subsection [section] and detailing any abuses described in paragraph (1), including a description of the use of funds appropriations used to carry out this subsection [section].”

TRANSFER OF 20 INVESTIGATION POSITIONS WITHIN
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Pub. L. 100-504, title I, §102(h), Oct. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 2521, provided that: “No later than 90 days after the date of appointment of the Inspector General of the Department of Justice, the Inspector General shall designate 20 full-time investigation positions which the Attorney General may transfer from the Office of Inspector General of the Department of Justice to the Office of Professional Responsibility of the Department of Justice for the performance of functions described under section 8D(b)(3) [now 8E(b)(3)] of the Inspector General Act of 1978 [subsec. (b)(3) of this section]. Any personnel who are transferred pursuant to this subsection, and who, at the time of being so transferred, are protected from reduction in classification or compensation under section 9(c) of such Act [section 9(c) of Pub. L. 95-452, set out in this Appendix], shall continue to be so protected for 1 year after the date of transfer pursuant to this subsection.”

§ 8F. Special provisions concerning the Corporation for National and Community Service

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (7) and (8) of section 6(a), it is within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Inspector General of the Corporation for National and Community Service to—

(1) appoint and determine the compensation of such officers and employees in accordance with section 195(b) of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 [42 U.S.C. 12651f(b)]; and

(2) procure the temporary and intermittent services of and compensate such experts and consultants, in accordance with section 3109(b) of title 5, United States Code,

as may be necessary to carry out the functions, powers, and duties of the Inspector General.

(b) No later than the date on which the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service transmits any report to the Congress under subsection (a) or (b) of section 5, the Chief Executive Officer shall transmit such report to the Board of Directors of such Corporation.

(c) No later than the date on which the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service transmits a report described under section 5(b) to the Board of Directors as provided under subsection (b) of this section, the Chief Executive Officer shall also transmit any audit report which is described in the statement required under section 5(b)(4) to the Board of Directors. All such audit reports shall be placed on the agenda for review at the next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors following such transmittal. The Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation shall be present at such meeting to provide any information relating to such audit reports.

(d) No later than the date on which the Inspector General of the Corporation for National and Community Service reports a problem, abuse, or deficiency under section 5(d) to the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation, the Chief Executive Officer shall report such problem, abuse, or deficiency to the Board of Directors.

(Pub. L. 95-452, §8F, formerly §8E, as added Pub. L. 103-82, title II, §202(g)(1), Sept. 21, 1993, 107 Stat. 889; renumbered §8F, Pub. L. 103-204, §23(a)(3), Dec. 17, 1993, 107 Stat. 2408; amended

Pub. L. 111-13, title IV, §4101, Apr. 21, 2009, 123 Stat. 1597.)

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CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 103-204, §23(a)(4), Dec. 17, 1993, 107 Stat. 2408, which directed the amendment of section 8F(a)(2) by striking out “the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation,” could not be executed to this section because the quoted language does not appear. However, the amendment was executed to section 8G(a)(2) of the Inspector General Act of 1978 relating to requirements for Federal entities and designated Federal entities, to reflect the probable intent of Congress and the successive renumbering of that section as section 8F by Pub. L. 103-82 and as section 8G by Pub. L. 103-204.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 8F of the Inspector General Act of 1978, relating to requirements for Federal entities and designated Federal entities, was renumbered section 8G by Pub. L. 103-204.

Another prior section 8F of the Inspector General Act of 1978, relating to rule of construction of special provisions, was renumbered section 8J.

AMENDMENTS

2009—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 111-13 substituted “National and Community Service Act of 1990” for “National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993”.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2009 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 111-13 effective Oct. 1, 2009, see section 6101(a) of Pub. L. 111-13, set out as a note under section 4950 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Oct. 1, 1993, see section 202(i) of Pub. L. 103-82, set out as a note under section 12651 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare.

§ 8G. Requirements for Federal entities and designated Federal entities

(a) Notwithstanding section 12 of this Act, as used in this section—

(1) the term “Federal entity” means any Government corporation (within the meaning of section 103(1) of title 5, United States Code), any Government controlled corporation (within the meaning of section 103(2) of such title), or any other entity in the Executive branch of the Government, or any independent regulatory agency, but does not include—

(A) an establishment (as defined under section 12(2) of this Act) or part of an establishment;

(B) a designated Federal entity (as defined under paragraph (2) of this subsection) or part of a designated Federal entity;

(C) the Executive Office of the President;

(D) the Central Intelligence Agency;

(E) the Government Accountability Office; or

(F) any entity in the judicial or legislative branches of the Government, including the Administrative Office of the United States Courts and the Architect of the Capitol and any activities under the direction of the Architect of the Capitol;

(2) the term “designated Federal entity” means Amtrak, the Appalachian Regional

Commission, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, the Board for International Broadcasting, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, the Defense Intelligence Agency, the Denali Commission, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Farm Credit Administration, the Federal Election Commission, the Election Assistance Commission, the Federal Housing Finance Board, the Federal Labor Relations Authority, the Federal Maritime Commission, the Federal Trade Commission, the Legal Services Corporation, the National Archives and Records Administration, the National Credit Union Administration, the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, the National Labor Relations Board, the National Science Foundation, the Panama Canal Commission, the Peace Corps, the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Smithsonian Institution, the United States International Development Finance Corporation, the United States International Trade Commission, the Postal Regulatory Commission, and the United States Postal Service;

(3) the term “head of the Federal entity” means any person or persons designated by statute as the head of a Federal entity, and if no such designation exists, the chief policymaking officer or board of a Federal entity as identified in the list published pursuant to subsection (h)(1) of this section;

(4) the term “head of the designated Federal entity” means the board or commission of the designated Federal entity, or in the event the designated Federal entity does not have a board or commission, any person or persons designated by statute as the head of a designated Federal entity and if no such designation exists, the chief policymaking officer or board of a designated Federal entity as identified in the list published pursuant to subsection (h)(1) of this section, except that—

(A) with respect to the National Science Foundation, such term means the National Science Board;

(B) with respect to the United States Postal Service, such term means the Governors (within the meaning of section 102(3) of title 39, United States Code);

(C) with respect to the Federal Labor Relations Authority, such term means the members of the Authority (described under section 7104 of title 5, United States Code);

(D) with respect to the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, such term means the Chairman of the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled;

(E) with respect to the National Archives and Records Administration, such term means the Archivist of the United States;

(F) with respect to the National Credit Union Administration, such term means the

National Credit Union Administration Board (described under section 102 of the Federal Credit Union Act (12 U.S.C. 1752a));¹

(G) with respect to the National Endowment of the Arts, such term means the National Council on the Arts;

(H) with respect to the National Endowment for the Humanities, such term means the National Council on the Humanities;

(I) with respect to the Peace Corps, such term means the Director of the Peace Corps; and

(J) with respect to the United States International Development Finance Corporation, such term means the Board of Directors of the United States International Development Finance Corporation;

(5) the term “Office of Inspector General” means an Office of Inspector General of a designated Federal entity; and

(6) the term “Inspector General” means an Inspector General of a designated Federal entity.

(b) No later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this section [Oct. 18, 1988], there shall be established and maintained in each designated Federal entity an Office of Inspector General. The head of the designated Federal entity shall transfer to such office the offices, units, or other components, and the functions, powers, or duties thereof, that such head determines are properly related to the functions of the Office of Inspector General and would, if so transferred, further the purposes of this section. There shall not be transferred to such office any program operating responsibilities.

(c) Except as provided under subsection (f) of this section, the Inspector General shall be appointed by the head of the designated Federal entity in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations governing appointments within the designated Federal entity. Each Inspector General shall be appointed without regard to political affiliation and solely on the basis of integrity and demonstrated ability in accounting, auditing, financial analysis, law, management analysis, public administration, or investigations. For purposes of implementing this section, the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System shall appoint the Inspector General of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection. The Inspector General of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection shall have all of the authorities and responsibilities provided by this Act with respect to the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, as if the Bureau were part of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

(d)(1) Each Inspector General shall report to and be under the general supervision of the head of the designated Federal entity, but shall not report to, or be subject to supervision by, any other officer or employee of such designated Federal entity. Except as provided in paragraph

¹ So in original. The semicolon probably should be preceded by another closing parenthesis.

(2), the head of the designated Federal entity shall not prevent or prohibit the Inspector General from initiating, carrying out, or completing any audit or investigation, or from issuing any subpoena during the course of any audit or investigation.

(2)(A) The Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence, may prohibit the inspector general of an element of the intelligence community specified in subparagraph (D) from initiating, carrying out, or completing any audit or investigation, or from accessing information available to an element of the intelligence community specified in subparagraph (D), if the Secretary determines that the prohibition is necessary to protect vital national security interests of the United States.

(B) If the Secretary exercises the authority under subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall submit to the committees of Congress specified in subparagraph (E) an appropriately classified statement of the reasons for the exercise of such authority not later than 7 days after the exercise of such authority.

(C) At the same time the Secretary submits under subparagraph (B) a statement on the exercise of the authority in subparagraph (A) to the committees of Congress specified in subparagraph (E), the Secretary shall notify the inspector general of such element of the submittal of such statement and, to the extent consistent with the protection of intelligence sources and methods, provide such inspector general with a copy of such statement. Such inspector general may submit to such committees of Congress any comments on a notice or statement received by the inspector general under this subparagraph that the inspector general considers appropriate.

(D) The elements of the intelligence community specified in this subparagraph are as follows:

- (i) The Defense Intelligence Agency.
- (ii) The National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency.
- (iii) The National Reconnaissance Office.
- (iv) The National Security Agency.

(E) The committees of Congress specified in this subparagraph are—

- (i) the Committee on Armed Services and the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate; and
- (ii) the Committee on Armed Services and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives.

(e)(1) In the case of a designated Federal entity for which a board, chairman of a committee, or commission is the head of the designated Federal entity, a removal under this subsection may only be made upon the written concurrence of a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority of the board, committee, or commission.

(2) If an Inspector General is removed from office or is transferred to another position or location within a designated Federal entity, the head of the designated Federal entity shall communicate in writing the reasons for any such removal or transfer to both Houses of Congress, not later than 30 days before the removal or transfer. Nothing in this subsection shall pro-

hibit a personnel action otherwise authorized by law, other than transfer or removal.

(f)(1) For purposes of carrying out subsection (c) with respect to the United States Postal Service, the appointment provisions of section 202(e) of title 39, United States Code, shall be applied.

(2) In carrying out the duties and responsibilities specified in this Act, the Inspector General of the United States Postal Service (hereinafter in this subsection referred to as the "Inspector General") shall have oversight responsibility for all activities of the Postal Inspection Service, including any internal investigation performed by the Postal Inspection Service. The Chief Postal Inspector shall promptly report the significant activities being carried out by the Postal Inspection Service to such Inspector General.

(3)(A)(i) Notwithstanding subsection (d), the Inspector General shall be under the authority, direction, and control of the Governors with respect to audits or investigations, or the issuance of subpoenas, which require access to sensitive information concerning—

- (I) ongoing civil or criminal investigations or proceedings;
- (II) undercover operations;
- (III) the identity of confidential sources, including protected witnesses;
- (IV) intelligence or counterintelligence matters; or
- (V) other matters the disclosure of which would constitute a serious threat to national security.

(ii) With respect to the information described under clause (i), the Governors may prohibit the Inspector General from carrying out or completing any audit or investigation, or from issuing any subpoena, after such Inspector General has decided to initiate, carry out, or complete such audit or investigation or to issue such subpoena, if the Governors determine that such prohibition is necessary to prevent the disclosure of any information described under clause (i) or to prevent the significant impairment to the national interests of the United States.

(iii) If the Governors exercise any power under clause (i) or (ii), the Governors shall notify the Inspector General in writing stating the reasons for such exercise. Within 30 days after receipt of any such notice, the Inspector General shall transmit a copy of such notice to the Committee on Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight of the House of Representatives, and to other appropriate committees or subcommittees of the Congress.

(B) In carrying out the duties and responsibilities specified in this Act, the Inspector General—

- (i) may initiate, conduct and supervise such audits and investigations in the United States Postal Service as the Inspector General considers appropriate; and
- (ii) shall give particular regard to the activities of the Postal Inspection Service with a view toward avoiding duplication and insuring effective coordination and cooperation.

(C) Any report required to be transmitted by the Governors to the appropriate committees or

subcommittees of the Congress under section 5(d) shall also be transmitted, within the seven-day period specified under such section, to the Committee on Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight of the House of Representatives.

(4) Nothing in this Act shall restrict, eliminate, or otherwise adversely affect any of the rights, privileges, or benefits of either employees of the United States Postal Service, or labor organizations representing employees of the United States Postal Service, under chapter 12 of title 39, United States Code, the National Labor Relations Act, any handbook or manual affecting employee labor relations with the United States Postal Service, or any collective bargaining agreement.

(5) As used in this subsection, the term “Governors” has the meaning given such term by section 102(3) of title 39, United States Code.

(6) There are authorized to be appropriated, out of the Postal Service Fund, such sums as may be necessary for the Office of Inspector General of the United States Postal Service.

(g)(1) Sections 4, 5, 6 (other than subsections (a)(7) and (a)(8) thereof), and 7 of this Act shall apply to each Inspector General and Office of Inspector General of a designated Federal entity and such sections shall be applied to each designated Federal entity and head of the designated Federal entity (as defined under subsection (a)) by substituting—

(A) “designated Federal entity” for “establishment”; and

(B) “head of the designated Federal entity” for “head of the establishment”.

(2) In addition to the other authorities specified in this Act, an Inspector General is authorized to select, appoint, and employ such officers and employees as may be necessary for carrying out the functions, powers, and duties of the Office of Inspector General and to obtain the temporary or intermittent services of experts or consultants or an organization thereof, subject to the applicable laws and regulations that govern such selections, appointments, and employment, and the obtaining of such services, within the designated Federal entity.

(3) Notwithstanding the last sentence of subsection (d) of this section,² the provisions of subsection (a) of section 8D (other than the provisions of subparagraphs (A), (B), (C), and (E) of subsection (a)(1)) shall apply to the Inspector General of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection and the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System in the same manner as such provisions apply to the Inspector General of the Department of the Treasury and the Secretary of the Treasury, respectively.

(4) Each Inspector General shall—

(A) in accordance with applicable laws and regulations governing appointments within the designated Federal entity, appoint a Counsel to the Inspector General who shall report to the Inspector General;

(B) obtain the services of a counsel appointed by and directly reporting to another Inspector General on a reimbursable basis; or

(C) obtain the services of appropriate staff of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency on a reimbursable basis.

(h)(1) No later than April 30, 1989, and annually thereafter, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, after consultation with the Comptroller General of the United States, shall publish in the Federal Register a list of the Federal entities and designated Federal entities and if the designated Federal entity is not a board or commission, include the head of each such entity (as defined under subsection (a) of this section).

(2) Beginning on October 31, 1989, and on October 31 of each succeeding calendar year, the head of each Federal entity (as defined under subsection (a) of this section) shall prepare and transmit to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget and to each House of the Congress a report which—

(A) states whether there has been established in the Federal entity an office that meets the requirements of this section;

(B) specifies the actions taken by the Federal entity otherwise to ensure that audits are conducted of its programs and operations in accordance with the standards for audit of governmental organizations, programs, activities, and functions issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and includes a list of each audit report completed by a Federal or non-Federal auditor during the reporting period and a summary of any particularly significant findings; and

(C) summarizes any matters relating to the personnel, programs, and operations of the Federal entity referred to prosecutive authorities, including a summary description of any preliminary investigation conducted by or at the request of the Federal entity concerning these matters, and the prosecutions and convictions which have resulted.

(Pub. L. 95–452, § 8G, formerly § 8E, as added Pub. L. 100–504, title I, § 104(a), Oct. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 2522; amended Pub. L. 101–73, title VII, § 702(c), Aug. 9, 1989, 103 Stat. 415; renumbered § 8F and amended Pub. L. 103–82, title II, § 202(g)(1), (2)(A), Sept. 21, 1993, 107 Stat. 889, 890; renumbered § 8G and amended Pub. L. 103–204, § 23(a)(3), (4), Dec. 17, 1993, 107 Stat. 2408; Pub. L. 104–88, title III, § 319, Dec. 29, 1995, 109 Stat. 949; Pub. L. 104–208, div. A, title I, § 101(f) [title VI, § 662(b)(1), (2)], Sept. 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 3009–314, 3009–379; Pub. L. 105–134, title IV, § 409(a)(1), Dec. 2, 1997, 111 Stat. 2586; Pub. L. 105–277, div. C, title III, § 306(h), as added Pub. L. 106–31, title I, § 105(a)(5), May 21, 1999, 113 Stat. 63; Pub. L. 106–422, § 1(b)(1), Nov. 1, 2000, 114 Stat. 1872; Pub. L. 107–252, title VIII, § 812(a), Oct. 29, 2002, 116 Stat. 1727; Pub. L. 108–271, § 8(b), July 7, 2004, 118 Stat. 814; Pub. L. 109–435, title VI, §§ 603(b), 605(a), Dec. 20, 2006, 120 Stat. 3240, 3242; Pub. L. 110–409, §§ 2, 3(b), 6(b), 7(d)(1), Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4302, 4305, 4313; Pub. L. 111–203, title IX, §§ 989B, 989D, title X, § 1081, July 21, 2010, 124 Stat. 1945, 1946, 2080; Pub. L. 111–259, title IV, § 431(a), (c), Oct. 7, 2010, 124 Stat. 2731; Pub. L. 113–126, title IV, §§ 402(1), 412(1), July 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 1408, 1409; Pub. L. 114–113, div. H, title IV, § 401(a), Dec. 18, 2015, 129 Stat. 2639; Pub. L. 114–317, §§ 6(4), 7(d)(2)(F),

² See References in Text note below.

(3)(E), Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1604, 1606; Pub. L. 115-141, div. P, title V, § 501(a)(1), Mar. 23, 2018, 132 Stat. 1090; Pub. L. 115-254, div. F, title I, § 1414, Oct. 5, 2018, 132 Stat. 3492.)

AMENDMENT OF SUBSECTION (a)(2)

Pub. L. 105-134, title IV, § 409(a), Dec. 2, 1997, 111 Stat. 2586, provided that effective at beginning of first fiscal year after fiscal year for which Amtrak receives no Federal subsidy, subsection (a)(2) of this section is amended by striking “Amtrak.”.

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The National Labor Relations Act, referred to in subsec. (f)(4), is act July 5, 1935, ch. 372, 49 Stat. 449, which is classified generally to subchapter II (§151 et seq.) of chapter 7 of Title 29, Labor. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 167 of Title 29 and Tables.

Subsection (d) of this section, referred to in subsec. (g)(3), was redesignated subsec. (d)(1) of this section by Pub. L. 111-259, title IV, § 431(c)(1), Oct. 7, 2010, 124 Stat. 2731.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 8G of the Inspector General Act of 1978 was renumbered section 8J.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 115-254, § 1414(a), inserted “the United States International Development Finance Corporation,” after “the Smithsonian Institution.”

Pub. L. 115-141 struck out “the Federal Communications Commission,” after “the Farm Credit Administration.”

Subsec. (a)(4)(J). Pub. L. 115-254, § 1414(b), added subpar. (J).

2016—Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 114-317, § 7(d)(3)(E), substituted “subpoena” for “subpena”.

Subsec. (d)(2)(A). Pub. L. 114-317, § 6(4), inserted “, or from accessing information available to an element of the intelligence community specified in subparagraph (D),” after “investigation”.

Subsec. (g)(3). Pub. L. 114-317, § 7(d)(2)(F), substituted “section 8D” for “section 8C”.

2015—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 114-113, § 401(a)(1)(A), inserted “the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled,” after “the Board for International Broadcasting.”

Subsec. (a)(4)(D) to (I). Pub. L. 114-113, § 401(a)(1)(B), added subpar. (D) and redesignated former subpars. (D) to (H) as (E) to (I), respectively.

Subsec. (e)(1). Pub. L. 114-113, § 401(a)(2), substituted “board, chairman of a committee, or commission” for “board or commission” the first time appearing and “board, committee, or commission” for “board or commission” the second time appearing.

2014—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 113-126, § 412(1), struck out “the National Reconnaissance Office,” after “the National Labor Relations Board.”

Pub. L. 113-126, § 402(1), struck out “the National Security Agency,” before “the National Science Foundation.”

2010—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 111-259, § 431(a), inserted “the Defense Intelligence Agency,” after “the Corporation for Public Broadcasting,” “the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency,” after “the National Endowment for the Humanities,” and “the National Reconnaissance Office, the National Security Agency,” after “the National Labor Relations Board.”

Pub. L. 111-203, § 1081(1), inserted “and the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection” after “Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System”.

Subsec. (a)(4). Pub. L. 111-203, § 989B(1)(A), inserted “the board or commission of the designated Federal en-

tity, or in the event the designated Federal entity does not have a board or commission,” after “means” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (a)(4)(C) to (H). Pub. L. 111-203, § 989B(1)(B), (C), added subpars. (C) to (H).

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 111-203, § 1081(2), inserted at end “For purposes of implementing this section, the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System shall appoint the Inspector General of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection. The Inspector General of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection shall have all of the authorities and responsibilities provided by this Act with respect to the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, as if the Bureau were part of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.”

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 111-259, § 431(c), designated existing provisions as par. (1), substituted “Except as provided in paragraph (2), the head” for “The head”, and added par. (2).

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 111-203, § 989D, designated existing provisions as par. (2) and added par. (1).

Subsec. (g)(3). Pub. L. 111-203, § 1081(3), inserted “and the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection” after “the Inspector General of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System”.

Subsec. (h)(1). Pub. L. 111-203, § 989B(2), inserted “if the designated Federal entity is not a board or commission, include” after “designated Federal entities and”.

2008—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 110-409, § 7(d)(1), substituted “section 12” for “section 11” in introductory provisions and “section 12(2)” for “section 11(2)” in par. (1)(A).

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 110-409, § 2, inserted at end “Each Inspector General shall be appointed without regard to political affiliation and solely on the basis of integrity and demonstrated ability in accounting, auditing, financial analysis, law, management analysis, public administration, or investigations.”

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 110-409, § 3(b), substituted “shall communicate in writing the reasons for any such removal or transfer to both Houses of Congress, not later than 30 days before the removal or transfer. Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit a personnel action otherwise authorized by law, other than transfer or removal.” for “shall promptly communicate in writing the reasons for any such removal or transfer to both Houses of the Congress.”

Subsec. (g)(4). Pub. L. 110-409, § 6(b), added par. (4).

2006—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 109-435, § 605(a), inserted “the Postal Regulatory Commission,” after “the United States International Trade Commission.”

Subsec. (f)(3) to (6). Pub. L. 109-435, § 603(b), added par. (6) and redesignated par. (3), relating to Postal employees and labor organizations representing such employees, and par. (4) as pars. (4) and (5), respectively.

2004—Subsec. (a)(1)(E). Pub. L. 108-271 substituted “Government Accountability Office” for “General Accounting Office”.

2002—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 107-252 inserted “the Election Assistance Commission,” after “Federal Election Commission.”

2000—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 106-422 struck out “the Tennessee Valley Authority,” before “the United States International Trade Commission.”

1998—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 105-277, § 306(h), as added by Pub. L. 106-31, inserted “the Denali Commission,” after “the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.”

1996—Subsec. (a)(4). Pub. L. 104-208, § 101(f) [title VI, § 662(b)(1)], substituted “except that—” and subpars. (A) and (B) for “except that with respect to the National Science Foundation, such term means the National Science Board;”.

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 104-208, § 101(f) [title VI, § 662(b)(2)], amended subsec. (f) generally. Prior to amendment, subsec. (f) read as follows:

“(1) The Chief Postal Inspector of the United States Postal Service shall also hold the position of Inspector General of the United States Postal Service, and for

purposes of this section, shall report to, and be under the general supervision of, the Postmaster General of the United States Postal Service. The Postmaster General, in consultation with the Governors of the United States Postal Service, shall appoint the Chief Postal Inspector. The Postmaster General, with the concurrence of the Governors of the United States Postal Service, shall have power to remove the Chief Postal Inspector or transfer the Chief Postal Inspector to another position or location within the United States Postal Service. If the Chief Postal Inspector is removed or transferred in accordance with this subsection, the Postmaster General shall promptly notify both Houses of the Congress in writing of the reasons for such removal or transfer.

“(2) For purposes of paragraph (1), the term ‘Governors’ has the same meaning as such term is defined under section 102(3) of title 39, United States Code.”

1995—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 104–88 struck out “the Interstate Commerce Commission,” after “Federal Trade Commission.”

1993—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 103–204, §23(a)(4), which directed the amendment of section 8F(a)(2) by striking “the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation,” was executed by striking the quoted language as it appeared after “Federal Communications Commission,” in subsec. (a)(2) of this section, to reflect the probable intent of Congress and the successive renumbering of this section as section 8F of the Inspector General Act of 1978 by Pub. L. 103–82 and as section 8G by Pub. L. 103–204. See Codification note set out under section 8F of the Inspector General Act of 1978 in this Appendix.

Pub. L. 103–82, §202(g)(2)(A), struck out “ACTION,” before “Amtrak.”

1989—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 101–73 substituted “Federal Housing Finance Board” for “Federal Home Loan Bank Board”.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

CHANGE OF NAME

Committee on Governmental Affairs of Senate changed to Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of Senate, effective Jan. 4, 2005, by Senate Resolution No. 445, One Hundred Eighth Congress, Oct. 9, 2004.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight of House of Representatives changed to Committee on Government Reform of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 5, One Hundred Sixth Congress, Jan. 6, 1999. Committee on Government Reform of House of Representatives changed to Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 6, One Hundred Tenth Congress, Jan. 5, 2007. Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of House of Representatives changed to Committee on Oversight and Reform of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 6, One Hundred Sixteenth Congress, Jan. 9, 2019.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2015 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 114–113, div. H, title IV, §401(c), Dec. 18, 2015, 129 Stat. 2640, provided that: “This section [amending this section and enacting provisions set out as a note under this section], and the amendments made by this section, shall take effect on the date that is 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 18, 2015].”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2014 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 113–126, title IV, §403, July 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 1408, provided that:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise specifically provided, the amendments made by sections 401 [amending section 3602 of Title 50, War and National Defense] and 402 [amending this section and section 12 of Pub. L. 95–452, set out in this Appendix] shall take effect on October 1, 2014, and shall apply upon the earlier of—

“(1) in the case of section 401—

“(A) the date of the first nomination by the President of an individual to serve as the Director of the National Security Agency that occurs on or after October 1, 2014; or

“(B) the date of the cessation of the performance of the duties of the Director of the National Security Agency by the individual performing such duties on October 1, 2014; and

“(2) in the case of section 402—

“(A) the date of the first nomination by the President of an individual to serve as the Inspector General of the National Security Agency that occurs on or after October 1, 2014; or

“(B) the date of the cessation of the performance of the duties of the Inspector General of the National Security Agency by the individual performing such duties on October 1, 2014.

“(b) EXCEPTION FOR INITIAL NOMINATIONS.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1)(A) or (2)(A) of subsection (a), an individual serving as the Director of the National Security Agency or the Inspector General of the National Security Agency on the date that the President first nominates an individual for such position on or after October 1, 2014, may continue to perform in that position after such date of nomination and until the individual appointed to the position, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, assumes the duties of the position.

“(c) INCUMBENT INSPECTOR GENERAL.—The individual serving as Inspector General of the National Security Agency on the date of the enactment of this Act [July 7, 2014] shall be eligible to be appointed by the President to a new term of service under section 3 of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.), by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.”

Pub. L. 113–126, title IV, §413, July 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 1410, provided that:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by sections 411 [enacting section 3041a of Title 50, War and National Defense] and 412 [amending this section and section 12 of Pub. L. 95–452, set out in this Appendix] shall take effect on October 1, 2014, and shall apply upon the earlier of—

“(1) in the case of section 411—

“(A) the date of the first nomination by the President of an individual to serve as the Director of the National Reconnaissance Office that occurs on or after October 1, 2014; or

“(B) the date of the cessation of the performance of the duties of the Director of the National Reconnaissance Office by the individual performing such duties on October 1, 2014; and

“(2) in the case of section 412—

“(A) the date of the first nomination by the President of an individual to serve as the Inspector General of the National Reconnaissance Office that occurs on or after October 1, 2014; or

“(B) the date of the cessation of the performance of the duties of the Inspector General of the National Reconnaissance Office by the individual performing such duties on October 1, 2014.

“(b) EXCEPTION FOR INITIAL NOMINATIONS.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1)(A) or (2)(A) of subsection (a), an individual serving as the Director of the National Reconnaissance Office or the Inspector General of the National Reconnaissance Office on the date that the President first nominates an individual for such position on or after October 1, 2014, may continue to perform in that position after such date of nomination and until the individual appointed to the position, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, assumes the duties of the position.

“(c) INCUMBENT INSPECTOR GENERAL.—The individual serving as Inspector General of the National Reconnaissance Office on the date of the enactment of this Act [July 7, 2014] shall be eligible to be appointed by the President to a new term of service under section 3 of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.), by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2010 AMENDMENT

Amendment by sections 989B and 989D of Pub. L. 111-203 effective 1 day after July 21, 2010, except as otherwise provided, see section 4 of Pub. L. 111-203, set out as an Effective Date note under section 5301 of Title 12, Banks and Banking.

Pub. L. 111-203, title X, § 1081, July 21, 2010, 124 Stat. 2080, provided that the amendment made by section 1081 is effective on July 21, 2010.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2006 AMENDMENT; SAVINGS PROVISION

Pub. L. 109-435, title VI, § 603(d), Dec. 20, 2006, 120 Stat. 3241, provided that:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by this section [amending this section and sections 504, 2003, and 2009 of Title 39, Postal Service] shall apply with respect to fiscal years beginning on or after October 1, 2008.

“(2) SAVINGS PROVISION.—The provisions of title 39, United States Code, and the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) that are amended by this section shall, for purposes of any fiscal year before the first fiscal year to which the amendments made by this section apply, continue to apply in the same way as if this section had never been enacted.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2002 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 107-252, title VIII, § 812(b), Oct. 29, 2002, 116 Stat. 1727, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall take effect 180 days after the appointment of all members of the Election Assistance Commission under section 203 [52 U.S.C. 20923].”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2000 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 106-422, § 1(d), Nov. 1, 2000, 114 Stat. 1872, provided that:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by this section [amending this section, section 11 of this Appendix, and section 5315 of this title and enacting provisions set out as a note under this section] shall take effect 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act [Nov. 1, 2000].

“(2) INSPECTOR GENERAL.—The person serving as Inspector General of the Tennessee Valley Authority on the effective date of this section—

“(A) may continue such service until the President makes an appointment under section 3(a) of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) consistent with the amendments made by this section; and

“(B) shall be subject to section 8G(c) and (d) of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) as applicable to the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, unless that person is appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to be Inspector General of the Tennessee Valley Authority.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1997 AMENDMENT

Section 409(a)(2) of Pub. L. 105-134 provided that: “The amendment made by paragraph (1) [amending this section] shall take effect at the beginning of the first fiscal year after a fiscal year for which Amtrak receives no Federal subsidy.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1995 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 104-88 effective Jan. 1, 1996, see section 2 of Pub. L. 104-88, set out as an Effective Date note under section 1301 of Title 49, Transportation.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1993 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 103-82, title II, § 202(g)(2)(B), Sept. 21, 1993, 107 Stat. 890, provided that: “This paragraph [amending this section] shall take effect on the effective date of section 203(c)(2).” [Section 203(c)(2) of Pub. L. 103-82 is effective 18 months after Sept. 21, 1993, or on such earlier date as the President shall determine to be appro-

priate and announce by proclamation in the Federal Register, see section 203(d) of Pub. L. 103-82, set out as a note under section 12651 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare.]

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective 180 days after Oct. 18, 1988, see section 113 of Pub. L. 100-504, set out as an Effective Date of 1988 Amendment note under section 5 of Pub. L. 95-452 in this Appendix.

INSPECTOR GENERAL OVERSIGHT OF FUND

Pub. L. 115-91, div. A, title XV, § 1521(e), Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1714, provided that:

“(1) QUALITY STANDARDS FOR IG PRODUCTS.—Except as provided in paragraph (3), each product published or issued by an Inspector General relating to the oversight of programs and activities funded under the Afghanistan Security Forces Fund shall be prepared—

“(A) in accordance with the Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards/Government Auditing Standards (GAGAS/GAS), as issued and updated by the Government Accountability Office; or

“(B) if not prepared in accordance with the standards referred to in subparagraph (A), in accordance with the Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation issued by the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (commonly referred to as the ‘CIGIE Blue Book’).

“(2) SPECIFICATION OF QUALITY STANDARDS FOLLOWED.—Each product published or issued by an Inspector General relating to the oversight of programs and activities funded under the Afghanistan Security Forces Fund shall cite within such product the quality standards followed in conducting and reporting the work concerned.

“(3) WAIVER.—The Lead Inspector General for Operation Freedom’s Sentinel may waive the applicability of paragraph (1) to a specific product relating to the oversight by an Inspector General of activities and programs funded under the Afghanistan Security Forces Fund if the Lead Inspector General determines that the waiver would facilitate timely efforts to promote efficiency and effectiveness and prevent, detect, and deter fraud, waste, and abuse. Any product published or issued pursuant to a waiver under this paragraph shall include a statement that work for such product was not conducted in accordance with the standards referred to in paragraph (1) and an explanation why such standards were not employed.”

INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Pub. L. 114-113, div. H, title IV, § 401(b), Dec. 18, 2015, 129 Stat. 2640, provided that: “Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 18, 2015], the Chairman of the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled shall appoint an Inspector General for the Committee.”

AMTRAK INSPECTOR GENERAL

Pub. L. 114-94, div. A, title XI, § 11314, Dec. 4, 2015, 129 Stat. 1674, provided that:

“(a) AUTHORITY.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Inspector General of Amtrak shall have the authority available to other Inspectors General, as necessary in carrying out the duties specified in the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.), to investigate any alleged violation of sections 286, 287, 371, 641, 1001, 1002 and 1516 of title 18, United States Code.

“(2) AGENCY.—For purposes of sections 286, 287, 371, 641, 1001, 1002, and 1516 of title 18, United States Code, Amtrak and the Amtrak Office of Inspector General, shall be considered a corporation in which the United States has a proprietary interest as set forth in section 6 of such title.

“(b) ASSESSMENT.—The Inspector General of Amtrak shall—

“(1) not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act [Dec. 4, 2015], initiate an assessment to determine whether current expenditures or procurements involving Amtrak’s fulfillment of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) utilize competitive, market-driven provisions that are applicable throughout the entire term of such related expenditures or procurements; and

“(2) not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act, transmit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives the assessment under paragraph (1).

“(c) LIMITATION.—The authority provided by subsection (a) shall be effective only with respect to a fiscal year for which Amtrak receives a Federal subsidy.”

INSPECTOR GENERAL AT THE COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Pub. L. 113-76, div. B, title IV, Jan. 17, 2014, 128 Stat. 75, provided in part: “That the Inspector General for the Commission on Civil Rights (CCR IG), as provided in Public Law 113-6 [set out below], is authorized to close out all work related to pending or closed investigations, to complete pending investigations, and to terminate all activities related to the duties, responsibilities and authorities of the CCR IG: *Provided further*, That when the CCR IG concludes that all pending investigations have been completed, all work related to pending or closed investigations has been closed out, and all activities related to the duties, responsibilities and authorities of the CCR IG have ended, the CCR IG shall certify that conclusion to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate, and the Office of the CCR IG shall then be terminated”.

Pub. L. 113-6, div. B, title IV, Mar. 26, 2013, 127 Stat. 266, provided in part: “That there shall be an Inspector General at the Commission on Civil Rights who shall have the duties, responsibilities, and authorities specified in the Inspector General Act of 1978 [Pub. L. 95-452, set out in this Appendix]: *Provided further*, That an individual appointed to the position of Inspector General of the Government Accountability Office (GAO) shall, by virtue of such appointment, also hold the position of Inspector General of the Commission on Civil Rights: *Provided further*, That the Inspector General of the Commission on Civil Rights shall utilize personnel of the Office of Inspector General of GAO in performing the duties of the Inspector General of the Commission on Civil Rights, and shall not appoint any individuals to positions within the Commission on Civil Rights”.

Similar provisions were contained in the following prior appropriation act:

Pub. L. 112-55, div. B, title IV, Nov. 18, 2011, 125 Stat. 628.

SPECIAL INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR AFGHANISTAN RECONSTRUCTION

Pub. L. 110-181, div. A, title XII, § 1229, Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 378, as amended by Pub. L. 110-417, [div. A], title X, § 1061(b)(11), Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4613; Pub. L. 111-38, § 1, June 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1932, provided that:

“(a) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section are as follows:

“(1) To provide for the independent and objective conduct and supervision of audits and investigations relating to the programs and operations funded with amounts appropriated or otherwise made available for the reconstruction of Afghanistan.

“(2) To provide for the independent and objective leadership and coordination of, and recommendations on, policies designed to—

“(A) promote economy efficiency, and effectiveness in the administration of the programs and operations described in paragraph (1); and

“(B) prevent and detect waste, fraud, and abuse in such programs and operations.

“(3) To provide for an independent and objective means of keeping the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense fully and currently informed about problems and deficiencies relating to the administration of such programs and operations and the necessity for and progress on corrective action.

“(b) OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL.—There is hereby established the Office of the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction to carry out the purposes of subsection (a).

“(c) APPOINTMENT OF INSPECTOR GENERAL; REMOVAL.—

“(1) APPOINTMENT.—The head of the Office of the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction is the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (in this section referred to as the ‘Inspector General’), who shall be appointed by the President. The President may appoint the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction to serve as the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction, in which case the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction shall have all of the duties, responsibilities, and authorities set forth under this section with respect to such appointed position for the purpose of carrying out this section.

“(2) QUALIFICATIONS.—The appointment of the Inspector General shall be made solely on the basis of integrity and demonstrated ability in accounting, auditing, financial analysis, law, management analysis, public administration, or investigations.

“(3) DEADLINE FOR APPOINTMENT.—The appointment of an individual as Inspector General shall be made not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act [Jan. 28, 2008].

“(4) COMPENSATION.—The annual rate of basic pay of the Inspector General shall be the annual rate of basic pay provided for positions at level IV of the Executive Schedule under section 5315 of title 5, United States Code.

“(5) PROHIBITION ON POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—For purposes of section 7324 of title 5, United States Code, the Inspector General shall not be considered an employee who determines policies to be pursued by the United States in the nationwide administration of Federal law.

“(6) REMOVAL.—The Inspector General shall be removable from office in accordance with the provisions of section 3(b) of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.).

“(d) ASSISTANT INSPECTORS GENERAL.—The Inspector General shall, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations governing the civil service—

“(1) appoint an Assistant Inspector General for Auditing who shall have the responsibility for supervising the performance of auditing activities relating to programs and operations supported by amounts appropriated or otherwise made available for the reconstruction of Afghanistan; and

“(2) appoint an Assistant Inspector General for Investigations who shall have the responsibility for supervising the performance of investigative activities relating to such programs and operations.

“(e) SUPERVISION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the Inspector General shall report directly to, and be under the general supervision of, the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense.

“(2) INDEPENDENCE TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS AND AUDITS.—No officer of the Department of Defense, the Department of State, or the United States Agency for International Development shall prevent or prohibit the Inspector General from initiating, carrying out, or completing any audit or investigation related to amounts appropriated or otherwise made available for the reconstruction of Afghanistan or from issuing any subpoena during the course of any such audit or investigation.

“(f) DUTIES.—

“(1) OVERSIGHT OF AFGHANISTAN RECONSTRUCTION.—It shall be the duty of the Inspector General to con-

duct, supervise, and coordinate audits and investigations of the treatment, handling, and expenditure of amounts appropriated or otherwise made available for the reconstruction of Afghanistan, and of the programs, operations, and contracts carried out utilizing such funds, including—

“(A) the oversight and accounting of the obligation and expenditure of such funds;

“(B) the monitoring and review of reconstruction activities funded by such funds;

“(C) the monitoring and review of contracts funded by such funds;

“(D) the monitoring and review of the transfer of such funds and associated information between and among departments, agencies, and entities of the United States and private and nongovernmental entities;

“(E) the maintenance of records on the use of such funds to facilitate future audits and investigations of the use of such fund;

“(F) the monitoring and review of the effectiveness of United States coordination with the Government of Afghanistan and other donor countries in the implementation of the Afghanistan Compact and the Afghanistan National Development Strategy; and

“(G) the investigation of overpayments such as duplicate payments or duplicate billing and any potential unethical or illegal actions of Federal employees, contractors, or affiliated entities and the referral of such reports, as necessary, to the Department of Justice to ensure further investigations, prosecutions, recovery of further funds, or other remedies.

“(2) OTHER DUTIES RELATED TO OVERSIGHT.—The Inspector General shall establish, maintain, and oversee such systems, procedures, and controls as the Inspector General considers appropriate to discharge the duties under paragraph (1).

“(3) DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER INSPECTOR GENERAL ACT OF 1978.—In addition to the duties specified in paragraphs (1) and (2), the Inspector General shall also have the duties and responsibilities of inspectors general under the Inspector General Act of 1978 [Pub. L. 95-452, set out in this Appendix].

“(4) COORDINATION OF EFFORTS.—In carrying out the duties, responsibilities, and authorities of the Inspector General under this section, the Inspector General shall coordinate with, and receive the cooperation of each of the following:

“(A) The Inspector General of the Department of Defense.

“(B) The Inspector General of the Department of State.

“(C) The Inspector General of the United States Agency for International Development.

“(g) POWERS AND AUTHORITIES.—

“(1) AUTHORITIES UNDER INSPECTOR GENERAL ACT OF 1978.—In carrying out the duties specified in subsection (f), the Inspector General shall have the authorities provided in section 6 of the Inspector General Act of 1978 [section 6 of Pub. L. 95-452, set out in this Appendix], including the authorities under subsection (e) [now (f)] of such section.

“(2) AUDIT STANDARDS.—The Inspector General shall carry out the duties specified in subsection (f)(1) in accordance with section 4(b)(1) of the Inspector General Act of 1978 [section 4(b)(1) of Pub. L. 95-452, set out in this Appendix].

“(h) PERSONNEL, FACILITIES, AND OTHER RESOURCES.—

“(1) PERSONNEL.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Inspector General may select, appoint, and employ such officers and employees as may be necessary for carrying out the duties of the Inspector General, subject to the provisions of title 5, United States Code, governing appointments in the competitive service, and the provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of such title, relating to classification and General Schedule pay rates.

“(B) ADDITIONAL AUTHORITIES.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clause (ii), the Inspector General may exercise the authorities of subsections (b) through (i) of section 3161 of title 5, United States Code (without regard to subsection (a) of that section).

“(ii) PERIODS OF APPOINTMENTS.—In exercising the employment authorities under subsection (b) of section 3161 of title 5, United States Code, as provided under clause (i) of this subparagraph—

“(I) paragraph (2) of that subsection (relating to periods of appointments) shall not apply; and

“(II) no period of appointment may exceed the date on which the Office of the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction terminates under subsection (o).

“(2) EMPLOYMENT OF EXPERTS AND CONSULTANTS.—The Inspector General may obtain services as authorized by section 3109 of title 5, United States Code, at daily rates not to exceed the equivalent rate prescribed for grade GS-15 of the General Schedule by section 5332 of such title.

“(3) CONTRACTING AUTHORITY.—To the extent and in such amounts as may be provided in advance by appropriations Acts, the Inspector General may enter into contracts and other arrangements for audits, studies, analyses, and other services with public agencies and with private persons, and make such payments as may be necessary to carry out the duties of the Inspector General.

“(4) RESOURCES.—The Secretary of State or the Secretary of Defense, as appropriate, shall provide the Inspector General with appropriate and adequate office space at appropriate locations of the Department of State or the Department of Defense, as the case may be, in Afghanistan, together with such equipment, office supplies, and communications facilities and services as may be necessary for the operation of such offices, and shall provide necessary maintenance services for such offices and the equipment and facilities located therein.

“(5) ASSISTANCE FROM FEDERAL AGENCIES.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Upon request of the Inspector General for information or assistance from any department, agency, or other entity of the Federal Government, the head of such entity shall, insofar as is practicable and not in contravention of any existing law, furnish such information or assistance to the Inspector General, or an authorized designee.

“(B) REPORTING OF REFUSED ASSISTANCE.—Whenever information or assistance requested by the Inspector General is, in the judgment of the Inspector General, unreasonably refused or not provided, the Inspector General shall report the circumstances to the Secretary of State or the Secretary of Defense, as appropriate, and to the appropriate congressional committees without delay.

“(6) USE OF PERSONNEL, FACILITIES, AND OTHER RESOURCES OF THE OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR IRAQ RECONSTRUCTION.—Upon the request of the Inspector General, the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction—

“(A) may detail, on a reimbursable basis, any of the personnel of the Office of the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction to the Office of the Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction for the purpose of carrying out this section; and

“(B) may provide, on a reimbursable basis, any of the facilities or other resources of the Office of the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction to the Office of the Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction for the purpose of carrying out this section.

“(i) REPORTS.—

“(1) QUARTERLY REPORTS.—Not later than 30 days after the end of each fiscal-year quarter, the Inspector General shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report summarizing, for the period of that quarter and, to the extent possible, the period from the end of such quarter to the time of the

submission of the report, the activities during such period of the Inspector General and the activities under programs and operations funded with amounts appropriated or otherwise made available for the reconstruction of Afghanistan. Each report shall include, for the period covered by such report, a detailed statement of all obligations, expenditures, and revenues associated with reconstruction and rehabilitation activities in Afghanistan, including the following:

“(A) Obligations and expenditures of appropriated funds.

“(B) A project-by-project and program-by-program accounting of the costs incurred to date for the reconstruction of Afghanistan, together with the estimate of the Department of Defense, the Department of State, and the United States Agency for International Development, as applicable, of the costs to complete each project and each program.

“(C) Revenues attributable to or consisting of funds provided by foreign nations or international organizations to programs and projects funded by any department or agency of the United States Government, and any obligations or expenditures of such revenues.

“(D) Revenues attributable to or consisting of foreign assets seized or frozen that contribute to programs and projects funded by any department or agency of the United States Government, and any obligations or expenditures of such revenues.

“(E) Operating expenses of agencies or entities receiving amounts appropriated or otherwise made available for the reconstruction of Afghanistan.

“(F) In the case of any contract, grant, agreement, or other funding mechanism described in paragraph (2)—

“(i) the amount of the contract, grant, agreement, or other funding mechanism;

“(ii) a brief discussion of the scope of the contract, grant, agreement, or other funding mechanism;

“(iii) a discussion of how the department or agency of the United States Government involved in the contract, grant, agreement, or other funding mechanism identified, and solicited offers from, potential individuals or entities to perform the contract, grant, agreement, or other funding mechanism, together with a list of the potential individuals or entities that were issued solicitations for the offers; and

“(iv) the justification and approval documents on which was based the determination to use procedures other than procedures that provide for full and open competition.

“(2) COVERED CONTRACTS, GRANTS, AGREEMENTS, AND FUNDING MECHANISMS.—A contract, grant, agreement, or other funding mechanism described in this paragraph is any major contract, grant, agreement, or other funding mechanism that is entered into by any department or agency of the United States Government that involves the use of amounts appropriated or otherwise made available for the reconstruction of Afghanistan with any public or private sector entity for any of the following purposes:

“(A) To build or rebuild physical infrastructure of Afghanistan.

“(B) To establish or reestablish a political or societal institution of Afghanistan.

“(C) To provide products or services to the people of Afghanistan.

“(3) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The Inspector General shall publish on a publicly-available Internet website each report under paragraph (1) of this subsection in English and other languages that the Inspector General determines are widely used and understood in Afghanistan.

“(4) FORM.—Each report required under this subsection shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex if the Inspector General considers it necessary.

“(5) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to authorize the public disclosure of information that is—

“(A) specifically prohibited from disclosure by any other provision of law;

“(B) specifically required by Executive order to be protected from disclosure in the interest of national defense or national security or in the conduct of foreign affairs; or

“(C) a part of an ongoing criminal investigation.

“(j) REPORT COORDINATION.—

“(1) SUBMISSION TO SECRETARIES OF STATE AND DEFENSE.—The Inspector General shall also submit each report required under subsection (i) to the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense.

“(2) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 30 days after receipt of a report under paragraph (1), the Secretary of State or the Secretary of Defense may submit to the appropriate congressional committees any comments on the matters covered by the report as the Secretary of State or the Secretary of Defense, as the case may be, considers appropriate. Any comments on the matters covered by the report shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex if the Secretary of State or the Secretary of Defense, as the case may be, considers it necessary.

“(k) TRANSPARENCY.—

“(1) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after submission to the appropriate congressional committees of a report under subsection (i), the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense shall jointly make copies of the report available to the public upon request, and at a reasonable cost.

“(2) COMMENTS ON MATTERS COVERED BY REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after submission to the appropriate congressional committees under subsection (j)(2) of comments on a report under subsection (i), the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense shall jointly make copies of the comments available to the public upon request, and at a reasonable cost.

“(l) WAIVER.—

“(1) AUTHORITY.—The President may waive the requirement under paragraph (1) or (2) of subsection (k) with respect to availability to the public of any element in a report under subsection (i), or any comment under subsection (j)(2), if the President determines that the waiver is justified for national security reasons.

“(2) NOTICE OF WAIVER.—The President shall publish a notice of each waiver made under this subsection in the Federal Register no later than the date on which a report required under subsection (i), or any comment under subsection (j)(2), is submitted to the appropriate congressional committees. The report and comments shall specify whether waivers under this subsection were made and with respect to which elements in the report or which comments, as appropriate.

“(m) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) AMOUNTS APPROPRIATED OR OTHERWISE MADE AVAILABLE FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF AFGHANISTAN.—The term ‘amounts appropriated or otherwise made available for the reconstruction of Afghanistan’ means—

“(A) amounts appropriated or otherwise made available for any fiscal year—

“(i) to the Afghanistan Security Forces Fund; or

“(ii) to the program to assist the people of Afghanistan established under subsection (a)(2) of section 1202 of the National Defense Authorization for Fiscal Year 2006 (Public Law 109-163; 119 Stat. 3455-3456); and

“(B) amounts appropriated or otherwise made available for any fiscal year for the reconstruction of Afghanistan under—

“(i) the Economic Support Fund;

“(ii) the International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement account; or

“(iii) any other provision of law.

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

“(A) the Committees on Appropriations, Armed Services, and Foreign Relations of the Senate; and

“(B) the Committees on Appropriations, Armed Services, and Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives.

“(n) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appropriated \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2008 to carry out this section.

“(2) OFFSET.—The amount authorized to be appropriated by section 1513 [122 Stat. 428] for the Afghanistan Security Forces Fund is hereby reduced by \$20,000,000.

“(o) TERMINATION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Office of the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction shall terminate 180 days after the date on which amounts appropriated or otherwise made available for the reconstruction of Afghanistan that are unexpended are less than \$250,000,000.

“(2) FINAL REPORT.—The Inspector General shall, prior to the termination of the Office of the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction under paragraph (1), prepare and submit to the appropriate congressional committees a final forensic audit report on programs and operations funded with amounts appropriated or otherwise made available for the reconstruction of Afghanistan.”

DEADLINE RELATING TO POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

Pub. L. 109-435, title VI, §605(c), Dec. 20, 2006, 120 Stat. 3242, provided that: “No later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 20, 2006]—

“(1) the first Inspector General of the Postal Regulatory Commission shall be appointed; and

“(2) the Office of Inspector General of the Postal Regulatory Commission shall be established.”

INSPECTOR GENERAL OF CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD

Pub. L. 116-260, div. G, title III, Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 1529, provided in part: “That notwithstanding any other provision of law, the individual appointed to the position of Inspector General of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) shall, by virtue of such appointment, also hold the position of Inspector General of the [Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation] Board: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Inspector General of the Board shall utilize personnel of the Office of Inspector General of EPA in performing the duties of the Inspector General of the Board, and shall not appoint any individuals to positions within the Board.”

Similar provisions were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

Pub. L. 116-94, div. D, title III, Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 2735.

Pub. L. 116-6, div. E, title III, Feb. 15, 2019, 133 Stat. 252.

Pub. L. 115-141, div. G, title III, Mar. 23, 2018, 132 Stat. 681.

Pub. L. 115-31, div. G, title III, May 5, 2017, 131 Stat. 488.

Pub. L. 114-113, div. G, title III, Dec. 18, 2015, 129 Stat. 2569.

Pub. L. 113-235, div. F, title III, Dec. 16, 2014, 128 Stat. 2438.

Pub. L. 113-76, div. G, title III, Jan. 17, 2014, 128 Stat. 332.

Pub. L. 112-74, div. E, title III, Dec. 23, 2011, 125 Stat. 1031.

Pub. L. 111-88, div. A, title III, Oct. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 2950.

Pub. L. 111-8, div. E, title III, Mar. 11, 2009, 123 Stat. 739.

Pub. L. 110-161, div. F, title III, Dec. 26, 2007, 121 Stat. 2139.

Pub. L. 109-54, title III, Aug. 2, 2005, 119 Stat. 543.

Pub. L. 108-447, div. I, title III, Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 3322.

Pub. L. 108-199, div. G, title III, Jan. 23, 2004, 118 Stat. 399.

Pub. L. 107-73, title III, Nov. 26, 2001, 115 Stat. 679, provided in part: “That, hereafter, there shall be an Inspector General at the [Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation] Board who shall have the duties, responsibilities, and authorities specified in the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended [Pub. L. 95-452, set out in this Appendix]: *Provided further*, That an individual appointed to the position of Inspector General of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) shall, by virtue of such appointment, also hold the position of Inspector General of the Board: *Provided further*, That the Inspector General of the Board shall utilize personnel of the Office of Inspector General of FEMA in performing the duties of the Inspector General of the Board, and shall not appoint any individuals to positions within the Board.”

[For transfer of all functions, personnel, assets, components, authorities, grant programs, and liabilities of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, including the functions of the Under Secretary for Federal Emergency Management relating thereto, to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, see section 315(a)(1) of Title 6, Domestic Security.]

[For transfer of functions, personnel, assets, and liabilities of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, including the functions of the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency relating thereto, to the Secretary of Homeland Security, and for treatment of related references, see former section 313(1) and sections 551(d), 552(d), and 557 of Title 6, Domestic Security, and the Department of Homeland Security Reorganization Plan of November 25, 2002, as modified, set out as a note under section 542 of Title 6.]

Similar provisions were contained in the following prior appropriations act:

Pub. L. 106-377, §1(a)(1) [title III], Oct. 27, 2000, 114 Stat. 1441, 1441A-36.

Pub. L. 108-7, div. K, title III, Feb. 20, 2003, 117 Stat. 515, provided in part: “That notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Inspector General of the Federal Emergency Management Agency shall hereafter also serve as the Inspector General of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board.”

Similar provisions were contained in the following prior appropriations acts:

Pub. L. 107-73, title III, Nov. 26, 2001, 115 Stat. 688.

Pub. L. 106-377, §1(a)(1) [title III], Oct. 27, 2000, 114 Stat. 1441, 1441A-46.

SPECIAL INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR IRAQ RECONSTRUCTION

Pub. L. 108-375, div. A, title XII, §1203(b), Oct. 28, 2004, 118 Stat. 2079, provided that: “The individual serving as the Inspector General of the Coalition Provisional Authority as of the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 28, 2004] may continue to serve in that position after that date without reappointment under paragraph (1) of section 3001(c) of the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense and for the Reconstruction of Iraq and Afghanistan, 2004 [Pub. L. 108-106, set out below], but remaining subject to removal as specified in paragraph (4) of that section.”

Pub. L. 108-106, title III, §3001, Nov. 6, 2003, 117 Stat. 1234, as amended by Pub. L. 108-375, div. A, title XII, §1203(a)(1)-(3)(A), (c)-(j), Oct. 28, 2004, 118 Stat. 2078-2081; Pub. L. 109-102, title V, §599, Nov. 14, 2005, 119 Stat. 2240; Pub. L. 109-364, div. A, title X, §§1054(b), 1071(g)(13), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2397, 2403; Pub. L. 109-440, §2, Dec. 20, 2006, 120 Stat. 3286; Pub. L. 110-28, title III, §3801, May 25, 2007, 121 Stat. 147; Pub. L. 110-181, div. A, title XII, §1221, Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 371, provided that:

“(a) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section are as follows:

“(1) To provide for the independent and objective conduct and supervision of audits and investigations relating to the programs and operations funded with amounts appropriated or otherwise made available for the reconstruction of Iraq.

“(2) To provide for the independent and objective leadership and coordination of, and recommendations on, policies designed to—

“(A) promote economy efficiency, and effectiveness in the administration of such programs and operations; and

“(B) prevent and detect waste, fraud, and abuse in such programs and operations.

“(3) To provide for an independent and objective means of keeping the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense fully and currently informed about problems and deficiencies relating to the administration of such programs and operations and the necessity for and progress for corrective action.

“(b) OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL.—There is hereby established the Office of the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction.

“(c) APPOINTMENT OF INSPECTOR GENERAL; REMOVAL.—(1) The head of the Office of the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction is the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction (in this section referred to as the ‘Inspector General’), who shall be appointed by the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of State.

“(2) The appointment of Inspector General shall be made solely on the basis of integrity and demonstrated ability in accounting, auditing, financial analysis, law, management analysis, public administration, or investigations.

“(3) The nomination of an individual as Inspector General shall be made not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act [Nov. 6, 2003].

“(4) The Inspector General shall be removable from office in accordance with the provisions of section 3(b) of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.).

“(5) For purposes of section 7324 of title 5, United States Code, the Inspector General shall not be considered an employee who determines policies to be pursued by the United States in the nationwide administration of Federal law.

“(6) The annual rate of basic pay of the Inspector General shall be the annual rate of basic pay provided for positions at level IV of the Executive Schedule under section 5315 of title 5, United States Code.

“(d) ASSISTANT INSPECTORS GENERAL.—The Inspector General shall, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations governing the civil service—

“(1) appoint an Assistant Inspector General for Auditing who shall have the responsibility for supervising the performance of auditing activities relating to programs and operations supported by amounts appropriated or otherwise made available for the reconstruction of Iraq; and

“(2) appoint an Assistant Inspector General for Investigations who shall have the responsibility for supervising the performance of investigative activities relating to such programs and operations.

“(e) SUPERVISION.—(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the Inspector General shall report directly to, and be under the general supervision of, the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense.

“(2) No officer of the Department of Defense, the Department of State, or the United States Agency for International Development shall prevent or prohibit the Inspector General from initiating, carrying out, or completing any audit or investigation related to amounts appropriated or otherwise made available for the reconstruction of Iraq or from issuing any subpoena during the course of any such audit or investigation.

“(f) DUTIES.—(1) It shall be the duty of the Inspector General to conduct, supervise, and coordinate audits and investigations of the treatment, handling, and expenditure of amounts appropriated or otherwise made available for the reconstruction of Iraq, and of the programs, operations, and contracts carried out utilizing such funds, including—

“(A) the oversight and accounting of the obligation and expenditure of such funds;

“(B) the monitoring and review of reconstruction activities funded by such funds;

“(C) the monitoring and review of contracts funded by such funds;

“(D) the monitoring and review of the transfer of such funds and associated information between and among departments, agencies, and entities of the United States and private and nongovernmental entities; and

“(E) the maintenance of records on the use of such funds to facilitate future audits and investigations of the use of such funds.

“(2) The Inspector General shall establish, maintain, and oversee such systems, procedures, and controls as the Inspector General considers appropriate to discharge the duty under paragraph (1).

“(3) In addition to the duties specified in paragraphs (1) and (2), the Inspector General shall also have the duties and responsibilities of inspectors general under the Inspector General Act of 1978 [Pub. L. 95-452, set out in this Appendix].

“(4) In carrying out the duties, responsibilities, and authorities of the Inspector General under this section, the Inspector General shall coordinate with, and receive the cooperation of, each of the following:

“(A) The Inspector General of the Department of State.

“(B) The Inspector General of the Department of Defense.

“(C) The Inspector General of the United States Agency for International Development.

“(g) POWERS AND AUTHORITIES.—(1) In carrying out the duties specified in subsection (f), the Inspector General shall have the authorities provided in section 6 of the Inspector General Act of 1978 [section 6 of Pub. L. 95-452, set out in this Appendix], including the authorities under subsection (e) [now (f)] of such section.

“(2) The Inspector General shall carry out the duties specified in subsection (f)(1) in accordance with section 4(b)(1) of the Inspector General Act of 1978 [section 4(b)(1) of Pub. L. 95-452, set out in this Appendix].

“(h) PERSONNEL, FACILITIES, AND OTHER RESOURCES.—(1) The Inspector General may select, appoint, and employ such officers and employees as may be necessary for carrying out the duties of the Inspector General, subject to the provisions of title 5, United States Code, governing appointments in the competitive service, and the provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of such title, relating to classification and General Schedule pay rates, and may exercise the authorities of subsections (b) through (i) of section 3161 of title 5, United States Code (without regard to subsection (a) of such section).

“(2) The Inspector General may obtain services as authorized by section 3109 of title 5, United States Code, at daily rates not to exceed the equivalent rate prescribed for grade GS-15 of the General Schedule by section 5332 of such title.

“(3) To the extent and in such amounts as may be provided in advance by appropriations Acts, the Inspector General may enter into contracts and other arrangements for audits, studies, analyses, and other services with public agencies and with private persons, and make such payments as may be necessary to carry out the duties of the Inspector General.

“(4)(A) Upon request of the Inspector General for information or assistance from any department, agency, or other entity of the Federal Government, the head of such entity shall, insofar as is practicable and not in contravention of any existing law, furnish such information or assistance to the Inspector General, or an authorized designee.

“(B) Whenever information or assistance requested by the Inspector General is, in the judgment of the Inspector General, unreasonably refused or not provided, the Inspector General shall report the circumstances to the Secretary of State or Secretary of Defense, as appropriate, and to the appropriate committees of Congress without delay.

“(5) The Secretary of State or Secretary of Defense, as appropriate, shall provide the Inspector General with appropriate and adequate office space within the Department of Defense or at appropriate locations of the Department of State in Iraq, together with such equipment, office supplies, and communications facilities and services as may be necessary for the operation of such offices, and shall provide necessary maintenance services for such offices and the equipment and facilities located therein.

“(i) REPORTS.—(1) Not later than 30 days after the end of each fiscal-year quarter, the Inspector General shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report summarizing, for the period of that quarter and, to the extent possible, the period from the end of such quarter to the time of the submission of the report, the activities during such period of the Inspector General and the activities under programs and operations funded with amounts appropriated or otherwise made available for the reconstruction of Iraq. Each report shall include, for the period covered by such report, a detailed statement of all obligations, expenditures, and revenues associated with reconstruction and rehabilitation activities in Iraq, including the following:

“(A) Obligations and expenditures of appropriated funds.

“(B) A project-by-project and program-by-program accounting of the costs incurred to date for the reconstruction of Iraq, together with the estimate of the Department of Defense, the Department of State, and the United States Agency for International Development, as applicable, of the costs to complete each project and each program.

“(C) Revenues attributable to or consisting of funds provided by foreign nations or international organizations, and any obligations or expenditures of such revenues.

“(D) Revenues attributable to or consisting of foreign assets seized or frozen, and any obligations or expenditures of such revenues.

“(E) Operating expenses of agencies or entities receiving amounts appropriated or otherwise made available for the reconstruction of Iraq.

“(F) In the case of any contract described in paragraph (2)—

“(i) the amount of the contract or other agreement;

“(ii) a brief discussion of the scope of the contract or other agreement;

“(iii) a discussion of how the contracting department or agency identified, and solicited offers from, potential contractors to perform the contract, together with a list of the potential contractors that were issued solicitations for the offers; and

“(iv) the justification and approval documents on which was based the determination to use procedures other than procedures that provide for full and open competition.

“(2) A contract described in this paragraph is any major contract or other agreement that is entered into by any department or agency of the United States Government that involves the use of amounts appropriated or otherwise made available for the reconstruction of Iraq with any public or private sector entity for any of the following purposes:

“(A) To build or rebuild physical infrastructure of Iraq.

“(B) To establish or reestablish a political or societal institution of Iraq.

“(C) To provide products or services to the people of Iraq.

“(3) The Inspector General shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress semiannual reports meeting the requirements of section 5 of the Inspector General Act of 1978 [section 5 of Pub. L. 95-452, set out in this Appendix]. The first such report for a year, covering the first six months of the year, shall be submitted not later than July 31 of that year, and the second such report, covering the second six months of the year, shall be submitted not later than January 31 of the following year.

“(4) The Inspector General shall publish each report under this subsection in both English and Arabic on the Internet website of the Department of State and of the Department of Defense.

“(5) Each report under this subsection may include a classified annex if the Inspector General considers it necessary.

“(6) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to authorize the public disclosure of information that is—

“(A) specifically prohibited from disclosure by any other provision of law;

“(B) specifically required by Executive order to be protected from disclosure in the interest of national defense or national security or in the conduct of foreign affairs; or

“(C) a part of an ongoing criminal investigation.

“(j) REPORT COORDINATION.—(1) The Inspector General shall also submit each report under subsection (i) to the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense.

“(2)(A) Not later than 30 days after receipt of a report under paragraph (1), the Secretary of State or the Secretary of Defense may submit to the appropriate committees of Congress any comments on the matters covered by the report as the Secretary of State or the Secretary of Defense, as the case may be, considers appropriate.

“(B) A report under this paragraph may include a classified annex if the Secretary of State or the Secretary of Defense, as the case may be, considers it necessary.

“(k) TRANSPARENCY.—(1) Not later than 60 days after the date of the submittal to Congress of a report under subsection (i), the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense shall jointly make copies of such report available to the public upon request, and at a reasonable cost.

“(2) Not later than 60 days after the date of the submittal to Congress under subsection (j)(2) of comments on a report under subsection (i), the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense shall jointly make copies of such comments available to the public upon request, and at a reasonable cost.

“(l) WAIVER.—(1) The President may waive the requirement under paragraph (1) or (3) of subsection (i) for the inclusion in a report under such paragraph of any element otherwise provided for under such paragraph if the President determines that the waiver is justified for national security reasons.

“(2) The President shall publish a notice of each waiver made under this subsection in the Federal Register no later than the date on which the reports required under paragraph (1) or (3) of subsection (i) are submitted to Congress. The reports required under paragraph (1) or (3) of subsection (i) shall specify whether waivers under this subsection were made and with respect to which elements.

“(m) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

“(1) the term ‘appropriate committees of Congress’ means—

“(A) the Committees on Appropriations, Armed Services, and Foreign Relations of the Senate; and

“(B) the Committees on Appropriations, Armed Services, Foreign Affairs, and Oversight and Government Reform of the House of Representatives; and

“(2) the term ‘amounts appropriated or otherwise made available for the reconstruction of Iraq’ means amounts appropriated or otherwise made available for any fiscal year—

“(A) to the Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund, the Iraq Security Forces Fund, and the Commanders’ Emergency Response Program authorized under section 1202 of the National Defense Authorization for Fiscal Year 2006 (Public Law 109-163; 119 Stat. 3455-3456); or

“(B) for assistance for the reconstruction of Iraq under—

“(i) the Economic Support Fund authorized under chapter 4 of part II of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2346 et seq.);

“(ii) the International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement account authorized under sec-

tion 481 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2291); or

“(iii) any other provision of law.

“(n) FUNDING.—(1) Of the amounts appropriated for fiscal year 2004 for the Operating Expenses of the Coalition Provisional Authority in title II of this Act [117 Stat. 1226], \$75,000,000 shall be available to carry out this section.

“(2) The amount available under paragraph (1) shall remain available until expended.

“(o) TERMINATION.—(1) The Office of the Inspector General shall terminate 180 days after the date on which amounts appropriated or otherwise made available for the reconstruction of Iraq that are unexpended are less than \$250,000,000.

“(2) The Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction shall, prior to the termination of the Office of the Special Inspector General under paragraph (1), prepare a final forensic audit report on all amounts appropriated or otherwise made available for the reconstruction of Iraq.”

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY; FINDINGS

Pub. L. 106-422, §1(a), Nov. 1, 2000, 114 Stat. 1872, provided that: “Congress finds that—

“(1) Inspectors General serve an important function in preventing and eliminating fraud, waste, and abuse in the Federal Government; and

“(2) independence is vital for an Inspector General to function effectively.”

AMTRAK NOT FEDERAL ENTITY; FEDERAL SUBSIDY

Pub. L. 105-134, title IV, §409(b), (c), Dec. 2, 1997, 111 Stat. 2587, provided that:

“(b) AMTRAK NOT FEDERAL ENTITY.—Amtrak shall not be considered a Federal entity for purposes of the Inspector General Act of 1978 [Pub. L. 95-452, set out in this Appendix]. The preceding sentence shall apply for any fiscal year for which Amtrak receives no Federal subsidy.

“(c) FEDERAL SUBSIDY.—

“(1) ASSESSMENT.—In any fiscal year for which Amtrak requests Federal assistance, the Inspector General of the Department of Transportation shall review Amtrak’s operations and conduct an assessment similar to the assessment required by section 202(a) [Pub. L. 105-134, 49 U.S.C. 24101 note]. The Inspector General shall report the results of the review and assessment to—

“(A) the President of Amtrak;

“(B) the Secretary of Transportation;

“(C) the United States Senate Committee on Appropriations;

“(D) the United States Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation;

“(E) the United States House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations; and

“(F) the United States House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

“(2) REPORT.—The report shall be submitted, to the extent practicable, before any such committee reports legislation authorizing or appropriating funds for Amtrak for capital acquisition, development, or operating expenses.

“(3) SPECIAL EFFECTIVE DATE.—This subsection takes effect 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act [Dec. 2, 1997].”

REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION

Pub. L. 100-504, title I, §111, Oct. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 2529, directed the head of each designated Federal entity (as defined under subsec. (a)(2) of this section) to submit, on Oct. 31, 1989, to Director of Office of Management and Budget and to each House of Congress a report on status of implementation by that entity of the requirements of section 8E of the Inspector General Act of 1978.

§ 8H. Additional provisions with respect to Inspectors General of the Intelligence Community

(a)(1)(A) An employee of the Defense Intelligence Agency, the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, the National Reconnaissance Office, or the National Security Agency, or of a contractor of any of those Agencies, who intends to report to Congress a complaint or information with respect to an urgent concern may report the complaint or information to the Inspector General of the Department of Defense (or designee).

(B) An employee of an element of the intelligence community, an employee assigned or detailed to an element of the intelligence community, or an employee of a contractor to the intelligence community, who intends to report to Congress a complaint or information with respect to an urgent concern may report such complaint or information to the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community.

(C) An employee of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, or of a contractor of the Bureau, who intends to report to Congress a complaint or information with respect to an urgent concern may report the complaint or information to the Inspector General of the Department of Justice (or designee).

(D) Any other employee of, or contractor to, an executive agency, or element or unit thereof, determined by the President under section 2302(a)(2)(C)(ii) of title 5, United States Code, to have as its principal function the conduct of foreign intelligence or counterintelligence activities, who intends to report to Congress a complaint or information with respect to an urgent concern may report the complaint or information to the appropriate Inspector General (or designee) under this Act, section 17 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949 [50 U.S.C. 3517], or section 103H(k) of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3033(k)).

(2) If a designee of an Inspector General under this section receives a complaint or information of an employee with respect to an urgent concern, that designee shall report the complaint or information to the Inspector General within 7 calendar days of receipt.

(3) The Inspectors General of the Defense Intelligence Agency, the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, the National Reconnaissance Office, and the National Security Agency shall be designees of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense for purposes of this section.

(b)(1) Not later than the end of the 14-calendar day period beginning on the date of receipt of an employee complaint or information under subsection (a), the Inspector General shall determine whether the complaint or information appears credible. Upon making such a determination, the Inspector General shall transmit to the head of the establishment notice of that determination, together with the complaint or information.

(2) If the head of an establishment determines that a complaint or information transmitted under paragraph (1) would create a conflict of interest for the head of the establishment, the head of the establishment shall return the com-

plaint or information to the Inspector General with that determination and the Inspector General shall make the transmission to the Director of National Intelligence and, if the establishment is within the Department of Defense, to the Secretary of Defense. In such a case, the requirements of this section for the head of the establishment apply to each recipient of the Inspector General's transmission.

(c) Upon receipt of a transmittal from the Inspector General under subsection (b), the head of the establishment shall, within 7 calendar days of such receipt, forward such transmittal to the intelligence committees, together with any comments the head of the establishment considers appropriate.

(d)(1) If the Inspector General does not find credible under subsection (b) a complaint or information submitted to the Inspector General under subsection (a), or does not transmit the complaint or information to the head of the establishment in accurate form under subsection (b), the employee (subject to paragraph (2)) may submit the complaint or information to Congress by contacting either or both of the intelligence committees directly.

(2) The employee may contact the intelligence committees directly as described in paragraph (1) only if the employee—

(A) before making such a contact, furnishes to the head of the establishment, through the Inspector General, a statement of the employee's complaint or information and notice of the employee's intent to contact the intelligence committees directly; and

(B) obtains and follows from the head of the establishment, through the Inspector General, direction on how to contact the intelligence committees in accordance with appropriate security practices.

(3) A member or employee of one of the intelligence committees who receives a complaint or information under paragraph (1) does so in that member or employee's official capacity as a member or employee of that committee.

(e) The Inspector General shall notify an employee who reports a complaint or information under this section of each action taken under this section with respect to the complaint or information. Such notice shall be provided not later than 3 days after any such action is taken.

(f) An action taken by the head of an establishment or an Inspector General under subsections (a) through (e) shall not be subject to judicial review.

(g) An individual who has submitted a complaint or information to an Inspector General under this section may notify any member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives or the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate, or a staff member of either such Committee, of the fact that such individual has made a submission to that particular Inspector General, and of the date on which such submission was made.

(h) In this section:

(1) The term "urgent concern" means any of the following:

(A) A serious or flagrant problem, abuse, violation of law or Executive order, or deficiency relating to the funding, administra-

tion, or operations of an intelligence activity involving classified information, but does not include differences of opinions concerning public policy matters.

(B) A false statement to Congress, or a willful withholding from Congress, on an issue of material fact relating to the funding, administration, or operation of an intelligence activity.

(C) An action, including a personnel action described in section 2302(a)(2)(A) of title 5, United States Code, constituting reprisal or threat of reprisal prohibited under section 7(c) in response to an employee's reporting an urgent concern in accordance with this section.

(2) The term "intelligence committees" means the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives and the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate.

(Pub. L. 95-452, §8H, as added Pub. L. 105-272, title VII, §702(b)(1), Oct. 20, 1998, 112 Stat. 2415; amended Pub. L. 107-108, title III, §309(b), Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1400; Pub. L. 107-306, title VIII, §825, Nov. 27, 2002, 116 Stat. 2429; Pub. L. 110-417, [div. A], title IX, §931(b)(2), Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4575; Pub. L. 111-259, title IV, §431(b), Oct. 7, 2010, 124 Stat. 2731; Pub. L. 113-126, title III, §310, title VI, §603(a), July 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 1398, 1420; Pub. L. 116-92, div. E, title LXVII, §6726(c), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 2236.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 8H of the Inspector General Act of 1978 was renumbered section 8J.

AMENDMENTS

2019—Subsecs. (g) to (i). Pub. L. 116-92 redesignated subsecs. (h) and (i) as (g) and (h), respectively, and struck out former subsec. (g) which read as follows:

“(g)(1) The Inspector General of the Defense Intelligence Agency, the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, the National Reconnaissance Office, and the National Security Agency shall each submit to the congressional intelligence committees each year a report that sets forth the following:

“(A) The personnel and funds requested by such Inspector General for the fiscal year beginning in such year for the activities of the office of such Inspector General in such fiscal year.

“(B) The plan of such Inspector General for such activities, including the programs and activities scheduled for review by the office of such Inspector General during such fiscal year.

“(C) An assessment of the current ability of such Inspector General to hire and retain qualified personnel for the office of such Inspector General.

“(D) Any matters that such Inspector General considers appropriate regarding the independence and effectiveness of the office of such Inspector General.

“(2) The submittal date for a report under paragraph (1) each year shall be the date provided in section 507 of the National Security Act of 1947.

“(3) In this subsection, the term ‘congressional intelligence committees’ shall have the meaning given that term in section 3 of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 401a).”

2014—Subsec. (a)(1)(B), (C). Pub. L. 113-126, §310(1), (2), added subpar. (B) and redesignated former subpar. (B) as (C). Former subpar. (C) redesignated (D).

Subsec. (a)(1)(D). Pub. L. 113-126, §310(1), (3), redesignated subpar. (C) as (D), substituted “Act, section 17”

for “Act or section 17”, and inserted “, or section 103H(k) of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3033(k))” before period at end.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 113–126, § 603(a)(1), designated existing provisions as par. (1) and added par. (2).

Subsecs. (h), (i). Pub. L. 113–126, § 603(a)(2), (3), added subsec. (h) and redesignated former subsec. (h) as (i).

2010—Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 111–259 added par. (3).

2008—Subsecs. (a)(1)(A), (g)(1). Pub. L. 110–417 substituted “National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency” for “National Imagery and Mapping Agency”.

2002—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 107–306, § 825(1), substituted “subsections (a) through (e)” for “this section”.

Subsecs. (g), (h). Pub. L. 107–306, § 825(2), (3), added subsec. (g) and redesignated former subsec. (g) as (h).

2001—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 107–108, § 309(b)(1), substituted “Upon making such a determination, the Inspector General shall transmit to the head of the establishment notice of that determination, together with the complaint or information.” for “If the Inspector General determines that the complaint or information appears credible, the Inspector General shall, before the end of such period, transmit the complaint or information to the head of the establishment.”

Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 107–108, § 309(b)(2), substituted “does not find credible under subsection (b) a complaint or information submitted to the Inspector General under subsection (a), or does not transmit the complaint or information to the head of the establishment in accurate form under subsection (b),” for “does not transmit, or does not transmit in an accurate form, the complaint or information described in subsection (b),”.

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CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS

Pub. L. 105–272, title VII, § 701(b), Oct. 20, 1998, 112 Stat. 2413, provided that: “The Congress finds that—

“(1) national security is a shared responsibility, requiring joint efforts and mutual respect by Congress and the President;

“(2) the principles of comity between the branches of Government apply to the handling of national security information;

“(3) Congress, as a co-equal branch of Government, is empowered by the Constitution to serve as a check on the executive branch; in that capacity, it has a ‘need to know’ of allegations of wrongdoing within the executive branch, including allegations of wrongdoing in the Intelligence Community;

“(4) no basis in law exists for requiring prior authorization of disclosures to the intelligence committees of Congress by employees of the executive branch of classified information about wrongdoing within the Intelligence Community;

“(5) the risk of reprisal perceived by employees and contractors of the Intelligence Community for reporting serious or flagrant problems to Congress may have impaired the flow of information needed by the intelligence committees to carry out oversight responsibilities; and

“(6) to encourage such reporting, an additional procedure should be established that provides a means for such employees and contractors to report to Congress while safeguarding the classified information involved in such reporting.”

§ 8I. Special provisions concerning the Department of Homeland Security

(a)(1) Notwithstanding the last two sentences of section 3(a), the Inspector General of the Department of Homeland Security shall be under the authority, direction, and control of the Secretary of Homeland Security with respect to audits or investigations, or the issuance of subpoenas, that require access to sensitive information concerning—

(A) intelligence, counterintelligence, or counterterrorism matters;

(B) ongoing criminal investigations or proceedings;

(C) undercover operations;

(D) the identity of confidential sources, including protected witnesses;

(E) other matters the disclosure of which would, in the Secretary’s judgment, constitute a serious threat to the protection of any person or property authorized protection by section 3056 of title 18, United States Code, section 3056A of title 18 of such Code, or any provision of the Presidential Protection Assistance Act of 1976 (18 U.S.C. 3056 note); or

(F) other matters the disclosure of which would constitute a serious threat to national security.

(2) With respect to the information described in paragraph (1), the Secretary of Homeland Security may prohibit the Inspector General of the Department of Homeland Security from carrying out or completing any audit or investigation, from accessing information described in paragraph (1), or from issuing any subpoena, after such Inspector General has decided to initiate, carry out, or complete such audit or investigation, access such information, or to issue such subpoena, if the Secretary determines that such prohibition is necessary to prevent the disclosure of any information described in paragraph (1), to preserve the national security, or to prevent a significant impairment to the interests of the United States.

(3) If the Secretary of Homeland Security exercises any power under paragraph (1) or (2), the Secretary shall notify the Inspector General of the Department of Homeland Security in writing within seven days stating the reasons for such exercise. Within 30 days after receipt of any such notice, the Inspector General shall transmit to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and appropriate committees and subcommittees of Congress the following:

(A) A copy of such notice.

(B) A written response to such notice that includes a statement regarding whether the Inspector General agrees or disagrees with such exercise, and the reasons for any disagreement.

(b) The exercise of authority by the Secretary described in paragraph (2)¹ should not be construed as limiting the right of Congress or any committee of Congress to access any information it seeks.

(c) Subject to the conditions established in subsections (a) and (b) above, in carrying out the duties and responsibilities specified in this Act, the Inspector General of the Department of Homeland Security may initiate, conduct, and supervise such audits and investigations in the Department of Homeland Security as the Inspector General considers appropriate.

(d) Any report required to be transmitted by the Secretary of Homeland Security to the appropriate committees or subcommittees of Congress under section 5(d) shall be transmitted, within the seven-day period specified under such section, to the President of the Senate, the

¹ So in original.

Speaker of the House of Representatives, and appropriate committees and subcommittees of Congress.

(e) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in carrying out the duties and responsibilities specified in this Act, the Inspector General of the Department of Homeland Security shall have oversight responsibility for the internal investigations performed by the Office of Internal Affairs of the United States Customs Service, the Office of Inspections of the United States Secret Service, the Bureau of Border Security, and the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services. The head of each such office or bureau shall promptly report to the Inspector General the significant activities being carried out by such office or bureau.

(f)(1) The Inspector General of the Department of Homeland Security shall designate a senior official within the Office of Inspector General, who shall be a career member of the civil service at the equivalent to the GS-15 level or a career member of the Senior Executive Service, to perform the functions described in paragraph (2).

(2) The senior official designated under paragraph (1) shall—

(A) coordinate the activities of the Office of Inspector General with respect to investigations of abuses of civil rights or civil liberties;

(B) receive and review complaints and information from any source alleging abuses of civil rights and civil liberties by employees or officials of the Department and employees or officials of independent contractors or grantees of the Department;

(C) initiate investigations of alleged abuses of civil rights or civil liberties by employees or officials of the Department and employees or officials of independent contractors or grantees of the Department;

(D) ensure that personnel within the Office of Inspector General receive sufficient training to conduct effective civil rights and civil liberties investigations;

(E) consult with the Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties regarding—

(i) alleged abuses of civil rights or civil liberties; and

(ii) any policy recommendations regarding civil rights and civil liberties that may be founded upon an investigation by the Office of Inspector General;

(F) provide the Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties with information regarding the outcome of investigations of alleged abuses of civil rights and civil liberties;

(G) refer civil rights and civil liberties matters that the Inspector General decides not to investigate to the Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties;

(H) ensure that the Office of the Inspector General publicizes and provides convenient public access to information regarding—

(i) the procedure to file complaints or comments concerning civil rights and civil liberties matters; and

(ii) the status of corrective actions taken by the Department in response to Office of the Inspector General reports; and

(I) inform the Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties of any weaknesses, problems,

and deficiencies within the Department relating to civil rights or civil liberties.

(Pub. L. 95-452, § 8I, as added Pub. L. 108-7, div. L, § 104(b)(3), Feb. 20, 2003, 117 Stat. 529; amended Pub. L. 108-458, title VIII, § 8304, Dec. 17, 2004, 118 Stat. 3868; Pub. L. 109-177, title VI, § 605(e)(4), Mar. 9, 2006, 120 Stat. 255; Pub. L. 114-317, § 6(5), Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1604.)

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REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Presidential Protection Assistance Act of 1976, referred to in subsec. (a)(1)(E), is Pub. L. 94-524, Oct. 17, 1976, 90 Stat. 2475, as amended, which enacted and amended provisions set out as notes under section 3056 of Title 18, Crimes and Criminal Procedure. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

GS-15, referred to in subsec. (f)(1), is contained in the General Schedule, which is set out under section 5332 of this title.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 8I of the Inspector General Act of 1978 was renumbered section 8J by Pub. L. 108-7.

AMENDMENTS

2016—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 114-317 inserted “from accessing information described in paragraph (1),” after “completing any audit or investigation,” and “, access such information,” after “complete such audit or investigation”.

2006—Subsec. (a)(1)(E). Pub. L. 109-177 substituted “section 3056A of title 18” for “section 202 of title 3”.

2004—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 108-458 added subsec. (f).

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

REVIEW OF DEPARTMENTAL CONTRACTS AWARDED THROUGH MEANS OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION

Pub. L. 113-6, div. D, title V, § 520(d), Mar. 26, 2013, 127 Stat. 370, provided that: “In addition to the requirements established by subsections (a), (b), and (c) of this section [127 Stat. 369, 370], the Inspector General of the Department of Homeland Security shall review departmental contracts awarded through means other than a full and open competition to assess departmental compliance with applicable laws and regulations: *Provided*, That the Inspector General shall review selected contracts awarded in the previous 3 fiscal years through means other than a full and open competition: *Provided further*, That in selecting which contracts to review, the Inspector General shall consider the cost and complexity of the goods and services to be provided under the contract, the criticality of the contract to fulfilling Department missions, past performance problems on similar contracts or by the selected vendor, complaints received about the award process or contractor performance, and such other factors as the Inspector General deems relevant: *Provided further*, That the Inspector General shall report the results of the reviews to the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives no later than February 4, 2015, and every 3 years thereafter.”

REPORT ON DATA COLLECTION

Pub. L. 110-329, div. D, title V, § 518(b), Sept. 30, 2008, 122 Stat. 3684, provided that: “The Inspector General shall provide to the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives, starting six months after the date of enactment of this Act [Sept. 30, 2008], and quarterly thereafter, a classified report containing a review of the data collected by the National Applications Office, including a description of the collection purposes and the legal authority under which the collection activities were authorized: *Pro-*

vided, That the report shall also include a listing of all data collection activities carried out on behalf of the National Applications Office by any component of the National Guard.”

§ 8J. Rule of construction of special provisions

The special provisions under section 8, 8A, 8B, 8C, 8D, 8E, 8F, 8H, or 8N of this Act relate only to the establishment named in such section and no inference shall be drawn from the presence or absence of a provision in any such section with respect to an establishment not named in such section or with respect to a designated Federal entity as defined under section 8G(a).

(Pub. L. 95-452, § 8J, formerly § 8F, as added Pub. L. 100-504, title I, § 105, Oct. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 2525; renumbered § 8G and amended Pub. L. 103-82, title II, § 202(g)(1), (5)(B), Sept. 21, 1993, 107 Stat. 889, 890; renumbered § 8H, Pub. L. 104-208, div. A, title I, § 101(f) [title VI, § 662(b)(3)], Sept. 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 3009-314, 3009-380; Pub. L. 105-206, title I, § 1103(e)(3), July 22, 1998, 112 Stat. 709; renumbered § 8I and amended Pub. L. 105-272, title VII, § 702(b), Oct. 20, 1998, 112 Stat. 2415; renumbered § 8J, Pub. L. 108-7, div. L, § 104(b)(2), Feb. 20, 2003, 117 Stat. 529; Pub. L. 114-317, § 6(6), Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1604.)

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CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 105-206, § 1103(e)(3)(A), which directed that this section be renumbered as 8H, could not be executed because of a prior renumbering by Pub. L. 104-208.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 8J of the Inspector General Act of 1978, Pub. L. 95-452, § 8J, as added Pub. L. 107-296, title VIII, § 811(e), Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2221, related to special provisions concerning the Department of Homeland Security, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 108-7, div. L, § 104(b)(1), Feb. 20, 2003, 117 Stat. 529.

AMENDMENTS

2016—Pub. L. 114-317 substituted “8H, or 8N” for “or 8H”.

1998—Pub. L. 105-272, § 702(b)(2), which directed the amendment of this section by substituting “8E, or 8H” for “or 8E”, was executed by substituting “, 8F, or 8H” for “or 8F”, to reflect the probable intent of Congress and the amendment by Pub. L. 105-206, § 1103(e)(3)(B). See below.

Pub. L. 105-206, § 1103(e)(3)(C), substituted “section 8G(a)” for “section 8F(a)”.

Pub. L. 105-206, § 1103(e)(3)(B), substituted “8E or 8F” for “or 8E”.

1993—Pub. L. 103-82, § 202(g)(5)(B), substituted “8D, or 8E” for “or 8D” and “section 8F(a)” for “section 8E(a)”.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1993 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 202(g)(5)(B) of Pub. L. 103-82 effective Oct. 1, 1993, see section 202(i) of Pub. L. 103-82, set out as an Effective Date note under section 12651 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective 180 days after Oct. 18, 1988, see section 113 of Pub. L. 100-504, set out as an Effective Date of 1988 Amendment note under section 5 of Pub. L. 95-452 in this Appendix.

[§ 8K. Repealed. Pub. L. 111-259, title IV, § 405(d), Oct. 7, 2010, 124 Stat. 2719]

Section, Pub. L. 95-452, § 8K, as added Pub. L. 108-458, title I, § 1078, Dec. 17, 2004, 118 Stat. 3695, authorized the

Director of National Intelligence to establish an Office of Inspector General of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

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EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Pub. L. 111-259, title IV, § 405(d), Oct. 7, 2010, 124 Stat. 2719, provided that this section is repealed on the date that the President appoints, with the advice and consent of the Senate, the first individual to serve as Inspector General for the Intelligence Community pursuant to section 3033 of Title 50, War and National Defense, as added by section 405(a) of Pub. L. 111-259, and such individual assumes the duties of the Inspector General. The First Inspector General of the Intelligence Community was confirmed by the Senate on Nov. 7, 2011.

§ 8L. Special Provisions Concerning Overseas Contingency Operations

(a) ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF CHAIR OF COUNCIL OF INSPECTORS GENERAL ON INTEGRITY AND EFFICIENCY.—The Chair of the Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) shall, in consultation with the members of the Council, have the additional responsibilities specified in subsection (b) with respect to the Inspectors General specified in subsection (c) upon the earlier of—

(1) the commencement or designation of a military operation as an overseas contingency operation that exceeds 60 days; or

(2) receipt of a notification under section 113(n) of title 10, United States Code, with respect to an overseas contingency operation.

(b) SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES.—The responsibilities specified in this subsection are the following:

(1) In consultation with the Inspectors General specified in subsection (c), to designate a lead Inspector General in accordance with subsection (d) to discharge the authorities of the lead Inspector General for the overseas contingency operation concerned as set forth in subsection (d).

(2) To resolve conflicts of jurisdiction among the Inspectors General specified in subsection (c) on investigations, inspections, and audits with respect to such contingency operation in accordance with subsection (d)(2)(B).

(3) To assist in identifying for the lead inspector general for such contingency operation, Inspectors General and inspector general office personnel available to assist the lead Inspector General and the other Inspectors General specified in subsection (c) on matters relating to such contingency operation.

(c) INSPECTORS GENERAL.—The Inspectors General specified in this subsection are the Inspectors General as follows:

(1) The Inspector General of the Department of Defense.

(2) The Inspector General of the Department of State.

(3) The Inspector General of the United States Agency for International Development.

(d) LEAD INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR OVERSEAS CONTINGENCY OPERATION.—(1) A lead Inspector General for an overseas contingency operation

shall be designated by the Chair of the Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency under subsection (b)(1) not later than 30 days after the earlier of—

- (A) the commencement or designation of the military operation concerned as an overseas contingency operation that exceeds 60 days; or
- (B) receipt of a notification under section 113(n) of title 10, United States Code, with respect to an overseas contingency operation.

The lead Inspector General for a contingency operation shall be designated from among the Inspectors General specified in subsection (c).

(2) The lead Inspector General for an overseas contingency operation shall have the following responsibilities:

(A) To appoint, from among the offices of the other Inspectors General specified in subsection (c), an Inspector General to act as associate Inspector General for the contingency operation who shall act in a coordinating role to assist the lead Inspector General in the discharge of responsibilities under this subsection.

(B) To develop and carry out, in coordination with the offices of the other Inspectors General specified in subsection (c), a joint strategic plan to conduct comprehensive oversight over all aspects of the contingency operation and to ensure through either joint or individual audits, inspections, and investigations, independent and effective oversight of all programs and operations of the Federal Government in support of the contingency operation.

(C) To review and ascertain the accuracy of information provided by Federal agencies relating to obligations and expenditures, costs of programs and projects, accountability of funds, and the award and execution of major contracts, grants, and agreements in support of the contingency operation.

(D)(i) If none of the Inspectors General specified in subsection (c) has principal jurisdiction over a matter with respect to the contingency operation, to identify and coordinate with the Inspector General who has principal jurisdiction over the matter to ensure effective oversight.

(ii) If more than one of the Inspectors General specified in subsection (c) has jurisdiction over a matter with respect to the contingency operation, to determine principal jurisdiction for discharging oversight responsibilities in accordance with this Act with respect to such matter.

(iii)(I) Upon written request by the Inspector General with principal jurisdiction over a matter with respect to the contingency operation, and with the approval of the lead Inspector General, an Inspector General specified in subsection (c) may provide investigative support or conduct an independent investigation of an allegation of criminal activity by any United States personnel, contractor, subcontractor, grantee, or vendor in the applicable theater of operations.

(II) In the case of a determination by the lead Inspector General that no Inspector General has principal jurisdiction over a matter with respect to the contingency operation, the lead Inspector General may—

- (aa) conduct an independent investigation of an allegation described in subclause (I); or
- (bb) request that an Inspector General specified in subsection (c) conduct such investigation.

(E) To employ, or authorize the employment by the other Inspectors General specified in subsection (c), on a temporary basis using the authorities in section 3161 of title 5, United States Code,¹ (without regard to subsection (b)(2) of such section) such auditors, investigators, and other personnel as the lead Inspector General considers appropriate to assist the lead Inspector General and such other Inspectors General on matters relating to the contingency operation.

(F) To submit to Congress on a bi-annual basis, and to make available on an Internet website available to the public, a report on the activities of the lead Inspector General and the other Inspectors General specified in subsection (c) with respect to the contingency operation, including—

(i) the status and results of investigations, inspections, and audits and of referrals to the Department of Justice; and

(ii) overall plans for the review of the contingency operation by inspectors general, including plans for investigations, inspections, and audits.

(G) To submit to Congress on a quarterly basis, and to make available on an Internet website available to the public, a report on the contingency operation.

(H) To carry out such other responsibilities relating to the coordination and efficient and effective discharge by the Inspectors General specified in subsection (c) of duties relating to the contingency operation as the lead Inspector General shall specify.

(I) To enhance cooperation among Inspectors General and encourage comprehensive oversight of the contingency operation, any Inspector General responsible for conducting oversight of any program or operation performed in support of the contingency operation may, to the maximum extent practicable and consistent with the duties, responsibilities, policies, and procedures of such Inspector General—

(i) coordinate such oversight activities with the lead Inspector General; and

(ii) provide information requested by the lead Inspector General relating to the responsibilities of the lead Inspector General described in subparagraphs (B), (C), and (G).

(3)(A) The lead Inspector General for an overseas contingency operation may employ, or authorize the employment by the other Inspectors General specified in subsection (c) of, annuitants covered by section 9902(g) of title 5, United States Code, for purposes of assisting the lead Inspector General in discharging responsibilities under this subsection with respect to the contingency operation.

(B) The employment of annuitants under this paragraph shall be subject to the provisions of section 9902(g) of title 5, United States Code, as

¹ So in original. The comma probably should follow "section").

if the lead Inspector General concerned was the Department of Defense.

(C)(i) An annuitant receiving an annuity under the Foreign Service Retirement and Disability System or the Foreign Service Pension System under chapter 8 of title I of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4041 et seq.) who is reemployed under this subsection—

(I) shall continue to receive the annuity; and

(II) shall not be considered a participant for purposes of chapter 8 of title I of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4041 et seq.) or an employee for purposes of subchapter III of chapter 83 or chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code.

(ii) An annuitant described in clause (i) may elect in writing for the reemployment of the annuitant under this subsection to be subject to section 824 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4064). A reemployed annuitant shall make an election under this clause not later than 90 days after the date of the reemployment of the annuitant.

(4) The lead Inspector General for an overseas contingency operation shall discharge the responsibilities for the contingency operation under this subsection in a manner consistent with the authorities and requirements of this Act generally and the authorities and requirements applicable to the Inspectors General specified in subsection (c) under this Act.

(5)(A) A person employed by a lead Inspector General for an overseas contingency operation under this section shall acquire competitive status for appointment to any position in the competitive service for which the employee possesses the required qualifications upon the completion of 2 years of continuous service as an employee under this section.

(B) No person who is first employed as described in subparagraph (A) more than 2 years after the date of the enactment of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 may acquire competitive status under subparagraph (A).

(e) SUNSET FOR PARTICULAR CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS.—The requirements and authorities of this section with respect to an overseas contingency operation shall cease at the end of the first fiscal year after the commencement or designation of the contingency operation in which the total amount appropriated for the contingency operation is less than \$100,000,000.

(f) CONSTRUCTION OF AUTHORITY.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the ability of the Inspectors General specified in subsection (c) to enter into agreements to conduct joint audits, inspections, or investigations in the exercise of their oversight responsibilities in accordance with this Act with respect to overseas contingency operations.

(Pub. L. 95-452, § 8L, as added Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title VIII, § 848(2), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1851; amended Pub. L. 116-92, div. A, title XVII, §§ 1732(b)-1734, Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 1817, 1818.)

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REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Foreign Service Act of 1980, referred to in subsec. (d)(3)(C)(i), is Pub. L. 96-465, Oct. 17, 1980, 94 Stat. 2071.

Chapter 8 of title I of the Act is classified generally to part I (§4041 et seq.) of subchapter VIII of chapter 52 of Title 22, Foreign Relations and Intercourse. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 3901 of Title 22 and Tables.

The date of the enactment of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020, referred to in subsec. (d)(5)(B), is the date of enactment of Pub. L. 116-92, which was approved Dec. 20, 2019.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 8L of the Inspector General Act of 1978 was renumbered section 8M by Pub. L. 112-239.

AMENDMENTS

2019—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 116-92, § 1732(b)(1), substituted “The Chair” for “Upon the commencement or designation of a military operation as an overseas contingency operation that exceeds 60 days, the Chair” and inserted before period at end “upon the earlier of—

“(1) the commencement or designation of a military operation as an overseas contingency operation that exceeds 60 days; or

“(2) receipt of a notification under section 113(n) of title 10, United States Code, with respect to an overseas contingency operation”.

Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 116-92, § 1732(b)(2), substituted “the earlier of—

“(A) the commencement or designation of the military operation concerned as an overseas contingency operation that exceeds 60 days; or

“(B) receipt of a notification under section 113(n) of title 10, United States Code, with respect to an overseas contingency operation”

for “the commencement or designation of the military operation concerned as an overseas contingency operation that exceeds 60 days”.

Subsec. (d)(2)(D)(i). Pub. L. 116-92, § 1733(1)(A), substituted “to identify and coordinate with the Inspector General who has principal jurisdiction over the matter to ensure effective oversight” for “to exercise responsibility for discharging oversight responsibilities in accordance with this Act with respect to such matter”.

Subsec. (d)(2)(D)(iii). Pub. L. 116-92, § 1733(1)(B), added cl. (iii).

Subsec. (d)(2)(E). Pub. L. 116-92, § 1734(1), inserted “(without regard to subsection (b)(2) of such section)” after “United States Code.”

Subsec. (d)(2)(I). Pub. L. 116-92, § 1733(2), added subpar. (I).

Subsec. (d)(3)(C). Pub. L. 116-92, § 1734(2), amended subpar. (C) generally. Prior to amendment, subpar. (C) read as follows: “The period of employment of an annuitant under this paragraph may not exceed three years, except that the period may be extended for up to an additional two years in accordance with the regulations prescribed pursuant to section 3161(b)(2) of title 5, United States Code.”

Subsec. (d)(5). Pub. L. 116-92, § 1734(3), added par. (5).

§ 8M. Information on websites of Offices of Inspectors General

(a) DIRECT LINKS TO INSPECTORS GENERAL OFFICES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Each Federal agency and designated Federal entity shall establish and maintain on the homepage of the website of that Federal agency or designated Federal entity, a direct link to the website of the Office of the Inspector General of that Federal agency or designated Federal entity.

(2) ACCESSIBILITY.—The direct link under paragraph (1) shall be obvious and facilitate accessibility to the website of the Office of the Inspector General.

(b) REQUIREMENTS FOR INSPECTORS GENERAL WEBSITES.—

(1) **POSTING OF REPORTS AND AUDITS.**—The Inspector General of each Federal agency and designated Federal entity shall—

(A) not later than 3 days after any audit report, inspection report, or evaluation report (or portion of any such report) is submitted in final form to the head of the Federal agency or the head of the designated Federal entity, as applicable, post that report (or portion of that report) on the website of the Office of Inspector General; and

(B) ensure that any posted report (or portion of that report) described under subparagraph (A)—

(i) is easily accessible from a direct link on the homepage of the website of the Office of the Inspector General;

(ii) includes a summary of the findings of the Inspector General; and

(iii) is in a format that—

(I) is searchable and downloadable; and
(II) facilitates printing by individuals of the public accessing the website.

(2) **REPORTING OF FRAUD, WASTE, AND ABUSE.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The Inspector General of each Federal agency and designated Federal entity shall establish and maintain a direct link on the homepage of the website of the Office of the Inspector General for individuals to report fraud, waste, and abuse. Individuals reporting fraud, waste, or abuse using the direct link established under this paragraph shall not be required to provide personally identifying information relating to that individual.

(B) **ANONYMITY.**—The Inspector General of each Federal agency and designated Federal entity shall not disclose the identity of any individual making a report under this paragraph without the consent of the individual unless the Inspector General determines that such a disclosure is unavoidable during the course of the investigation.

(3) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as authorizing an Inspector General to publicly disclose information otherwise prohibited from disclosure by law.

(c) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section, the terms “designated Federal entity” and “head of the designated Federal entity” have the meanings given those terms in section 8G(a).

(Pub. L. 95–452, § 8M, formerly § 8L, as added Pub. L. 110–409, § 13(a), Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4315; renumbered § 8M, Pub. L. 112–239, div. A, title VIII, § 848(1), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1851; amended Pub. L. 114–317, §§ 4(e), 7(b)(1)(A), (c), Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1602, 1605, 1606.)

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AMENDMENTS

2016—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 114–317, § 7(b)(1)(A)(i), substituted “Each Federal agency and designated Federal entity” for “Each agency” and substituted “that Federal agency or designated Federal entity” for “that agency” in two places.

Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 114–317, § 7(c), substituted “audit report, inspection report, or evaluation report

(or portion of any such report)” for “report or audit (or portion of any report or audit)” in subpar. (A) and “report (or portion of that report)” for “report or audit (or portion of that report or audit)” in subpars. (A) and (B).

Pub. L. 114–317, § 7(b)(1)(A)(ii)(I), substituted “agency” for “Federal agency and designated Federal entity” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (b)(1)(A). Pub. L. 114–317, § 4(e)(1), substituted “is submitted in final form to the head of the Federal agency or the head of the designated Federal entity, as applicable” for “is made publicly available”.

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 114–317, § 7(b)(1)(A)(ii)(II), substituted “Federal agency and designated Federal entity” for “agency” in subpars. (A) and (B).

Subsec. (b)(3). Pub. L. 114–317, § 4(e)(2), added par. (3).

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 114–317, § 7(b)(1)(A)(iii), added subsec. (c).

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EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2016 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 114–317, § 7(b)(2), Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1605, provided that: “The amendments made by paragraph (1) [amending this section and section 11 of Pub. L. 95–452, set out in this Appendix] shall take effect on the date that is 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act [Dec. 16, 2016].”

IMPLEMENTATION

Pub. L. 110–409, § 13(c), Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4316, provided that: “Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act [Oct. 14, 2008], the head of each agency and the Inspector General of each agency shall implement the amendment made by this section [enacting this section and amending provisions set out as a note under section 6 of Pub. L. 95–452, set out in this Appendix].”

LINKS TO WEBSITES OF OFFICES OF INSPECTORS GENERAL

Pub. L. 111–8, div. D, title VII, § 744, Mar. 11, 2009, 123 Stat. 693, which required links on agency websites to the websites of offices of their inspectors general and set forth various requirements on those inspector general websites for public access and anonymous reporting, was repealed by Pub. L. 114–317, § 7(a)(2), Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1605.

Similar provisions requiring certain departments, agencies, and commissions to establish and maintain on the homepages of their websites links to the offices of their inspectors general and/or mechanisms for anonymous reporting of waste, fraud, and abuse were contained in the following appropriation acts:

Pub. L. 113–6, div. B, title V, § 524, Mar. 26, 2013, 127 Stat. 275.

Pub. L. 112–55, div. B, title V, § 526, Nov. 18, 2011, 125 Stat. 636.

Pub. L. 111–117, div. B, title V, § 526, Dec. 16, 2009, 123 Stat. 3154.

Pub. L. 111–8, div. B, title V, § 526, Mar. 11, 2009, 123 Stat. 599.

Pub. L. 110–161, div. B, title V, § 534, Dec. 26, 2007, 121 Stat. 1932.

Pub. L. 110–161, div. D, title VII, § 746, Dec. 26, 2007, 121 Stat. 2034, as amended by Pub. L. 110–409, § 13(b), Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4316.

Pub. L. 110–161, div. E, title V, § 555, Dec. 26, 2007, 121 Stat. 2082.

Pub. L. 110–161, div. G, title V, § 522, Dec. 26, 2007, 121 Stat. 2211.

Pub. L. 110–161, div. I, title II, § 226, Dec. 26, 2007, 121 Stat. 2272.

Pub. L. 110–161, div. J, title I, § 115, Dec. 26, 2007, 121 Stat. 2288.

Pub. L. 110–161, div. K, title I, § 195, Dec. 26, 2007, 121 Stat. 2408.

Pub. L. 110–161, div. K, title II, § 234, Dec. 26, 2007, 121 Stat. 2439.

Pub. L. 110–116, div. A, title VIII, § 8121, Nov. 13, 2007, 121 Stat. 1341.

§ 8N. Additional provisions with respect to the Department of Energy

(a) The Secretary of Energy may prohibit the Inspector General of the Department of Energy from accessing Restricted Data and nuclear safeguards information protected from disclosure under chapter 12 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2161 et seq.) and intelligence or counterintelligence, as defined in section 3 of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003), if the Secretary of Energy determines that the prohibition is necessary to protect the national security or prevent the significant impairment to the national security interests of the United States.

(b) Not later than 7 days after the date on which the Secretary of Energy exercises any power authorized under subsection (a), the Secretary shall notify the Inspector General of the Department of Energy in writing the reasons for such exercise. Within 30 days after receipt of any such notice, the Inspector General of the Department of Energy shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a statement concerning such exercise.

(Pub. L. 95-452, § 8N, as added Pub. L. 114-317, § 6(7), Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1604.)

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REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Atomic Energy Act of 1954, referred to in subsection (a), is act Aug. 1, 1946, ch. 724, as added by act Aug. 30, 1954, ch. 1073, § 1, 68 Stat. 919. Chapter 12 of the Act is classified generally to subchapter XI (§ 2161 et seq.) of chapter 23 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 2011 of Title 42 and Tables.

§ 9. Transfer of functions

(a) There shall be transferred—

(1) to the Office of Inspector General—

(A) of the Department of Agriculture, the offices of that department referred to as the “Office of Investigation” and the “Office of Audit”;

(B) of the Department of Commerce, the offices of that department referred to as the “Office of Audits” and the “Investigations and Inspections Staff” and that portion of the office referred to as the “Office of Investigations and Security” which has responsibility for investigation of alleged criminal violations and program abuse;

(C) of the Department of Defense, the offices of that department referred to as the “Defense Audit Service” and the “Office of Inspector General, Defense Logistics Agency”, and that portion of the office of that department referred to as the “Defense Investigative Service” which has responsibility for the investigation of alleged criminal violations;

(D) of the Department of Education, all functions of the Inspector General of Health, Education, and Welfare or of the Office of Inspector General of Health, Education, and Welfare relating to functions transferred by section 301 of the Department of Education Organization Act [20 U.S.C. 3441];

(E) of the Department of Energy, the Office of Inspector General (as established by section 208 of the Department of Energy Organization Act);

(F) of the Department of Health and Human Services, the Office of Inspector General (as established by title II of Public Law 94-505);

(G) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the office of that department referred to as the “Office of Inspector General”;

(H) of the Department of the Interior, the office of that department referred to as the “Office of Audit and Investigation”;

(I) of the Department of Justice, the offices of that Department referred to as (i) the “Audit Staff, Justice Management Division”, (ii) the “Policy and Procedures Branch, Office of the Comptroller, Immigration and Naturalization Service”, the “Office of Professional Responsibility, Immigration and Naturalization Service”, and the “Office of Program Inspections, Immigration and Naturalization Service”, (iii) the “Office of Internal Inspection, United States Marshals Service”, (iv) the “Financial Audit Section, Office of Financial Management, Bureau of Prisons” and the “Office of Inspections, Bureau of Prisons”, and (v) from the Drug Enforcement Administration, that portion of the “Office of Inspections” which is engaged in internal audit activities, and that portion of the “Office of Planning and Evaluation” which is engaged in program review activities;

(J) of the Department of Labor, the office of that department referred to as the “Office of Special Investigations”;

(K) of the Department of Transportation, the offices of that department referred to as the “Office of Investigations and Security” and the “Office of Audit” of the Department, the “Offices of Investigations and Security, Federal Aviation Administration”, and “External Audit Divisions, Federal Aviation Administration”, the “Investigations Division and the External Audit Division of the Office of Program Review and Investigation, Federal Highway Administration”, and the “Office of Program Audits, Urban Mass Transportation Administration”;

(L)(i) of the Department of the Treasury, the office of that department referred to as the “Office of Inspector General”, and, notwithstanding any other provision of law, that portion of each of the offices of that department referred to as the “Office of Internal Affairs, Tax and Trade Bureau”, the “Office of Internal Affairs, United States Customs Service”, and the “Office of Inspections, United States Secret Service” which is engaged in internal audit activities; and

(ii) of the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, effective 180 days after the date of the enactment of the Internal Revenue Service Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998 [July 22, 1998], the Office of Chief Inspector of the Internal Revenue Service;

(M) of the Environmental Protection Agency, the offices of that agency referred

to as the “Office of Audit” and the “Security and Inspection Division”;

(N) of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the office of that agency referred to as the “Office of Inspector General”;

(O) of the General Services Administration, the offices of that agency referred to as the “Office of Audits” and the “Office of Investigations”;

(P) of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the offices of that agency referred to as the “Management Audit Office” and the “Office of Inspections and Security”;

(Q) of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the office of that commission referred to as the “Office of Inspector and Auditor”;

(R) of the Office of Personnel Management, the offices of that agency referred to as the “Office of Inspector General”, the “Insurance Audits Division, Retirement and Insurance Group”, and the “Analysis and Evaluation Division, Administration Group”;

(S) of the Railroad Retirement Board, the Office of Inspector General (as established by section 23 of the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974);

(T) of the Small Business Administration, the office of that agency referred to as the “Office of Audits and Investigations”;

(U) of the Veterans’ Administration, the offices of that agency referred to as the “Office of Audits” and the “Office of Investigations”; and¹

(V) of the Corporation for National and Community Service, the Office of Inspector General of ACTION;¹

(W) of the Social Security Administration, the functions of the Inspector General of the Department of Health and Human Services which are transferred to the Social Security Administration by the Social Security Independence and Program Improvements Act of 1994 (other than functions performed pursuant to section 105(a)(2) of such Act), except that such transfers shall be made in accordance with the provisions of such Act and shall not be subject to subsections (b) through (d) of this section; and

(2) to the Office of the Inspector General, such other offices or agencies, or functions, powers, or duties thereof, as the head of the establishment involved may determine are properly related to the functions of the Office and would, if so transferred, further the purposes of this Act,

except that there shall not be transferred to an Inspector General under paragraph (2) program operating responsibilities.

(b) The personnel, assets, liabilities, contracts, property, records, and unexpended balances of appropriations, authorizations, allocations, and other funds employed, held, used, arising from, available or to be made available, of any office or agency the functions, powers, and duties of which are transferred under subsection (a) are hereby transferred to the applicable Office of Inspector General.

¹ So in original. The word “and” at end of subpar. (U) probably should appear at end of subpar. (V).

(c) Personnel transferred pursuant to subsection (b) shall be transferred in accordance with applicable laws and regulations relating to the transfer of functions except that the classification and compensation of such personnel shall not be reduced for one year after such transfer.

(d) In any case where all the functions, powers, and duties of any office or agency are transferred pursuant to this subsection, such office or agency shall lapse. Any person who, on the effective date of this Act [Oct. 1, 1978], held a position compensated in accordance with the General Schedule, and who, without a break in service, is appointed in an Office of Inspector General to a position having duties comparable to those performed immediately preceding such appointment shall continue to be compensated in the new position at not less than the rate provided for the previous position, for the duration of service in the new position.

(Pub. L. 95-452, § 9, Oct. 12, 1978, 92 Stat. 1107; Pub. L. 96-88, title V, § 508(n)(2), Oct. 17, 1979, 93 Stat. 694; Pub. L. 97-252, title XI, § 1117(a)(2), (3), Sept. 8, 1982, 96 Stat. 750; Pub. L. 100-504, title I, § 102(d), Oct. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 2516; Pub. L. 103-82, title II, § 202(g)(3)(A), Sept. 21, 1993, 107 Stat. 890; Pub. L. 103-296, title I, § 108(l)(1), Aug. 15, 1994, 108 Stat. 1488; Pub. L. 105-206, title I, § 1103(c)(1), July 22, 1998, 112 Stat. 708; Pub. L. 107-189, § 22(c), June 14, 2002, 116 Stat. 708; Pub. L. 107-296, title XI, § 1112(a)(2), Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2276.)

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REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 208 of the Department of Energy Organization Act, referred to in subsec. (a)(1)(E), is section 208 of Pub. L. 95-91, title II, Aug. 4, 1977, 91 Stat. 575, as amended, which was classified to section 7138 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, and was repealed by Pub. L. 100-504, title I, § 102(e)(1)(A), Oct. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 2517.

Title II of Public Law 94-505, referred to in subsec. (a)(1)(F), is title II of Pub. L. 94-505, Oct. 15, 1976, 90 Stat. 2429, which was classified generally to sections 3521 to 3527 of Title 42, and was repealed by Pub. L. 100-504, title I, § 102(e)(2), Oct. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 2517.

Section 23 of the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974, referred to in subsec. (a)(1)(S), is section 23 of act Aug. 29, 1935, ch. 812, as added, which was classified to section 231v of Title 45, Railroads, and was repealed by Pub. L. 100-504, title I, § 102(e)(3), Oct. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 2517.

The Social Security Independence and Program Improvements Act of 1994, referred to in subsec. (a)(1)(W), is Pub. L. 103-296, Aug. 15, 1995, 108 Stat. 1464. Section 105(a)(2) of the Act is set out as a note under section 901 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title of 1994 Amendment note set out under section 1305 of Title 42 and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

2002—Subsec. (a)(1)(L)(i). Pub. L. 107-296 substituted “Tax and Trade Bureau” for “Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms”.

Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 107-189 inserted “to the Office of the Inspector General,” before “such other offices or agencies”.

1998—Subsec. (a)(1)(L). Pub. L. 105-206 designated existing provisions as cl. (i), inserted “and” at end, and added cl. (ii).

1994—Subsec. (a)(1)(W). Pub. L. 103-296 added subpar. (W).

1993—Subsec. (a)(1)(V). Pub. L. 103-82 added subpar. (V).

1988—Subsec. (a)(1)(E), (F). Pub. L. 100-504, § 102(d)(7), added subpars. (E) and (F). Former subpars. (E) and (F) redesignated (G) and (H), respectively.

Subsec. (a)(1)(G), (H). Pub. L. 100-504, § 102(d)(2), redesignated subpars. (E) and (F) as (G) and (H), respectively. Former subpars. (G) and (H) redesignated (J) and (K), respectively.

Subsec. (a)(1)(I). Pub. L. 100-504, § 102(d)(1), (8), added subpar. (I) and struck out former subpar. (I) which provided for transfer to Office of Inspector General of Community Services Administration, offices of that agency referred to as “Inspections Division”, “External Audit Division”, and “Internal Audit Division”.

Subsec. (a)(1)(J), (K). Pub. L. 100-504, § 102(d)(3), redesignated subpars. (G) and (H) as (J) and (K), respectively. Former subpars. (J) and (K) redesignated (M) and (O), respectively.

Subsec. (a)(1)(L). Pub. L. 100-504, § 102(d)(9), added subpar. (L). Former subpar. (L) redesignated (P).

Subsec. (a)(1)(M). Pub. L. 100-504, § 102(d)(4), redesignated subpar. (J) as (M). Former subpar. (M) redesignated (T).

Subsec. (a)(1)(N). Pub. L. 100-504, § 102(d)(10), added subpar. (N). Former subpar. (N) redesignated (U).

Subsec. (a)(1)(O), (P). Pub. L. 100-504, § 102(d)(5), redesignated subpars. (K) and (L) as (O) and (P), respectively.

Subsec. (a)(1)(Q) to (S). Pub. L. 100-504, § 102(d)(11), added subpars. (Q) to (S).

Subsec. (a)(1)(T), (U). Pub. L. 100-504, § 102(d)(6), redesignated subpars. (M) and (N) as (T) and (U), respectively.

1982—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 97-252 added subpar. (C) and redesignated former subpars. (C) to (M) as (D) to (N), respectively.

1979—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 96-88 added subpar. (C) and redesignated former subpars. (C) to (L) as (D) to (M), respectively.

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CHANGE OF NAME

Reference to Urban Mass Transportation Administration deemed to refer to Federal Transit Administration pursuant to section 3004(b) of Pub. L. 102-240, set out as a note under section 107 of Title 49, Transportation.

Reference to Veterans' Administration deemed to refer to Department of Veterans Affairs pursuant to section 10 of Pub. L. 100-527, set out as a Department of Veterans Affairs Act note under section 301 of Title 38, Veterans' Benefits.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2002 AMENDMENTS

Amendment by Pub. L. 107-296 effective 60 days after Nov. 25, 2002, see section 4 of Pub. L. 107-296, set out as an Effective Date note under section 101 of Title 6, Domestic Security.

Amendment by Pub. L. 107-189 effective Oct. 1, 2002, see section 22(e) of Pub. L. 107-189, set out as a note under section 5315 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1994 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 103-296 effective Mar. 31, 1995, see section 110(a) of Pub. L. 103-296, set out as a note under section 401 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1993 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 103-82, title II, § 202(g)(3)(B), Sept. 21, 1993, 107 Stat. 890, provided that: “This paragraph [amending this section] shall take effect on the effective date of section 203(c)(2).” [Section 203(c)(2) of Pub. L. 103-82 is effective 18 months after Sept. 21, 1993, or on such earlier date as the President shall determine to be appropriate and announce by proclamation in the Federal Register, see section 203(d) of Pub. L. 103-82, set out as a note under section 12651 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare.]

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-504 effective 180 days after Oct. 18, 1988, see section 113 of Pub. L. 100-504, set out as a note under section 5 of Pub. L. 95-452 in this Appendix.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1979 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 96-88 effective May 4, 1980, with specified exceptions, see section 601 of Pub. L. 96-88, set out as an Effective Date note under section 3401 of Title 20, Education.

ABOLITION OF IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE AND TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For abolition of Immigration and Naturalization Service, transfer of functions, and treatment of related references, see note set out under section 1551 of Title 8, Aliens and Nationality.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of functions, personnel, assets, and liabilities of the United States Customs Service of the Department of the Treasury, including functions of the Secretary of the Treasury relating thereto, to the Secretary of Homeland Security, and for treatment of related references, see sections 203(1), 551(d), 552(d), and 557 of Title 6, Domestic Security, and the Department of Homeland Security Reorganization Plan of November 25, 2002, as modified, set out as a note under section 542 of Title 6. For establishment of U.S. Customs and Border Protection in the Department of Homeland Security, treated as if included in Pub. L. 107-296 as of Nov. 25, 2002, see section 211 of Title 6, as amended generally by Pub. L. 114-125, and section 802(b) of Pub. L. 114-125, set out as a note under section 211 of Title 6.

For transfer of the functions, personnel, assets, and obligations of the United States Secret Service, including the functions of the Secretary of the Treasury relating thereto, to the Secretary of Homeland Security, and for treatment of related references, see sections 381, 551(d), 552(d), and 557 of Title 6, Domestic Security, and the Department of Homeland Security Reorganization Plan of November 25, 2002, as modified, set out as a note under section 542 of Title 6.

For transfer of all functions, personnel, assets, components, authorities, grant programs, and liabilities of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, including the functions of the Under Secretary for Federal Emergency Management relating thereto, to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, see section 315(a)(1) of Title 6, Domestic Security.

For transfer of functions, personnel, assets, and liabilities of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, including the functions of the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency relating thereto, to the Secretary of Homeland Security, and for treatment of related references, see former section 313(1) and sections 551(d), 552(d), and 557 of Title 6, Domestic Security, and the Department of Homeland Security Reorganization Plan of November 25, 2002, as modified, set out as a note under section 542 of Title 6.

TERMINATION OF OFFICE OF CHIEF INSPECTOR

Pub. L. 105-206, title I, § 1103(c)(2), July 22, 1998, 112 Stat. 708, provided that: “Effective upon the transfer of functions under the amendment made by paragraph (1) [amending this section], the Office of Chief Inspector of the Internal Revenue Service is terminated.”

RETENTION OF CERTAIN INTERNAL AUDIT PERSONNEL

Pub. L. 105-206, title I, § 1103(c)(3), July 22, 1998, 112 Stat. 708, provided that: “In making the transfer under the amendment made by paragraph (1) [amending this section], the Commissioner of Internal Revenue shall designate and retain an appropriate number (not in excess of 300) of internal audit full-time equivalent employee positions necessary for management relating to the Internal Revenue Service.”

ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL TRANSFERS

Pub. L. 105-206, title I, §1103(c)(4), July 22, 1998, 112 Stat. 708, provided that: "Effective 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act [July 22, 1998], the Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer 21 full-time equivalent positions from the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of the Treasury to the Office of the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration."

CONTINUATION OF SERVICE OF CERTAIN INSPECTORS GENERAL

Pub. L. 100-504, title I, §102(e)(4), Oct. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 2517, provided that: "Any individual who, on the date of enactment of this Act [Oct. 18, 1988], is serving as the Inspector General of the Department of Energy, the Department of Health and Human Services, or the Railroad Retirement Board, shall continue to serve in such position until such individual dies, resigns, or is removed from office in accordance with section 3(b) of the Inspector General Act of 1978 [section 3(b) of Pub. L. 95-452, set out in this Appendix]."

TRANSFER OF AUDIT PERSONNEL TO INSPECTOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Pub. L. 97-252, title XI, §1117(e), Sept. 8, 1982, 96 Stat. 753, provided that: "In addition to the positions transferred to the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, pursuant to the amendments made by subsection (a) of this section [amending sections 2(1), 9(a)(1), and 11(1) of this Act], the Secretary of Defense shall transfer to the Office of Inspector General of the Department of Defense not less than one hundred additional audit positions. The Inspector General of the Department of Defense shall fill such positions with persons trained to perform contract audits."

§ 10. Omitted**Editorial Notes**

CODIFICATION

Section, Pub. L. 95-452, §10, Oct. 12, 1978, 92 Stat. 1108, amended sections 5315 and 5316 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, and section 3522 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, which amendments have been executed to text.

§ 11. Establishment of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency

(a) ESTABLISHMENT AND MISSION.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established as an independent entity within the executive branch the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (in this section referred to as the "Council").

(2) MISSION.—The mission of the Council shall be to—

(A) address integrity, economy, and effectiveness issues that transcend individual Government agencies; and

(B) increase the professionalism and effectiveness of personnel by developing policies, standards, and approaches to aid in the establishment of a well-trained and highly skilled workforce in the offices of the Inspectors General.

(b) MEMBERSHIP.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Council shall consist of the following members:

(A) All Inspectors General whose offices are established under—

- (i) section 2; or
- (ii) section 8G.

(B) The Inspectors General of the Intelligence Community and the Central Intelligence Agency.

(C) The Controller of the Office of Federal Financial Management.

(D) A senior level official of the Federal Bureau of Investigation designated by the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

(E) The Director of the Office of Government Ethics.

(F) The Special Counsel of the Office of Special Counsel.

(G) The Deputy Director of the Office of Personnel Management.

(H) The Deputy Director for Management of the Office of Management and Budget.

(I) The Inspectors General of the Library of Congress, Capitol Police, Government Publishing Office, Government Accountability Office, and the Architect of the Capitol.

(2) CHAIRPERSON AND EXECUTIVE CHAIRPERSON.—

(A) EXECUTIVE CHAIRPERSON.—The Deputy Director for Management of the Office of Management and Budget shall be the Executive Chairperson of the Council.

(B) CHAIRPERSON.—The Council shall elect 1 of the Inspectors General referred to in paragraph (1)(A) or (B) to act as Chairperson of the Council. The term of office of the Chairperson shall be 2 years.

(3) FUNCTIONS OF CHAIRPERSON AND EXECUTIVE CHAIRPERSON.—

(A) EXECUTIVE CHAIRPERSON.—The Executive Chairperson shall—

(i) preside over meetings of the Council;

(ii) provide to the heads of agencies and entities represented on the Council summary reports of the activities of the Council; and

(iii) provide to the Council such information relating to the agencies and entities represented on the Council as assists the Council in performing its functions.

(B) CHAIRPERSON.—The Chairperson shall—

(i) convene meetings of the Council—

(I) at least 6 times each year;

(II) monthly to the extent possible; and

(III) more frequently at the discretion of the Chairperson;

(ii) carry out the functions and duties of the Council under subsection (c);

(iii) appoint a Vice Chairperson to assist in carrying out the functions of the Council and act in the absence of the Chairperson, from a category of Inspectors General described in subparagraph (A)(i), (A)(ii), or (B) of paragraph (1), other than the category from which the Chairperson was elected;

(iv) make such payments from funds otherwise available to the Council as may be necessary to carry out the functions of the Council;

(v) select, appoint, and employ personnel as needed to carry out the functions of the Council subject to the provisions of title 5, United States Code, governing appoint-

ments in the competitive service, and the provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of such title, relating to classification and General Schedule pay rates;

(vi) to the extent and in such amounts as may be provided in advance by appropriations Acts, made available from the revolving fund established under subsection (c)(3)(B), or as otherwise provided by law, enter into contracts and other arrangements with public agencies and private persons to carry out the functions and duties of the Council;

(vii) establish, in consultation with the members of the Council, such committees as determined by the Chairperson to be necessary and appropriate for the efficient conduct of Council functions; and

(viii) prepare and transmit an annual report on behalf of the Council on the activities of the Council to—

(I) the President;

(II) the appropriate committees of jurisdiction of the Senate and the House of Representatives;

(III) the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate; and

(IV) the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of the House of Representatives.

(c) FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF COUNCIL.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Council shall—

(A) continually identify, review, and discuss areas of weakness and vulnerability in Federal programs and operations with respect to fraud, waste, and abuse;

(B) develop plans for coordinated, Governmentwide activities that address these problems and promote economy and efficiency in Federal programs and operations, including interagency and interentity audit, investigation, inspection, and evaluation programs and projects to deal efficiently and effectively with those problems concerning fraud and waste that exceed the capability or jurisdiction of an individual agency or entity;

(C) develop policies that will aid in the maintenance of a corps of well-trained and highly skilled Office of Inspector General personnel;

(D) maintain an Internet website and other electronic systems for the benefit of all Inspectors General, as the Council determines are necessary or desirable;

(E) maintain 1 or more academies as the Council considers desirable for the professional training of auditors, investigators, inspectors, evaluators, and other personnel of the various offices of Inspector General;

(F) submit recommendations of individuals to the appropriate appointing authority for any appointment to an office of Inspector General described under subsection (b)(1)(A) or (B);

(G) make such reports to Congress as the Chairperson determines are necessary or appropriate;

(H) except for matters coordinated among Inspectors General under section 3033 of title

50, United States Code,¹ receive, review, and mediate any disputes submitted in writing to the Council by an Office of Inspector General regarding an audit, investigation, inspection, evaluation, or project that involves the jurisdiction of more than one Office of Inspector General; and

(I) perform other duties within the authority and jurisdiction of the Council, as appropriate.

(2) ADHERENCE AND PARTICIPATION BY MEMBERS.—To the extent permitted under law, and to the extent not inconsistent with standards established by the Comptroller General of the United States for audits of Federal establishments, organizations, programs, activities, and functions, each member of the Council, as appropriate, shall—

(A) adhere to professional standards developed by the Council; and

(B) participate in the plans, programs, and projects of the Council, except that in the case of a member described under subsection (b)(1)(I), the member shall participate only to the extent requested by the member and approved by the Executive Chairperson and Chairperson.

(3) ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITIES.—

(A) INTERAGENCY FUNDING.—Notwithstanding section 1532 of title 31, United States Code, or any other provision of law prohibiting the interagency funding of activities described under subclause (I), (II), or (III) of clause (i), in the performance of the responsibilities, authorities, and duties of the Council—

(i) the Executive Chairperson may authorize the use of interagency funding for—

(I) Governmentwide training of employees of the Offices of the Inspectors General;

(II) the functions of the Integrity Committee of the Council; and

(III) any other authorized purpose determined by the Council; and

(ii) upon the authorization of the Executive Chairperson, any Federal agency or designated Federal entity (as defined in section 8G(a)) which has a member on the Council shall fund or participate in the funding of such activities.

(B) REVOLVING FUND.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—The Council may—

(I) establish in the Treasury of the United States a revolving fund to be called the Inspectors General Council Fund; or

(II) enter into an arrangement with a department or agency to use an existing revolving fund.

(ii) AMOUNTS IN REVOLVING FUND.—

(I) IN GENERAL.—Amounts transferred to the Council under this subsection shall be deposited in the revolving fund described under clause (i)(I) or (II).

¹ See References in Text note below.

(II) TRAINING.—Any remaining unexpended balances appropriated for or otherwise available to the Inspectors General Criminal Investigator Academy and the Inspectors General Auditor Training Institute shall be transferred to the revolving fund described under clause (i)(I) or (II).

(iii) USE OF REVOLVING FUND.—

(I) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided under subclause (II), amounts in the revolving fund described under clause (i)(I) or (II) may be used to carry out the functions and duties of the Council under this subsection.

(II) TRAINING.—Amounts transferred into the revolving fund described under clause (i)(I) or (II) may be used for the purpose of maintaining any training academy as determined by the Council.

(iv) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Amounts in the revolving fund described under clause (i)(I) or (II) shall remain available to the Council without fiscal year limitation.

(C) SUPERSEDING PROVISIONS.—No provision of law enacted after the date of enactment of this subsection shall be construed to limit or supersede any authority under subparagraph (A) or (B), unless such provision makes specific reference to the authority in that paragraph.²

(4) EXISTING AUTHORITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.—The establishment and operation of the Council shall not affect—

(A) the role of the Department of Justice in law enforcement and litigation;

(B) the authority or responsibilities of any Government agency or entity; and

(C) the authority or responsibilities of individual members of the Council.

(5) ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES RELATING TO WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION.—The Council shall—

(A) facilitate the work of the Whistleblower Protection Coordinators designated under section 3(d)(C);³ and

(B) in consultation with the Office of Special Counsel and Whistleblower Protection Coordinators from the member offices of the Inspector General, develop best practices for coordination and communication in promoting the timely and appropriate handling and consideration of protected disclosures, allegations of reprisal, and general matters regarding the implementation and administration of whistleblower protection laws, in accordance with Federal law.

(d) INTEGRITY COMMITTEE.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Council shall have an Integrity Committee, which shall receive, review, and refer for investigation allegations of wrongdoing that are made against Inspectors General and staff members of the various Offices of Inspector General described under paragraph (4)(C).

(2) MEMBERSHIP.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Integrity Committee shall consist of the following members:

(i) The official of the Federal Bureau of Investigation serving on the Council.

(ii) Four Inspectors General described in subparagraph (A) or (B) of subsection (b)(1) appointed by the Chairperson of the Council, representing both establishments and designated Federal entities (as that term is defined in section 8G(a)).

(iii) The Director of the Office of Government Ethics or the designee of the Director.

(B) CHAIRPERSON.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—The Integrity Committee shall elect one of the Inspectors General referred to in subparagraph (A)(ii) to act as Chairperson of the Integrity Committee.

(ii) TERM.—The term of office of the Chairperson of the Integrity Committee shall be 2 years.

(3) LEGAL ADVISOR.—The Chief of the Public Integrity Section of the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice, or his designee, shall serve as a legal advisor to the Integrity Committee.

(4) REFERRAL OF ALLEGATIONS.—

(A) REQUIREMENT.—An Inspector General shall refer to the Integrity Committee any allegation of wrongdoing against a staff member of the office of that Inspector General, if—

(i) review of the substance of the allegation cannot be assigned to an agency of the executive branch with appropriate jurisdiction over the matter; and

(ii) the Inspector General determines that—

(I) an objective internal investigation of the allegation is not feasible; or

(II) an internal investigation of the allegation may appear not to be objective.

(B) DEFINITION.—In this paragraph the term “staff member” means any employee of an Office of Inspector General who—

(i) reports directly to an Inspector General; or

(ii) is designated by an Inspector General under subparagraph (C).

(C) DESIGNATION OF STAFF MEMBERS.—Each Inspector General shall annually submit to the Chairperson of the Integrity Committee a designation of positions whose holders are staff members for purposes of subparagraph (B).

(5) REVIEW OF ALLEGATIONS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 7 days after the date on which the Integrity Committee receives an allegation of wrongdoing against an Inspector General or against a staff member of an Office of Inspector General described under paragraph (4)(C), the allegation of wrongdoing shall be reviewed and referred to the Department of Justice or the Office of Special Counsel for investigation, or to the Integrity Committee for review, as appropriate, by—

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(i) a representative of the Department of Justice, as designated by the Attorney General;

(ii) a representative of the Office of Special Counsel, as designated by the Special Counsel; and

(iii) a representative of the Integrity Committee, as designated by the Chairperson of the Integrity Committee.

(B) REFERRAL TO THE CHAIRPERSON.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in clause (ii), not later than 30 days after the date on which an allegation of wrongdoing is referred to the Integrity Committee under subparagraph (A), the Integrity Committee shall determine whether to refer the allegation of wrongdoing to the Chairperson of the Integrity Committee to initiate an investigation.

(ii) EXTENSION.—The 30-day period described in clause (i) may be extended for an additional period of 30 days if the Integrity Committee provides written notice to the congressional committees described in paragraph (8)(A)(iii) that includes a detailed, case-specific description of why the additional time is needed to evaluate the allegation of wrongdoing.

(6) AUTHORITY TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGATIONS.—

(A) REQUIREMENT.—The Chairperson of the Integrity Committee shall cause a thorough and timely investigation of each allegation referred under paragraph (5)(B) to be conducted in accordance with this paragraph.

(B) RESOURCES.—At the request of the Chairperson of the Integrity Committee, the head of each agency or entity represented on the Council—

(i) shall provide assistance necessary to the Integrity Committee; and

(ii) may detail employees from that agency or entity to the Integrity Committee, subject to the control and direction of the Chairperson, to conduct an investigation under this subsection.

(7) PROCEDURES FOR INVESTIGATIONS.—

(A) STANDARDS APPLICABLE.—Investigations initiated under this subsection shall be conducted in accordance with the most current Quality Standards for Investigations issued by the Council or by its predecessors (the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency and the Executive Council on Integrity and Efficiency).

(B) ADDITIONAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.—

(i) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Integrity Committee, in conjunction with the Chairperson of the Council, shall establish additional policies and procedures necessary to ensure fairness and consistency in—

(I) determining whether to initiate an investigation;

(II) conducting investigations;

(III) reporting the results of an investigation;

(IV) providing the person who is the subject of an investigation with an opportunity to respond to any Integrity Committee report;

(V) except as provided in clause (ii), ensuring, to the extent possible, that investigations are conducted by Offices of Inspector General of similar size;

(VI) creating a process for rotation of Inspectors General assigned to investigate allegations through the Integrity Committee; and

(VII) creating procedures to avoid conflicts of interest for Integrity Committee investigations.

(ii) EXCEPTION.—The requirement under clause (i)(V) shall not apply to any Office of Inspector General with less than 50 employees who are authorized to conduct audits or investigations.

(iii) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—The Council shall submit a copy of the policies and procedures established under clause (i) to the congressional committees of jurisdiction.

(C) COMPLETION OF INVESTIGATION.—If an allegation of wrongdoing is referred to the Chairperson of the Integrity Committee under paragraph (5)(B), the Chairperson of the Integrity Committee—

(i) shall complete the investigation not later than 150 days after the date on which the Integrity Committee made the referral; and

(ii) if the investigation cannot be completed within the 150-day period described in clause (i), shall—

(I) promptly notify the congressional committees described in paragraph (8)(A)(iii); and

(II) brief the congressional committees described in paragraph (8)(A)(iii) every 30 days regarding the status of the investigation and the general reasons for delay until the investigation is complete.

(D) CONCURRENT INVESTIGATION.—If an allegation of wrongdoing against an Inspector General or a staff member of an Office of Inspector General described under paragraph (4)(C) is referred to the Department of Justice or the Office of Special Counsel under paragraph (5)(A), the Chairperson of the Integrity Committee may conduct any related investigation referred to the Chairperson under paragraph (5)(B) concurrently with the Department of Justice or the Office of Special Counsel, as applicable.

(E) REPORTS.—

(i) INTEGRITY COMMITTEE INVESTIGATIONS.—For each investigation of an allegation of wrongdoing referred to the Chairperson of the Integrity Committee under paragraph (5)(B), the Chairperson of the Integrity Committee shall submit to members of the Integrity Committee and to the Chairperson of the Council a report containing the results of the investigation.

(ii) OTHER INVESTIGATIONS.—For each allegation of wrongdoing referred to the Department of Justice or the Office of Special Counsel under paragraph (5)(A), the Attorney General or the Special Counsel, as applicable, shall submit to the Integrity

Committee a report containing the results of the investigation.

(iii) AVAILABILITY TO CONGRESS.—

(I) IN GENERAL.—The congressional committees described in paragraph (8)(A)(iii) shall have access to any report authored by the Integrity Committee.

(II) MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.—Subject to any other provision of law that would otherwise prohibit disclosure of such information, the Integrity Committee may provide any report authored by the Integrity Committee to any Member of Congress.

(8) ASSESSMENT AND FINAL DISPOSITION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—With respect to any report received under paragraph (7)(E), the Integrity Committee shall—

(i) assess the report;

(ii) forward the report, with the recommendations of the Integrity Committee, including those on disciplinary action, within 30 days (to the maximum extent practicable) after the completion of the investigation, to the Executive Chairperson of the Council and to the President (in the case of a report relating to an Inspector General of an establishment or any employee of that Inspector General) or the head of a designated Federal entity (in the case of a report relating to an Inspector General of such an entity or any employee of that Inspector General) for resolution; and⁴

(iii) submit the report, with the recommendations of the Integrity Committee, to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of the House of Representatives, and other congressional committees of jurisdiction; and

(iv) following the submission of the report under clause (iii) and upon request by any Member of Congress, submit the report, with the recommendations of the Integrity Committee, to that Member.

(B) DISPOSITION.—The Executive Chairperson of the Council shall report to the Integrity Committee the final disposition of the matter, including what action was taken by the President or agency head.

(9) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Council shall submit to Congress and the President by December 31 of each year a report on the activities of the Integrity Committee during the preceding fiscal year, which shall include the following:

(A) The number of allegations received.

(B) The number of allegations referred to the Department of Justice or the Office of Special Counsel, including the number of allegations referred for criminal investigation.

(C) The number of allegations referred to the Chairperson of the Integrity Committee for investigation.

(D) The number of allegations closed without referral.

(E) The date each allegation was received and the date each allegation was finally disposed of.

(F) In the case of allegations referred to the Chairperson of the Integrity Committee, a summary of the status of the investigation of the allegations and, in the case of investigations completed during the preceding fiscal year, a summary of the findings of the investigations.

(G) Other matters that the Council considers appropriate.

(10) REQUESTS FOR MORE INFORMATION.—With respect to paragraphs (8) and (9), the Council shall provide more detailed information about specific allegations upon request from any Member of Congress.

(11) NO RIGHT OR BENEFIT.—This subsection is not intended to create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law by a person against the United States, its agencies, its officers, or any person.

(12) ALLEGATIONS OF WRONGDOING AGAINST SPECIAL COUNSEL OR DEPUTY SPECIAL COUNSEL.—

(A) SPECIAL COUNSEL DEFINED.—In this paragraph, the term “Special Counsel” means the Special Counsel appointed under section 1211(b) of title 5, United States Code.

(B) AUTHORITY OF INTEGRITY COMMITTEE.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—An allegation of wrongdoing against the Special Counsel or the Deputy Special Counsel may be received, reviewed, and referred for investigation to the same extent and in the same manner as in the case of an allegation against an Inspector General or against a staff member of an Office of Inspector General described under paragraph (4)(C), subject to the requirement that the representative designated by the Special Counsel under paragraph (5)(A)(ii) shall recuse himself or herself from the consideration of any allegation brought under this paragraph.

(ii) COORDINATION WITH EXISTING PROVISIONS OF LAW.—This paragraph shall not eliminate access to the Merit Systems Protection Board for review under section 7701 of title 5, United States Code. To the extent that an allegation brought under this paragraph involves section 2302(b)(8) of such title, a failure to obtain corrective action within 120 days after the date on which the allegation is received by the Integrity Committee shall, for purposes of section 1221 of such title, be considered to satisfy section 1214(a)(3)(B) of such title.

(C) REGULATIONS.—The Integrity Committee may prescribe any rules or regulations necessary to carry out this paragraph, subject to such consultation or other requirements as may otherwise apply.

(13) COMMITTEE RECORDS.—The Chairperson of the Council shall maintain the records of the Integrity Committee.

(e) OVERSIGHT.GOV.—

(1) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term “Office of Inspector General” means the Office of—

(A) an Inspector General described in subparagraph (A), (B), or (I) of subsection (b)(1);

(B) the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction established under

⁴So in original. The word “and” probably should not appear.

section 1229 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110-181; 122 Stat. 379);

(C) the Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Plan established under section 121 of title I of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (12 U.S.C. 5231); and

(D) the Special Inspector General for Pandemic Recovery established under section 4018 of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9053).

(2) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Council shall establish and maintain a website entitled “oversight.gov”—

(A) to consolidate all public reports from each Office of Inspector General to improve the access of the public to any audit report, inspection report, or evaluation report (or portion of any such report) made by an Office of Inspector General; and

(B) that shall include any additional resources, information, and enhancements as the Council determines are necessary or desirable.

(3) PARTICIPATION OF OFFICES OF INSPECTORS GENERAL.—Each Office of Inspector General that publishes an audit report, inspection report, or evaluation report (or portion of any such report) on the website of the Office of Inspector General shall, or in the case of the office of an Inspector General described in subparagraph (I) of subsection (b)(1) may, contemporaneously publish the report or portion thereof on oversight.gov in a manner prescribed by the Council.

(Pub. L. 95-452, §11, as added Pub. L. 110-409, §7(a), Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4305; amended Pub. L. 113-235, div. H, title I, §1301(b), Dec. 16, 2014, 128 Stat. 2537; Pub. L. 114-113, div. M, title III, §304, Dec. 18, 2015, 129 Stat. 2913; Pub. L. 114-317, §§3, 7(b)(1)(B), (d)(2)(G), Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1596, 1605, 1606; Pub. L. 115-192, §2(b), June 25, 2018, 132 Stat. 1503; Pub. L. 116-260, div. U, title V, §501(a), Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 2293.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 3033 of title 50, United States Code, referred to in subsec. (c)(1)(H), was so in the original but probably should have been a reference to section 103H of the National Security Act of 1947, act July 26, 1947, ch. 343, which is classified to section 3033 of Title 50, War and National Defense.

The date of enactment of this subsection, referred to in subsec. (c)(3)(C), is the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-409, which was approved Oct. 14, 2008.

Section 1229 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, referred to in subsec. (e)(1)(B), is section 1229 of Pub. L. 110-181, which is set out as a note under section 8G of this Appendix.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 11 of the Inspector General Act of 1978 was renumbered section 12.

AMENDMENTS

2020—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 116-260 added subsec. (e).

2018—Subsec. (c)(5). Pub. L. 115-192 added par. (5).

2016—Subsec. (b)(3)(B)(viii). Pub. L. 114-317, §3(1), amended cl. (viii) generally. Prior to amendment, cl. (viii) read as follows: “prepare and transmit a report

annually on behalf of the Council to the President on the activities of the Council.”

Subsec. (c)(1)(H), (I). Pub. L. 114-317, §3(2), added subpar. (H) and redesignated former subpar. (H) as (I).

Subsec. (c)(3)(A)(ii). Pub. L. 114-317, §7(b)(1)(B), substituted “Federal agency or designated Federal entity (as defined in section 8G(a))” for “department, agency, or entity of the executive branch”.

Subsec. (d)(2). Pub. L. 114-317, §3(3)(A)(i)–(iii), designated existing provisions as subpar. (A) and inserted heading, redesignated former subpars. (A), (B), and (D) as cls. (i), (ii), and (iii), respectively, of subpar. (A) and realigned margins, and struck out subpar. (C) which read as follows: “The Special Counsel of the Office of Special Counsel.”

Subsec. (d)(2)(A)(i). Pub. L. 114-317, §3(3)(A)(iv), struck out “, who shall serve as Chairperson of the Integrity Committee, and maintain the records of the Committee” before period at end.

Subsec. (d)(2)(A)(iii). Pub. L. 114-317, §3(3)(A)(v), inserted “or the designee of the Director” before period at end.

Subsec. (d)(2)(B). Pub. L. 114-317, §3(3)(A)(vi), added subpar. (B). Former subpar. (B) redesignated cl. (ii) of subpar. (A).

Subsec. (d)(5). Pub. L. 114-317, §3(3)(B), amended par. (5) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The Integrity Committee shall—

“(A) review all allegations of wrongdoing the Integrity Committee receives against an Inspector General, or against a staff member of an Office of Inspector General described under paragraph (4)(C);

“(B) refer any allegation of wrongdoing to the agency of the executive branch with appropriate jurisdiction over the matter; and

“(C) refer to the Chairperson of the Integrity Committee any allegation of wrongdoing determined by the Integrity Committee under subparagraph (A) to be potentially meritorious that cannot be referred to an agency under subparagraph (B).”

Subsec. (d)(6)(A). Pub. L. 114-317, §3(3)(C)(i), substituted “paragraph (5)(B)” for “paragraph (5)(C)”.

Subsec. (d)(6)(B)(i). Pub. L. 114-317, §3(3)(C)(ii), substituted “shall provide assistance” for “may provide resources”.

Subsec. (d)(7)(B)(i)(V) to (VII). Pub. L. 114-317, §3(3)(D)(i)(I), added subcls. (V) to (VII).

Subsec. (d)(7)(B)(ii), (iii). Pub. L. 114-317, §3(3)(D)(i)(II), (III), added cl. (ii) and redesignated former cl. (ii) as (iii).

Subsec. (d)(7)(C) to (E). Pub. L. 114-317, §3(3)(D)(ii), (iii), added subpars. (C) to (E) and struck out former subpar. (C) which related to Integrity Committee and agency reports on investigations of allegations of wrongdoing.

Subsec. (d)(8)(A). Pub. L. 114-317, §7(d)(2)(G), substituted “paragraph (7)(E)” for “paragraph (7)(C)” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (d)(8)(A)(iii), (iv). Pub. L. 114-317, §3(3)(E), added cls. (iii) and (iv) and struck out former cl. (iii) which read as follows: “submit to the Committee on Government Oversight and Reform of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate, and other congressional committees of jurisdiction an executive summary of such report and recommendations within 30 days after the submission of such report to the Executive Chairperson under clause (ii).”

Subsec. (d)(9)(B). Pub. L. 114-317, §3(3)(F), substituted “the Department of Justice or the Office of Special Counsel” for “other agencies”.

Subsec. (d)(10). Pub. L. 114-317, §3(3)(G), substituted “any Member of Congress.” for “any of the following:

“(A) The chairperson or ranking member of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate.

“(B) The chairperson or ranking member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of the House of Representatives.

“(C) The chairperson or ranking member of the congressional committees of jurisdiction.”

Subsec. (d)(12), (13). Pub. L. 114-317, §3(3)(H), added pars. (12) and (13).

2015—Subsec. (b)(1)(B). Pub. L. 114-113 substituted “the Intelligence Community” for “the Office of the Director of National Intelligence”.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

CHANGE OF NAME

“Government Publishing Office” substituted for “Government Printing Office” in subsec. (b)(1)(I) on authority of section 1301(b) of Pub. L. 113-235, set out as a note preceding section 301 of Title 44, Public Printing and Documents.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of House of Representatives changed to Committee on Oversight and Reform of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 6, One Hundred Sixteenth Congress, Jan. 9, 2019.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2020 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 116-260, div. U, title V, §501(c), Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 2294, provided that: “This Act [probably means ‘this section’, amending this section] and the amendments made by this Act shall take effect on the date that is 30 days after the date of receipt by the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency of an appropriation for the implementation of this Act.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2016 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 7(b)(1)(B) of Pub. L. 114-317 effective on the date that is 180 days after Dec. 16, 2016, see section 7(b)(2) of Pub. L. 114-317, set out as a note under section 8M of Pub. L. 95-452 in this Appendix.

EFFECTIVE DATE; EXISTING EXECUTIVE ORDERS

Pub. L. 110-409, §7(c), Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4313, as amended by Pub. L. 114-317, §7(d)(1), Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1606, provided that:

“(1) COUNCIL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 14, 2008], the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency established under this section [enacting this section, renumbering former sections 11 and 12 of Pub. L. 95-452, set out in this Appendix, as 12 and 13, respectively, amending sections 2, 4, and 8G of Pub. L. 95-452, set out in this Appendix, and section 1105 of Title 31, Money and Finance, and enacting provisions set out as a note under section 1211 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees] shall become effective and operational.

“(2) EXECUTIVE ORDERS.—Executive Order No. 12805, dated May 11, 1992 [formerly set out under section 501 of Title 31], and Executive Order No. 12993 [formerly set out under section 3 of Pub. L. 95-452 in this Appendix], dated March 21, 1996 (as in effect before the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 14, 2008]) shall have no force or effect on and after the earlier of—

“(A) the date on which the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency becomes effective and operational as determined by the Executive Chairperson of the Council; or

“(B) the last day of the 180-day period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act.”

PANDEMIC RESPONSE ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

Pub. L. 116-136, div. B, title V, §15010, Mar. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 533, as amended by Pub. L. 116-260, div. O, title VIII, §801(b), Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 2155, provided that:

“(a) In this section—

“(1) the term ‘agency’ has the meaning given the term in section 551 of title 5, United States Code;

“(2) the term ‘appropriate congressional committees’ means—

“(A) the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives;

“(B) the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate;

“(C) the Committee on Oversight and Reform of the House of Representatives; and

“(D) any other relevant congressional committee of jurisdiction;

“(3) the term ‘Chairperson’ means the Chairperson of the Committee;

“(4) the term ‘Council’ means the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency established under section 11 of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App);

“(5) the term ‘Committee’ means the Pandemic Response Accountability Committee established under subsection (b);

“(6) the term ‘covered funds’ means any funds, including loans, that are made available in any form to any non-Federal entity, not including an individual, under—

“(A) the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act [Pub. L. 116-136] (divisions A and B) [see Tables for classification];

“(B) the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020 (Public Law 116-123);

“(C) the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (Public Law 116-127);

“(D) the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act (Public Law 116-139) [see Short Title of 2020 Amendment note set out under section 9001 of Title 15, Commerce and Trade]; or

“(E) divisions M and N of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 [Pub. L. 116-260, see Tables for classification]; and

“(7) the term ‘Coronavirus response’ means the Federal Government’s response to the nationwide public health emergency declared by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, retroactive to January 27, 2020, pursuant to section 319 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d), as a result of confirmed cases of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in the United States.

“(b) There is established within the Council the Pandemic Response Accountability Committee to promote transparency and conduct and support oversight of covered funds and the Coronavirus response to—

“(1) prevent and detect fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement; and

“(2) mitigate major risks that cut across program and agency boundaries.

“(c)(1) The Chairperson of the Committee shall be selected by the Chairperson of the Council from among Inspectors General described in subparagraphs (B), (C), and (D) of paragraph (2) with experience managing oversight of large organizations and expenditures.

“(2) The members of the Committee shall include—

“(A) the Chairperson;

“(B) the Inspectors General of the Departments of Defense, Education, Health and Human Services, Homeland Security, Justice, Labor, and the Treasury;

“(C) the Inspector General of the Small Business Administration;

“(D) the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration; and

“(E) any other Inspector General, as designated by the Chairperson from any agency that expends or obligates covered funds or is involved in the Coronavirus response.

“(3)(A) There shall be an Executive Director and a Deputy Executive Director of the Committee.

“(B)(i)(I) Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act [Mar. 27, 2020], the Executive Director of the Committee shall be appointed by the Chairperson of the Council, in consultation with the majority leader of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the minority leader of the Senate, and the minority leader of the House of Representatives.

“(II) Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Deputy Executive Director of the Committee shall be appointed by the Chairperson of the Council, in consultation with the majority leader of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representa-

tives, the minority leader of the Senate, the minority leader of the House of Representatives, and the Executive Director of the Committee.

“(ii) The Executive Director and the Deputy Executive Director of the Committee shall—

“(I) have demonstrated ability in accounting, auditing, and financial analysis;

“(II) have experience managing oversight of large organizations and expenditures; and

“(III) be full-time employees of the Committee.

“(C) The Executive Director of the Committee shall—

“(i) report directly to the Chairperson;

“(ii) appoint staff of the Committee, subject to the approval of the Chairperson, consistent with subsection (f);

“(iii) supervise and coordinate Committee functions and staff; and

“(iv) perform any other duties assigned to the Executive Director by the Committee.

“(4)(A) Members of the Committee may not receive additional compensation for services performed.

“(B) The Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director of the Committee shall be compensated at the rate of basic pay prescribed for level IV of the Executive Schedule under section 5315 of title 5, United States Code.

“(d)(1)(A) The Committee shall conduct and coordinate oversight of covered funds and the Coronavirus response and support Inspectors General in the oversight of covered funds and the Coronavirus response in order to—

“(i) detect and prevent fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement; and

“(ii) identify major risks that cut across programs and agency boundaries.

“(B) The functions of the Committee shall include—

“(i) developing a strategic plan to ensure coordinated, efficient, and effective comprehensive oversight by the Committee and Inspectors General over all aspects of covered funds and the Coronavirus response;

“(ii) auditing or reviewing covered funds, including a comprehensive audit and review of charges made to Federal contracts pursuant to authorities provided in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act [Pub. L. 116-136], to determine whether wasteful spending, poor contract or grant management, or other abuses are occurring and referring matters the Committee considers appropriate for investigation to the Inspector General for the agency that disbursed the covered funds, including conducting randomized audits to identify fraud;

“(iii) reviewing whether the reporting of contracts and grants using covered funds meets applicable standards and specifies the purpose of the contract or grant and measures of performance;

“(iv) reviewing the economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in the administration of, and the detection of fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement in, Coronavirus response programs and operations;

“(v) reviewing whether competition requirements applicable to contracts and grants using covered funds have been satisfied;

“(vi) serving as a liaison to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, the Secretary of the Treasury, and other officials responsible for implementing the Coronavirus response;

“(vii) reviewing whether there are sufficient qualified acquisition, grant, and other applicable personnel overseeing covered funds and the Coronavirus response;

“(viii) reviewing whether personnel whose duties involve the Coronavirus response or acquisitions or grants made with covered funds or are otherwise related to the Coronavirus response receive adequate training, technology support, and other resources;

“(ix) reviewing whether there are appropriate mechanisms for interagency collaboration relating to the oversight of covered funds and the Coronavirus response, including coordinating and collaborating to

the extent practicable with State and local government entities;

“(x) expeditiously reporting to the Attorney General any instance in which the Committee has reasonable grounds to believe there has been a violation of Federal criminal law; and

“(xi) coordinating and supporting Inspectors General on matters related to oversight of covered funds and the Coronavirus response.

“(2)(A)(i) The Committee shall submit to the President and Congress, including the appropriate congressional committees, management alerts on potential management, risk, and funding problems that require immediate attention.

“(ii) The Committee shall submit to Congress such other reports or provide such periodic updates on the work of the Committee as the Committee considers appropriate on the use of covered funds and the Coronavirus response.

“(B) The Committee shall submit biannual reports to the President and Congress, including the appropriate congressional committees, and may submit additional reports as appropriate—

“(i) summarizing the findings of the Committee; and

“(ii) identifying and quantifying the impact of any tax expenditures or credits authorized under this Act to the extent practicable.

“(C)(i) All reports submitted under this paragraph shall be made publicly available and posted on the website established under subsection (g).

“(ii) Any portion of a report submitted under this paragraph may be redacted when made publicly available, if that portion would disclose information that is not subject to disclosure under sections 552 and 552a of title 5, United States Code, or is otherwise prohibited from disclosure by law.

“(3)(A) The Committee shall make recommendations to agencies on measures to prevent or address fraud, waste, abuse and mismanagement, and to mitigate risks that cut across programs and agency boundaries, relating to covered funds and the Coronavirus response.

“(B) Not later than 30 days after receipt of a recommendation under subparagraph (A), an agency shall submit a report to the President and the appropriate congressional committees on—

“(i) whether the agency agrees or disagrees with the recommendations; and

“(ii) any actions the agency will take to implement the recommendations, which shall also be included in the report required under section 2(b) of the GAO-IG Act [Pub. L. 115-414] (31 U.S.C. 1105 note).

“(e)(1) The Committee shall conduct audits and reviews of programs, operations, and expenditures relating to covered funds and the Coronavirus response and coordinate on such activities with the Inspector General of the relevant agency to avoid unnecessary duplication and overlap of work.

“(2) The Committee may—

“(A) conduct its own independent investigations, audits, and reviews relating to covered funds or the Coronavirus response;

“(B) collaborate on audits and reviews relating to covered funds with any Inspector General of an agency; and

“(C) provide support to relevant agency Inspectors General in conducting investigations, audits, and reviews relating to the covered funds and Coronavirus response.

“(3)(A) In conducting and supporting investigations, audits, and reviews under this subsection, the Committee—

“(i) shall have the authorities provided under section 6 of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.);

“(ii) may issue subpoenas to compel the testimony of persons who are not Federal officers or employees; and

“(iii) may enforce such subpoenas in the event of a refusal to obey by order of any appropriate United

States district court as provided for under section 6 of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.).

“(B) The Committee shall carry out the powers under paragraphs (1) and (2) in accordance with section 4(b)(1) of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.).

“(C) Whenever information or assistance requested by the Committee or an Inspector General is unreasonably refused or not provided, the Committee shall immediately report the circumstances to the appropriate congressional committees.

“(D) The Committee shall leverage existing information technology resources within the Council, such as oversight.gov, to carry out the duties of the Committee.

“(4)(A) The Committee may hold public hearings and Committee personnel may conduct necessary inquiries.

“(B) The head of each agency shall make all officers and employees of that agency available to provide testimony to the Committee and Committee personnel.

“(C) The Committee may issue subpoenas to compel the testimony of persons who are not Federal officers or employees at such public hearings, which may be enforced in the same manner as provided for subpoenas under section 6 of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.).

“(5) The Committee may enter into contracts to enable the Committee to discharge its duties, including contracts and other arrangements for audits, studies, analyses, and other services with public agencies and with private persons, and make such payments as may be necessary to carry out the duties of the Committee.

“(6) The Committee may establish subcommittees to facilitate the ability of the Committee to discharge its duties.

“(7) The Committee may transfer funds appropriated to the Committee for expenses to support administrative support services and audits, reviews, or other activities related to oversight by the Committee of covered funds or the Coronavirus response to any Office of the Inspector General or the General Services Administration.

“(f)(1)(A)(i) Subject to subparagraph (B), the Committee may exercise the authorities of subsections (b) through (i) of section 3161 of title 5, United States Code (without regard to subsection (a) of that section) to carry out the functions of the Committee under this section.

“(ii) For purposes of exercising the authorities described under clause (i), the term ‘Chairperson’ shall be substituted for the term ‘head of a temporary organization’.

“(iii) In exercising the authorities described in clause (i), the Chairperson shall consult with members of the Committee.

“(iv) In addition to the authority provided by section 3161(c) of title 5, United States Code, upon the request of an Inspector General, the Committee may detail, on a nonreimbursable basis, any personnel of the Council to that Inspector General to assist in carrying out any audit, review, or investigation pertaining to the oversight of covered funds or the Coronavirus response.

“(B) In exercising the employment authorities under section 3161(b) of title 5, United States Code, as provided under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph—

“(i) section 3161(b)(2) of that title (relating to periods of appointments) shall not apply; and

“(ii) no period of appointment may exceed the date on which the Committee terminates.

“(C)(i) A person employed by the Committee shall acquire competitive status for appointment to any position in the competitive service for which the employee possesses the required qualifications upon the completion of 2 years of continuous service as an employee under this subsection.

“(ii) No person who is first employed as described in clause (i) more than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act may acquire competitive status under clause (i).

“(2)(A) The Committee may employ annuitants covered by section 9902(g) of title 5, United States Code, for

purposes of the oversight of covered funds or the Coronavirus response.

“(B) The employment of annuitants under this paragraph shall be subject to the provisions of section 9902(g) of title 5, United States Code, as if the Committee was the Department of Defense.

“(3) Upon request of the Committee for information or assistance from any agency or other entity of the Federal Government, the head of such entity shall, insofar as is practicable and not in contravention of any existing law, and consistent with section 6 of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.), furnish such information or assistance to the Committee, or an authorized designee, including an Inspector General designated by the Chairperson.

“(4) Any Inspector General responsible for conducting oversight related to covered funds or the Coronavirus response may, consistent with the duties, responsibilities, policies, and procedures of the Inspector General, provide information requested by the Committee or an Inspector General on the Committee relating to the responsibilities of the Committee.

“(g)(1)(A) Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Committee shall establish and maintain a user-friendly, public-facing website to foster greater accountability and transparency in the use of covered funds and the Coronavirus response, which shall have a uniform resource locator that is descriptive and memorable.

“(B) The Committee shall leverage existing information technology and resources, such as oversight.gov, to the greatest extent practicable to meet the requirements under this section.

“(2) The website established and maintained under paragraph (1) shall be a portal or gateway to key information relating to the oversight of covered funds and the Coronavirus response and provide connections to other Government websites with related information.

“(3) In establishing and maintaining the website under paragraph (1), the Committee shall ensure the following:

“(A) The website shall provide materials and information explaining the Coronavirus response and how covered funds are being used. The materials shall be easy to understand and regularly updated.

“(i) [sic; cls. (i) to (xiii) probably should be subpars. (B) to (N)] The website shall provide accountability information, including findings from Inspectors General, including any progress reports, audits, inspections, or other reports, including reports from or links to reports on the website of the Government Accountability Office.

“(ii) The website shall provide data on relevant operational, economic, financial, grant, subgrant, contract, and subcontract information in user-friendly visual presentations to enhance public awareness of the use of covered funds and the Coronavirus response.

“(iii) The website shall provide detailed data on any Federal Government awards that expend covered funds, including a unique trackable identification number for each project, information about the process that was used to award the covered funds, and for any covered funds over \$150,000, a detailed explanation of any associated agreement, where applicable.

“(iv) The website shall include downloadable, machine-readable, open format reports on covered funds obligated by month to each State and congressional district, where applicable.

“(v) The website shall provide a means for the public to give feedback on the performance of any covered funds and of the Coronavirus response, including confidential feedback.

“(vi) The website shall include detailed information on Federal Government awards that expend covered funds, including data elements required under the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 [Pub. L. 109-282] (31 U.S.C. 6101 note), allowing aggregate reporting on awards below \$50,000,

as prescribed by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

“(vii) The website shall provide a link to estimates of the jobs sustained or created by this Act to the extent practicable.

“(viii) The website shall include appropriate links to other government websites with information concerning covered funds and the Coronavirus response, including Federal agency and State websites.

“(ix) The website shall include a plan from each Federal agency for using covered funds.

“(x) The website shall provide information on Federal allocations of mandatory and other entitlement programs by State, county, or other geographical unit related to covered funds or the Coronavirus response.

“(xi) The website shall present the data such that funds subawarded by recipients are not double counted in search results, data visualizations, or other reports.

“(xii) The website shall include all recommendations made to agencies relating to covered funds and the Coronavirus response, as well as the status of each recommendation.

“(xiii) The website shall be enhanced and updated as necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

“(4) The Committee may exclude posting contractual or other information on the website on a case-by-case basis when necessary to protect national security or to protect information that is not subject to disclosure under sections 552 and 552a of title 5, United States Code.

“(h)(1) Nothing in this section shall affect the independent authority of an Inspector General to determine whether to conduct an audit or investigation of covered funds or the Coronavirus response.

“(2) If the Committee requests that an Inspector General of an agency conduct or refrain from conducting an audit or investigation and the Inspector General rejects the request in whole or in part, the Inspector General shall, not later than 30 days after rejecting the request, submit a report to the Committee, the head of the applicable agency, and the appropriate congressional committees, that states the reasons that the Inspector General has rejected the request in whole or in part.

“(i) The Committee shall coordinate its oversight activities with the Comptroller General of the United States and State auditors.

“(j) For the purposes of carrying out the mission of the Committee under this section, there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the duties and functions of the Committee.

“(k) The Committee shall terminate on September 30, 2025.”

[For definition of “coronavirus” as used in section 15010 of Pub. L. 116-136, set out above, see section 23005 of Pub. L. 116-136, set out as a note under section 162b of Title 2, The Congress.]

ADDITIONAL OVERSIGHT OF FINANCIAL REGULATORY SYSTEM

Pub. L. 111-203, title IX, §989E, July 21, 2010, 124 Stat. 1946, provided that:

“(a) COUNCIL OF INSPECTORS GENERAL ON FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT.—

“(1) ESTABLISHMENT AND MEMBERSHIP.—There is established a Council of Inspectors General on Financial Oversight (in this section referred to as the ‘Council of Inspectors General’) chaired by the Inspector General of the Department of the Treasury and composed of the inspectors general of the following:

“(A) The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

“(B) The Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

“(C) The Department of Housing and Urban Development.

“(D) The Department of the Treasury.

“(E) The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

“(F) The Federal Housing Finance Agency.

“(G) The National Credit Union Administration.

“(H) The Securities and Exchange Commission.

“(I) The Troubled Asset Relief Program (until the termination of the authority of the Special Inspector General for such program under section 121(k) of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (12 U.S.C. 5231(k))).

“(2) DUTIES.—

“(A) MEETINGS.—The Council of Inspectors General shall meet not less than once each quarter, or more frequently if the chair considers it appropriate, to facilitate the sharing of information among inspectors general and to discuss the ongoing work of each inspector general who is a member of the Council of Inspectors General, with a focus on concerns that may apply to the broader financial sector and ways to improve financial oversight.

“(B) ANNUAL REPORT.—Each year the Council of Inspectors General shall submit to the Council and to Congress a report including—

“(i) for each inspector general who is a member of the Council of Inspectors General, a section within the exclusive editorial control of such inspector general that highlights the concerns and recommendations of such inspector general in such inspector general’s ongoing and completed work, with a focus on issues that may apply to the broader financial sector; and

“(ii) a summary of the general observations of the Council of Inspectors General based on the views expressed by each inspector general as required by clause (i), with a focus on measures that should be taken to improve financial oversight.

“(3) WORKING GROUPS TO EVALUATE COUNCIL.—

“(A) CONVENING A WORKING GROUP.—The Council of Inspectors General may, by majority vote, convene a Council of Inspectors General Working Group to evaluate the effectiveness and internal operations of the Council.

“(B) PERSONNEL AND RESOURCES.—The inspectors general who are members of the Council of Inspectors General may detail staff and resources to a Council of Inspectors General Working Group established under this paragraph to enable it to carry out its duties.

“(C) REPORTS.—A Council of Inspectors General Working Group established under this paragraph shall submit regular reports to the Council and to Congress on its evaluations pursuant to this paragraph.

“(b) RESPONSE TO REPORT BY COUNCIL.—The Council shall respond to the concerns raised in the report of the Council of Inspectors General under subsection (a)(2)(B) for such year.”

SPECIAL INSPECTORS GENERAL FOR IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN RECONSTRUCTION

Pub. L. 111-15, §7, Apr. 24, 2009, 123 Stat. 1605, provided that: “The Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction and the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction shall be a [sic] members of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency established under section 11 of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) until the date of termination of the Office of the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction and the Office of the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction, respectively.”

§ 12. Definitions

As used in this Act—

(1) the term “head of the establishment” means the Secretary of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Education, Energy, Health

and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, the Interior, Labor, State, Transportation, Homeland Security, or the Treasury; the Attorney General; the Administrator of the Agency for International Development, Environmental Protection, General Services, National Aeronautics and Space, Small Business, or Veterans' Affairs; the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, or the Office of Personnel Management; the Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the Federal Communications Commission, or the Railroad Retirement Board; the Chairperson of the Thrift Depositor Protection Oversight Board; the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service; the Administrator of the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund; the chief executive officer of the Resolution Trust Corporation; the Chairperson of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; the Commissioner of Social Security, Social Security Administration; the Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency; the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority; the President of the Export-Import Bank; the Federal Cochairpersons of the Commissions established under section 15301 of title 40, United States Code; the Director of the National Security Agency; or the Director of the National Reconnaissance Office; as the case may be;

(2) the term "establishment" means the Department of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Education, Energy, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, the Interior, Justice, Labor, State, Transportation, Homeland Security, or the Treasury; the Agency for International Development, the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Federal Communications Commission, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the General Services Administration, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the Office of Personnel Management, the Railroad Retirement Board, the Resolution Trust Corporation, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Small Business Administration, the Corporation for National and Community Service, the Veterans' Administration, the Social Security Administration, the Federal Housing Finance Agency, the Tennessee Valley Authority, the Export-Import Bank, the Commissions established under section 15301 of title 40, United States Code, the National Security Agency, or the National Reconnaissance Office, as the case may be;

(3) the term "Inspector General" means the Inspector General of an establishment;

(4) the term "Office" means the Office of Inspector General of an establishment; and

(5) the term "Federal agency" means an agency as defined in section 552(f) of title 5 (including an establishment as defined in paragraph (2)), United States Code, but shall not be construed to include the Government Accountability Office.

(Pub. L. 95-452, § 12, formerly § 11, Oct. 12, 1978, 92 Stat. 1109; Pub. L. 96-88, title V, § 508(n)(3), (4), Oct. 17, 1979, 93 Stat. 695; Pub. L. 97-113, title

VII, § 705(a)(2), Dec. 29, 1981, 95 Stat. 1544; Pub. L. 97-252, title XI, § 1117(a)(4), (5), Sept. 8, 1982, 96 Stat. 751; Pub. L. 99-93, title I, § 150(a)(2), Aug. 16, 1985, 99 Stat. 427; Pub. L. 99-399, title IV, § 412(a)(2), Aug. 27, 1986, 100 Stat. 867; Pub. L. 100-504, title I, § 102(c), Oct. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 2515; Pub. L. 100-527, § 13(h)(2), (3), Oct. 5, 1988, 102 Stat. 2643; Pub. L. 101-73, title V, § 501(b)(1), Aug. 9, 1989, 103 Stat. 393; Pub. L. 102-233, title III, § 315(a), Dec. 12, 1991, 105 Stat. 1772; Pub. L. 103-82, title II, § 202(g)(4), Sept. 21, 1993, 107 Stat. 890; Pub. L. 103-204, § 23(a)(1), Dec. 17, 1993, 107 Stat. 2407; Pub. L. 103-296, title I, § 108(b)(2), Aug. 15, 1994, 108 Stat. 1489; Pub. L. 103-325, title I, § 118(a), Sept. 23, 1994, 108 Stat. 2188; Pub. L. 104-106, div. D, title XLIII, § 4322(b)(1), (3), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 677; Pub. L. 105-277, div. G, subdiv. A, title XIII, § 1314(b), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-776; Pub. L. 106-422, § 1(b)(2), Nov. 1, 2000, 114 Stat. 1872; Pub. L. 107-189, § 22(a), (d), June 14, 2002, 116 Stat. 707, 708; Pub. L. 107-296, title XVII, § 1701, Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2313; Pub. L. 108-271, § 8(b), July 7, 2004, 118 Stat. 814; Pub. L. 109-295, title VI, § 612(c), Oct. 4, 2006, 120 Stat. 1410; Pub. L. 110-234, title XIV, § 14217(c), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1482; Pub. L. 110-246, § 4(a), title XIV, § 14217(c), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2244; Pub. L. 110-289, div. A, title I, § 1105(c), July 30, 2008, 122 Stat. 2668; renumbered § 12, Pub. L. 110-409, § 7(a), Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4305; Pub. L. 113-126, title IV, §§ 402(2), 412(2), July 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 1408, 1409; Pub. L. 115-141, div. P, title V, § 501(a)(2), Mar. 23, 2018, 132 Stat. 1090.)

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 made identical amendments to this section. The amendments by Pub. L. 110-234 were repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246.

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-527 amended section as it existed prior to amendment by Pub. L. 100-504, see Effective Date of 1988 Amendments note below.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 12 of the Inspector General Act of 1978 was renumbered section 13.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Par. (1). Pub. L. 115-141, § 501(a)(2)(A), inserted "the Federal Communications Commission," after "the Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission".

Par. (2). Pub. L. 115-141, § 501(a)(2)(B), inserted "the Federal Communications Commission," after "the Environmental Protection Agency,".

2014—Par. (1). Pub. L. 113-126, § 412(2)(A), inserted "or the Director of the National Reconnaissance Office;" before "as the case may be;".

Pub. L. 113-126, § 402(2)(A), substituted "the Federal Cochairpersons of the Commissions established under section 15301 of title 40, United States Code; the Director of the National Security Agency;" for "or the Federal Cochairpersons of the Commissions established under section 15301 of title 40, United States Code;".

Par. (2). Pub. L. 113-126, § 412(2)(B), inserted "or the National Reconnaissance Office," before "as the case may be;".

Pub. L. 113-126, § 402(2)(B), substituted "the Commissions established under section 15301 of title 40, United States Code, the National Security Agency," for "or the Commissions established under section 15301 of title 40, United States Code;".

2008—Par. (1). Pub. L. 110-289, div. A, title I, § 1105(c)(1), inserted "the Director of the Federal

Housing Finance Agency” after “Social Security Administration”.

Pub. L. 110-246, §14217(c)(1), substituted “the President of the Export-Import Bank; or the Federal Co-chairpersons of the Commissions established under section 15301 of title 40, United States Code;” for “or the President of the Export-Import Bank;”.

Par. (2). Pub. L. 110-289, div. A, title I, §1105(c)(2), inserted “, the Federal Housing Finance Agency” after “Social Security Administration”.

Pub. L. 110-246, §14217(c)(2), substituted “the Export-Import Bank, or the Commissions established under section 15301 of title 40, United States Code,” for “or the Export-Import Bank.”

2004—Par. (5). Pub. L. 108-271 substituted “Government Accountability Office” for “General Accounting Office”.

2002—Par. (1). Pub. L. 107-296, §1701(2), which directed amendment of par. (1) by striking out “; and” in two places, could not be executed because “; and” did not appear in par. (1) subsequent to amendment by Pub. L. 107-189, §22(d)(1)(B), (C). See below.

Pub. L. 107-296, §1701(1), inserted “Homeland Security,” after “Transportation.”

Pub. L. 107-189, §22(a)(1), (d)(1), struck out second semicolon after “National and Community Service”, struck out “and” after “Financial Institutions Fund;” and after “Resolution Trust Corporation;”, and substituted “the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority; or the President of the Export-Import Bank;” for “or the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority;”.

Par. (2). Pub. L. 107-296, §1701(1), inserted “Homeland Security,” after “Transportation.”

Pub. L. 107-189, §22(a)(2), (d)(2), struck out “or” after “National and Community Service,” and substituted “the Tennessee Valley Authority, or the Export-Import Bank,” for “or the Tennessee Valley Authority;”.

Par. (5). Pub. L. 107-189, §22(d)(3), substituted “section 552(f) of title 5” for “section 552(e) of title 5”.

2000—Par. (1). Pub. L. 106-422, §1(b)(2)(A), substituted “the Commissioner of Social Security, Social Security Administration; or the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority;” for “or the Commissioner of Social Security, Social Security Administration;”.

Par. (2). Pub. L. 106-422, §1(b)(2)(B), substituted “the Social Security Administration, or the Tennessee Valley Authority;” for “or the Social Security Administration;”.

1998—Par. (1). Pub. L. 105-277, §1314(b)(1), which directed the substitution of “or the Office of Personnel Management” for “the Office of Personnel Management, the United States Information Agency”, was executed by making the substitution for “the Office of Personnel Management or the United States Information Agency” to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

Par. (2). Pub. L. 105-277, §1314(b)(2), struck out “the United States Information Agency,” after “Small Business Administration.”

1996—Par. (1). Pub. L. 104-106, §4322(b)(3), made technical correction to directory language of Pub. L. 101-73, §501(b)(1)(A). See 1989 Amendment note below.

Par. (2). Pub. L. 104-106, §4322(b)(1), substituted “Community Service,” for “Community Service.”

1994—Par. (1). Pub. L. 103-325, §118(a)(1), inserted “; the Administrator of the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund;” before “and the chief executive officer of the Resolution Trust Corporation”.

Pub. L. 103-296, §108(l)(2)(A), inserted “; or the Commissioner of Social Security, Social Security Administration” before “; as the case may be”.

Par. (2). Pub. L. 103-325, §118(a)(2), inserted “the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund,” after “the Agency for International Development.”

Pub. L. 103-296, §108(l)(2)(B), inserted “, or the Social Security Administration” before “; as the case may be”.

1993—Par. (1). Pub. L. 103-204, §23(a)(1)(A), inserted “and the Chairperson of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation;” after “Resolution Trust Corporation;”.

Pub. L. 103-82, §202(g)(4)(A), inserted “; the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service;” after “Thrift Depositor Protection Oversight Board”.

Par. (2). Pub. L. 103-204, §23(a)(1)(B), inserted “the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation,” after “Resolution Trust Corporation.”

Pub. L. 103-82, §202(g)(4)(B), inserted “, the Corporation for National and Community service,” after “United States Information Agency”.

1991—Par. (1). Pub. L. 102-233 substituted “; the Chairperson of the Thrift Depositor Protection Oversight Board and the chief executive officer of the Resolution Trust Corporation” for “the Oversight Board and the Board of Directors of the Resolution Trust Corporation”.

1989—Par. (1). Pub. L. 101-73, §501(b)(1)(A), as amended by Pub. L. 104-106, §4322(b)(3), inserted “the Oversight Board and the Board of Directors of the Resolution Trust Corporation” before “; as the case may be;”.

Par. (2). Pub. L. 101-73, §501(b)(1)(B), inserted “the Resolution Trust Corporation,” after “the Railroad Retirement Board.”

1988—Pars. (1), (2). Pub. L. 100-527, §13(h)(2), (3), substituted “Transportation, or Veterans Affairs,” for “or Transportation” and “or Small Business” for “Small Business, or Veterans Affairs” in par. (1), and substituted “Transportation, or Veterans Affairs,” for “or Transportation” and “or the United States Information Agency” for “the United States Information Agency or the Veterans Administration” in par. (2). See Codification note above.

Pub. L. 100-504 added pars. (1) and (2) and struck out former pars. (1) and (2), as amended by Pub. L. 100-527, which read as follows:

“(1) the term ‘head of the establishment’ means the Secretary of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Education, Housing and Urban Development, the Interior, Labor, State, Transportation, or Veterans Affairs, or the Administrator of the Agency for International Development, Community Services, Environmental Protection, General Services, National Aeronautics and Space, or Small Business, or the Director of the United States Information Agency as the case may be;

“(2) the term ‘establishment’ means the Department of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Education, Housing and Urban Development, the Interior, Labor, State, Transportation, or Veterans Affairs, or the Agency for International Development, the Community Services Administration, the Environmental Protection Agency, the General Services Administration, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the Small Business Administration, or the United States Information Agency, as the case may be;”.

1986—Pars. (1), (2). Pub. L. 99-399 inserted “or the Director of the United States Information Agency” in par. (1) and “the United States Information Agency” in par. (2).

1985—Pars. (1), (2). Pub. L. 99-93 inserted “State,” after “Labor;”.

1982—Pars. (1), (2). Pub. L. 97-252 inserted “Defense,” after “Commerce;”.

1981—Pars. (1), (2). Pub. L. 97-113 inserted “the Agency for International Development,” after “Administrator of” in par. (1), and inserted “the Agency for International Development,” after “Transportation or” in par. (2).

1979—Pars. (1), (2). Pub. L. 96-88 inserted “Education,” after “Commerce;”.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

CHANGE OF NAME

“Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency” substituted for “Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency” in par. (1) on authority of section 612(c) of Pub. L. 109-295, set out as a note under section 313 of Title 6, Domestic Security. Any reference to the Administrator of the Federal Emer-

gency Management Agency in title VI of Pub. L. 109-295 or an amendment by title VI to be considered to refer and apply to the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency until Mar. 31, 2007, see section 612(f)(2) of Pub. L. 109-295, set out as a note under section 313 of Title 6.

References to Administrator of Veterans' Affairs and to Veterans' Administration deemed to refer to Secretary of Veterans Affairs and to Department of Veterans Affairs, respectively, pursuant to section 10 of Pub. L. 100-527, set out as a Department of Veterans Affairs Act note under section 301 of Title 38, Veterans' Benefits.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2014 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 402(2) of Pub. L. 113-126 effective Oct. 1, 2014, and applicable upon the earlier of the date of the first nomination by the President of an individual to serve as the Inspector General of the National Security Agency that occurs on or after Oct. 1, 2014, or the date of the cessation of the performance of the duties of the Inspector General of the National Security Agency by the individual performing such duties on Oct. 1, 2014, subject to an exception for initial nominations and a provision for the incumbent Inspector General, see section 403 of Pub. L. 113-126, set out as a note under section 8G of Pub. L. 95-452 in this Appendix.

Amendment by section 412(2) of Pub. L. 113-126 effective Oct. 1, 2014, and applicable upon the earlier of the date of the first nomination by the President of an individual to serve as the Inspector General of the National Reconnaissance Office that occurs on or after Oct. 1, 2014, or the date of the cessation of the performance of the duties of the Inspector General of the National Reconnaissance Office by the individual performing such duties on Oct. 1, 2014, subject to an exception for initial nominations and a provision for the incumbent Inspector General, see section 413 of Pub. L. 113-126, set out as a note under section 8G of Pub. L. 95-452 in this Appendix.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Amendment of this section and repeal of Pub. L. 110-234 by Pub. L. 110-246 effective May 22, 2008, the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-234, except as otherwise provided, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as an Effective Date note under section 8701 of Title 7, Agriculture.

Amendment by section 14217(c) of Pub. L. 110-246 effective on the first day of the first fiscal year beginning after June 18, 2008, see section 14217(d) of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as an Effective Date note under section 15101 of Title 40, Public Buildings, Property, and Works.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2002 AMENDMENTS

Amendment by Pub. L. 107-296 effective 60 days after Nov. 25, 2002, see section 4 of Pub. L. 107-296, set out as an Effective Date note under section 101 of Title 6, Domestic Security.

Amendment by Pub. L. 107-189 effective Oct. 1, 2002, see section 22(e) of Pub. L. 107-189, set out as a note under section 5315 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2000 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 106-422 effective 30 days after Nov. 1, 2000, see section 1(d)(1) of Pub. L. 106-422, set out as a note under section 8G of Pub. L. 95-452 in this Appendix.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 105-277 effective Oct. 1, 1999, see section 1301 of Pub. L. 105-277, set out as an Effective Date note under section 6531 of Title 22, Foreign Relations and Intercourse.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1996 AMENDMENT

Section 4322(b)(3) of Pub. L. 104-106 provided that the amendment made by that section is effective as of Aug. 9, 1989, and as if included in Pub. L. 101-73 as enacted.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1993 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 103-82 effective Oct. 1, 1993, see section 202(i) of Pub. L. 103-82, set out as an Effective Date note under section 12651 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1991 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 102-233 effective Feb. 1, 1992, see section 318 of Pub. L. 102-233, set out as a note under section 1441 of Title 12, Banks and Banking.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENTS

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-527 effective Mar. 15, 1989, see section 18(a) of Pub. L. 100-527, set out as a Department of Veterans Affairs Act note under section 301 of Title 38, Veterans' Benefits.

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-504 effective 180 days after Oct. 18, 1988, see section 113 of Pub. L. 100-504, set out as a note under section 5 of Pub. L. 95-452 in this Appendix.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1979 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 96-88 effective May 4, 1980, with specified exceptions, see section 601 of Pub. L. 96-88, set out as an Effective Date note under section 3401 of Title 20, Education.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of all functions, personnel, assets, components, authorities, grant programs, and liabilities of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, including the functions of the Under Secretary for Federal Emergency Management relating thereto, to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, see section 315(a)(1) of Title 6, Domestic Security.

For transfer of functions, personnel, assets, and liabilities of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, including the functions of the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency relating thereto, to the Secretary of Homeland Security, and for treatment of related references, see former section 313(1) and sections 551(d), 552(d), and 557 of Title 6, Domestic Security, and the Department of Homeland Security Reorganization Plan of November 25, 2002, as modified, set out as a note under section 542 of Title 6.

COMMUNITY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

The Community Services Administration, which was established by section 601 of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2941), was terminated when the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, Pub. L. 88-452, Aug. 20, 1964, 78 Stat. 508, as amended, was repealed, except for titles VIII and X, effective Oct. 1, 1981, by section 683(a) of Pub. L. 97-35, title VI, Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 519, which is classified to 42 U.S.C. 9912(a). An Office of Community Services, headed by a Director, was established in the Department of Health and Human Services by section 676 of Pub. L. 97-35, which is classified to 42 U.S.C. 9905.

MERGER OF OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OF UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY WITH OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OF DEPARTMENT OF STATE; TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Pub. L. 104-134, title I, §101[(a)] [title IV], Apr. 26, 1996, 110 Stat. 1321, 1321-37; renumbered title I, Pub. L. 104-140, §1(a), May 2, 1996, 110 Stat. 1327, provided: "That notwithstanding any other provision of law, (1) the Office of the Inspector General of the United States Information Agency is hereby merged with the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of State; (2) the functions exercised and assigned to the Office of the Inspector General of the United States Information Agency before the effective date of this Act [Apr. 26, 1996] (including all related functions) are transferred to the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of State; and (3) the Inspector General of the Department of State shall also serve as the Inspector General of the United States Information Agency."

[Pub. L. 104-208, div. A, title I, §101(a) [title IV], Sept. 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 3009, 3009-47, provided in part: “That notwithstanding any other provision of law, the merger of the Office of Inspector General of the United States Information Agency with the Office of Inspector General of the Department of State provided for in the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1996, contained in Public Law 104-134 [set out above], is effective hereafter.”]

[For abolition of Office of Inspector General of the United States Information Agency and transfer of functions to Office of Inspector General of Department of State and Foreign Service, see section 6533 of Title 22, Foreign Relations and Intercourse.]

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS FUND; AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

Pub. L. 103-325, title I, §118(b), Sept. 23, 1994, 108 Stat. 2188, provided that: “There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for the oper-

ation of the Office of Inspector General established by the amendments made by subsection (a) [amending this section].”

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OF RESOLUTION TRUST CORPORATION; AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

Pub. L. 101-73, title V, §501(b)(2)(B), Aug. 9, 1989, 103 Stat. 393, provided that: “There is hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for the operation of the Office of Inspector General established by the amendment made by paragraph (1) of this subsection [amending this section].”

§ 13. Effective date

The provisions of this Act and the amendments made by this Act [see section 10 of this Act] shall take effect October 1, 1978.

(Pub. L. 95-452, §13, formerly §12, Oct. 12, 1978, 92 Stat. 1109; renumbered §13, Pub. L. 110-409, §7(a), Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4305.)

ETHICS IN GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1978

Pub. L. 95-521, titles I-V, Oct. 26, 1978, 92 Stat. 1824-1867, as amended by Pub. L. 96-19, §§2-9, June 13, 1979, 93 Stat. 37-44; Pub. L. 96-417, title VI, §601(9), Oct. 10, 1980, 94 Stat. 1744; Pub. L. 96-579, §12(c), Dec. 23, 1980, 94 Stat. 3369; Pub. L. 97-51, §130(b), Oct. 1, 1981, 95 Stat. 966; Pub. L. 97-164, title I, §163(a)(6), Apr. 2, 1982, 96 Stat. 49; Pub. L. 98-150, §§2, 3(a)-(c), 4-12, Nov. 11, 1983, 97 Stat. 959-963; Pub. L. 99-190, §148(b), Dec. 19, 1985, 99 Stat. 1325; Pub. L. 99-514, §2, Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2095; Pub. L. 99-573, §6, Oct. 28, 1986, 100 Stat. 3231; Pub. L. 100-191, §3(b), Dec. 15, 1987, 101 Stat. 1306; Pub. L. 100-598, §§2-9, Nov. 3, 1988, 102 Stat. 3031-3035; Pub. L. 101-194, title II, §§201, 202, title VI, §601(a), Nov. 30, 1989, 103 Stat. 1724-1744, 1760, 1761; Pub. L. 101-280, §§3(1)-(10)(A), (C), 7(a)-(c), May 4, 1990, 104 Stat. 152-157, 161; Pub. L. 101-334, July 16, 1990, 104 Stat. 318; Pub. L. 101-650, title III, §319, title IV, §405, Dec. 1, 1990, 104 Stat. 5117, 5124; Pub. L. 102-25, title VI, §605(a), Apr. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 110; Pub. L. 102-90, title I, §6(b), title III, §§313, 314(a), (b), Aug. 14, 1991, 105 Stat. 450, 469; Pub. L. 102-198, §6, Dec. 9, 1991, 105 Stat. 1624; Pub. L. 102-378, §4(a), (b), Oct. 2, 1992, 106 Stat. 1356, 1357; Pub. L. 102-506, §2, Oct. 24, 1992, 106 Stat. 3280; Pub. L. 102-572, title IX, §902(b)(2), Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4516; Pub. L. 103-160, div. A, title XI, §1182(d)(3), Nov. 30, 1993, 107 Stat. 1773; Pub. L. 103-337, div. A, title IX, §924(d)(3), Oct. 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 2832; Pub. L. 103-359, title V, §501(m), Oct. 14, 1994, 108 Stat. 3430; Pub. L. 104-65, §§20, 22(a), (b), Dec. 19, 1995, 109 Stat. 704, 705; Pub. L. 104-179, §§2, 3, 4(b)(2), Aug. 6, 1996, 110 Stat. 1566, 1567; Pub. L. 104-186, title II, §216, Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1747; Pub. L. 104-201, div. A, title XI, §1122(b)(2), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2687; Pub. L. 105-318, §7, Oct. 30, 1998, 112 Stat. 3011; Pub. L. 105-368, title V, §512(b)(1)(D), Nov. 11, 1998, 112 Stat. 3342; Pub. L. 107-119, §2, Jan. 15, 2002, 115 Stat. 2382; Pub. L. 107-126, Jan. 16, 2002, 115 Stat. 2404; Pub. L. 108-271, §8(b), July 7, 2004, 118 Stat. 814; Pub. L. 108-458, title I, §1079(c), Dec. 17, 2004, 118 Stat. 3696; Pub. L. 109-55, title I, §1003(a), Aug. 2, 2005, 119 Stat. 572; Pub. L. 109-289, div. B, title II, §21069, as added Pub. L. 110-5, §2, Feb. 15, 2007, 121 Stat. 57; Pub. L. 109-435, title VI, §604(c), Dec. 20, 2006, 120 Stat. 3241; Pub. L. 110-24, §§2, 3, May 3, 2007, 121 Stat. 100; Pub. L. 110-81, title VII, §702, Sept. 14, 2007, 121 Stat. 775; Pub. L. 110-177, title I, §104, Jan. 7, 2008, 121 Stat. 2535; Pub. L. 110-323, §7, Sept. 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 3547; Pub. L. 110-417, [div. A], title IX, §931(b)(1), Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4575; Pub. L. 112-84, §1, Jan. 3, 2012, 125 Stat. 1870; Pub. L. 112-105, §§6(a), 8(c), 13(a), 19(a), Apr. 4, 2012, 126 Stat. 293, 296, 300, 304; Pub. L. 113-235, div. H, title I, §1301(b), Dec. 16, 2014, 128 Stat. 2537; Pub. L. 115-141, div. M, title VI, §601, Mar. 23, 2018, 132 Stat. 1051; Pub. L. 115-277, §1(b), Nov. 3, 2018, 132 Stat. 4167.

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PROHIBITION OF THE USE OF NONPUBLIC INFORMATION FOR PRIVATE PROFIT

Pub. L. 112-105, §3, Apr. 4, 2012, 126 Stat. 292, provided that: "The Select Committee on Ethics of the Senate and the Committee on Ethics of the House of Representatives shall issue interpretive guidance of the relevant rules of each chamber, including rules on conflicts of interest and gifts, clarifying that a Member of Congress and an employee of Congress may not use nonpublic information derived from such person's position as a Member of Congress or employee of Congress or gained from the performance of such person's official responsibilities as a means for making a private profit."

Pub. L. 112-105, §9(a), Apr. 4, 2012, 126 Stat. 297, provided that:

"(1) EXECUTIVE BRANCH EMPLOYEES.—The Office of Government Ethics shall issue such interpretive guidance of the relevant Federal ethics statutes and regulations, including the Standards of Ethical Conduct for executive branch employees, related to use of nonpublic information, as necessary to clarify that no executive branch employee may use nonpublic information derived from such person's position as an execu-