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[CHAPTER 713]

AN ACT

To provide for the training of air-traffic control-tower operators.

June 29, 1948
[S. 3]
[Public Law 815]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 302 of the Civil Aeronautics Act of 1938, as amended, is amended by adding a new subsection (d) to read as follows:

Civil Aeronautics Act of 1938, amendment.
52 Stat. 985.
49 U. S. C. § 452.
Post, p. 1216.

"(d) (1) The Administrator is authorized, within the limits of available appropriations made by the Congress, to train civilian and governmental air-traffic control-tower operators or to conduct programs for such training, including studies and researches as to the most desirable qualifications for air-traffic control-tower operators. Such training or programs shall be conducted pursuant to such regulations as the Administrator may from time to time prescribe, including such fees as the Administrator may deem necessary or desirable. Such training or programs may be carried out by the Administrator either through the use of his own facilities and personnel or by contracts with educational institutions, or other persons.

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"(2) The Administrator is authorized to lease or accept loans of such real property, and to purchase, lease, exchange, or accept loans of such personal property and facilities, and to repair, maintain, and operate such property and such facilities, as may be necessary or desirable for carrying out the provisions of this section.

Lease, etc., of property.

"(3) For the purpose of carrying out his functions under this section, the Administrator is authorized to exercise all powers conferred upon him by any other provisions of this Act and to appoint and fix the compensation for instructors, airmen, medical and other professional examiners, and experts in training or research without regard to the provisions of the civil-service laws or the Classification Act of 1923, as amended. The provisions of section 3709 of the Revised Statutes shall not apply to contracts with educational institutions and other persons for the use of aircraft, control towers, or other facilities or for the performance of services authorized by this section.

42 Stat. 1488.
5 U. S. C. §§ 661–674.
41 U. S. C. § 5.

"(4) Any executive department or independent establishment is hereby authorized to cooperate with the Administrator in carrying out the purposes of this section, and for such purposes may lend or transfer to the Administrator, by contract or otherwise, or if so requested by the Administrator, lend to educational institutions or other persons cooperating with the Administrator in the conduct of any such training or program, officials, experts, or employees, aircraft, control towers and other property or equipment, and lands or buildings under its control. For the purposes of this section, the Administrator shall have the power to accept and utilize voluntary and uncompensated services, equipment, facilities, and information of any State, Territory, or political subdivision, or any agency thereof.

Cooperation of government agencies.

Voluntary services.

"(5) Any executive department or independent establishment is hereby authorized to detail personnel of such executive department or independent establishment to be trained as provided herein at Government expense: *Provided*, That no such personnel shall lose their individual status or seniority rating in the executive department or independent establishment merely by reason of absence due to such training.

Detail of personnel.

"(6) There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this section."

Appropriation authorized.

Approved June 29, 1948.