

Public Law 95-331
95th Congress

An Act

Aug. 2, 1978
[H.R. 11877]

To authorize supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 1978, and to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1979, for the Peace Corps, and to make certain changes in the Peace Corps Act.

Peace Corps Act
Amendments of
1978.
22 USC 2501
note.

Appropriation
authorization.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "Peace Corps Act Amendments of 1978".

SEC. 2. Section 2 of the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2501) is amended by inserting "particularly in meeting the basic needs of those living in the poorest areas of such countries," immediately after "manpower,".

SEC. 3. Section 3 of the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2502) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b) by striking out the matter before the first proviso and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out the purposes of this Act (1) for fiscal year 1978 not to exceed \$86,544,000, and (2) for fiscal year 1979 not to exceed \$112,424,000 of which \$1,000,000 shall be available only for Peace Corps contributions to the United Nations volunteer program:";

(2) in subsection (c) by striking out "for the fiscal year 1978, \$1,000,000" and by inserting after "by law" the following: ", for fiscal year 1978, \$1,069,000, and for fiscal year 1979 such sums as may be necessary"; and

(3) by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection: "(g) In recognition of the fact that women in developing countries play a significant role in economic production, family support, and the overall development process, the Peace Corps shall be administered so as to give particular attention to those programs, projects, and activities which tend to integrate women into the national economies of developing countries, thus improving their status and assisting the total development effort."

SEC. 4. Section 5 of the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2504) is amended—

(1) in the first sentence of subsection (c) by striking out "; except that" and all that follows through "President"; and

(2) in subsection (h) by adding at the end thereof the following new sentences: "The provisions of section 1091 of the Foreign Service Act of 1946, relating to malpractice protection, shall apply to volunteers, and the Director of ACTION shall have the authority granted to the Secretary of State in subsection (f) of such section. For purposes of subsection (g) of such section, a Peace Corps representative shall be deemed to be a principal representative of the United States."

SEC. 5. (a) Section 10 of the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2509) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a) (2) by striking out ": Provided" and all that follows through "section";

(2) in subsection (b) by striking out "\$10,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$20,000"; and

(3) by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

22 USC 817.

“(h) The President may provide hospitalization and medical treatment to Foreign Service local employees who are within the United States for training related to their employment under this Act, for illnesses, injuries, or conditions other than those arising out of and in the course of employment, which, in the judgment of the President, began during such employee’s travel related to such training or so near to the beginning of such travel that the onset of the illness, injury, or condition could not have been known, and for which immediate medical treatment or hospitalization is reasonably required.”

(b) The amendment made by paragraph (2) of subsection (a) shall apply to claims made after the date of the enactment of this Act.

22 USC 2509
note.

(c) Section 10(a) of such Act is further amended—

22 USC 2509.

(1) by inserting the following new paragraph after paragraph (2):

“(3) assign volunteers to duty or otherwise make them available to any entity referred to in paragraph (1), in order to assist such organizations and agencies in providing development or other relief assistance to displaced persons and refugees in any country, if the government of the country agrees to such assignment;” and

(2) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and (4) as paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively.

SEC. 6. Section 11 of the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2510) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new sentence: “Each report shall contain information describing efforts undertaken to improve coordination of activities of the Peace Corps with activities of international voluntary service organizations, such as the United Nations volunteer program, and of host country voluntary service organizations, including—

Reports to
Congress.

“(1) a description of the purpose and scope of any development project which the Peace Corps undertook during the preceding fiscal year as a joint venture with any such international or host country voluntary service organization; and

“(2) recommendations for improving coordination of development projects between the Peace Corps and any such international or host country voluntary service organization.”

SEC. 7. Section 301(b) (1) of the Peace Corps Act is amended to read as follows:

22 USC 2501a.

“(b) (1) Activities carried out by the President in furtherance of the purposes of clauses (1) and (2) of subsection (a) shall be limited to—

“(A) furnishing technical assistance, materials, tools, supplies, and training appropriate to the support of volunteer programs in such countries or areas; and

“(B) conducting demonstration projects in such countries or areas.

None of the funds made available to carry out the purposes of clauses (1) and (2) of subsection (a) may be used to pay the administrative costs of any program or project, other than a demonstration project, or to assist any program or project of a paramilitary or military nature. Funds allocated for activities set forth in this paragraph should be kept to a minimum so that such allocation will not be detrimental to other Peace Corps programs and activities.”

SEC. 8. (a) Section 301(b) (2) of the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2501a(b) (2)) is amended by striking out "\$350,000 may be used in any fiscal year" and inserting in lieu thereof "2 per centum of the amount appropriated to the Peace Corps for a fiscal year may be used in such fiscal year."

(b) The amendment made by subsection (a) shall take effect on October 1, 1978.

Effective date.
22 USC 2501a
note.

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