

**§ 3406. Regulations**

Before any regulation is prescribed under this chapter, a copy of the proposed regulation shall be published in the Federal Register and an opportunity provided to interested parties to present written comment and, where practicable, oral comment. Initial regulations shall be prescribed not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this chapter.

(Added Pub. L. 95-437, §3(a), Oct. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 1057, §3396; renumbered §3406 and amended Pub. L. 95-454, title IX, §906(c)(1)(B), (2)(C), Oct. 13, 1978, 92 Stat. 1226, 1227.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

The date of the enactment of this chapter, referred to in text, is the date of the enactment of Pub. L. 95-437, which was approved Oct. 10, 1978.

## AMENDMENTS

1978—Pub. L. 95-453, §901(c)(1)(B), renumbered section 3396 of this title as this section.

Pub. L. 95-454, §906(c)(2)(C), substituted “chapter” for “subchapter” wherever appearing.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1978 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 95-454 effective 90 days after Oct. 13, 1978, see section 907 of Pub. L. 95-454, set out as a note under section 1101 of this title.

**[§ 3407. Repealed. Pub. L. 104-66, title III, § 3001(a)(1), Dec. 21, 1995, 109 Stat. 733]**

Section, (added Pub. L. 95-437, §3(a), Oct. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 1058, §3397; renumbered §3407 and amended Pub. L. 95-454, title IX, §906(c)(1)(B), (2)(D), (E), Oct. 13, 1978, 92 Stat. 1226, 1227, related to reports.

**§ 3408. Employee organization representation**

If an employee organization has been accorded exclusive recognition with respect to a unit within an agency, then the employee organization shall be entitled to represent all employees within that unit employed on a part-time career employment basis.

(Added Pub. L. 95-437, §3(a), Oct. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 1058, §3398; renumbered §3408, Pub. L. 95-454, title IX, §906(c)(1)(B), Oct. 13, 1978, 92 Stat. 1226.)

## AMENDMENTS

1978—Pub. L. 95-454 renumbered section 3398 of this title as this section.

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## AMENDMENTS

2004—Pub. L. 108-447, div. B, title I, §114(b), Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 2869, and Pub. L. 108-458, title II, §2004(b), Dec. 17, 2004, 118 Stat. 3704, amended analysis identically, adding item for subchapter VII.

Pub. L. 108-458, title II, §2004(b), Dec. 17, 2004, 118 Stat. 3704, added item 3598, set out second.

Pub. L. 108-447, div. B, title I, §114(b), Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 2869, added item 3598, set out first.

2002—Pub. L. 107-296, title XIII, §1313(a)(1)(B), Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2294, substituted “RETENTION PREFERENCE, VOLUNTARY SEPARATION INCENTIVE PAYMENTS, RESTORATION, AND REEMPLOYMENT” for “RETENTION PREFERENCE, RESTORATION, AND REEMPLOYMENT” in chapter heading and added item for subchapter II and items 3521 to 3525.

1994—Pub. L. 103-353, §2(b)(2)(C), Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3169, struck out item for subchapter II “RESTORATION AFTER ACTIVE DUTY OR TRAINING DUTY” and item 3551 “Restoration; Reserves and National Guardsmen”.

1984—Pub. L. 98-615, title III, §306(c)(2), Nov. 8, 1984, 98 Stat. 3220, added item 3595a.

1981—Pub. L. 97-35, title XVII, §1704(a)(2), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 757, redesignated item 3595 as 3596, and added item 3595.

1980—Pub. L. 96-465, title II, §2301(b), Oct. 17, 1980, 94 Stat. 2164, added item for subchapter VI and item 3597.

1978—Pub. L. 95-454, title IV, §404(c), Oct. 13, 1978, 92 Stat. 1167, added item for subchapter V and items 3591 to 3595.

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Two sections “3598” have been enacted.

<sup>2</sup> So in original. Does not conform to section catchline.

SUBCHAPTER I—RETENTION PREFERENCE

§ 3501. Definitions; application

(a) For the purpose of this subchapter, except section 3504—

(1) “active service” has the meaning given it by section 101 of title 37;

(2) “a retired member of a uniformed service” means a member or former member of a uniformed service who is entitled, under statute, to retired, retirement, or retainer pay on account of his service as such a member; and

(3) a preference eligible employee who is a retired member of a uniformed service is considered a preference eligible only if—

(A) his retirement was based on disability—

(i) resulting from injury or disease received in line of duty as a direct result of armed conflict; or

(ii) caused by an instrumentality of war and incurred in the line of duty during a period of war as defined by sections 101 and 1101 of title 38;

(B) his service does not include twenty or more years of full-time active service, regardless of when performed but not including periods of active duty for training; or

(C) on November 30, 1964, he was employed in a position to which this subchapter applies and thereafter he continued to be so employed without a break in service of more than 30 days.

(b) Except as otherwise provided by this subsection and section 3504 of this title, this subchapter applies to each employee in or under an Executive agency. This subchapter does not apply to an employee whose appointment is required by Congress to be confirmed by, or made with the advice and consent of, the Senate or to a member of the Senior Executive Service or the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Drug Enforcement Administration Senior Executive Service.

(Pub. L. 89-554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 428; Pub. L. 94-183, §2(8), Dec. 31, 1975, 89 Stat. 1057; Pub. L. 95-454, title IV, §404(a), Oct. 13, 1978, 92 Stat. 1165; Pub. L. 100-325, §2(e), May 30, 1988, 102 Stat. 581; Pub. L. 102-83, §5(c)(2), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 406.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Derivation</i>	<i>U.S. Code</i>	<i>Revised Statutes and Statutes at Large</i>
(a)(1), (2) ...	5 U.S.C. 3101 (as applicable to 5 U.S.C. 861).	Aug. 19, 1964, Pub. L. 88-448, §101 (as applicable to §202), 78 Stat. 484.
(a)(3) .....	5 U.S.C. 861(b).	June 27, 1944, ch. 287, §12(b); added Aug. 19, 1964, Pub. L. 88-448, §202(4) (“(b)”), 78 Stat. 486.

In subsection (a), the definitions of “uniformed services” and “armed forces” are omitted as unnecessary in view of the definitions in section 2101. The definition of “civilian office” is omitted as unnecessary as subsection (b) of this section states the application of this subchapter.

In subsection (a)(3), the words “Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act” are omitted as unnecessary. The words “preference eligible employee” are co-

extensive with and substituted for “employee \* \* \* included under section 2 of this Act” in view of the definition of preference eligible in section 2108. In paragraph (3)(C), the words “on November 30, 1964, he was employed in a position to which this subchapter applies and thereafter he continued to be so employed” are substituted for “immediately prior to the effective date of this subsection, he was employed in a civilian office to which this Act applies and, on and after such date, he continues to be employed in any such office”.

Subsection (b) is supplied on authority of sections 2, 12, and 20 of the Act of June 27, 1944, ch. 287, 58 Stat. 387, 391, which are carried into this title.

Standard changes are made to conform with the definitions applicable and the style of this title as outlined in the preference to the report.

AMENDMENTS

1991—Subsec. (a)(3)(A)(ii). Pub. L. 102-83 substituted reference to section 1101 of title 38 for reference to section 301 of title 38.

1988—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 100-325 inserted reference to Federal Bureau of Investigation and Drug Enforcement Administration Senior Executive Service.

1978—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 95-454 inserted reference to a member of Senior Executive Service.

1975—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 94-183 struck out “, except an employee whose appointment is made under section 3311 of title 39” after “or made with the advice and consent of, the Senate”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1978 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 95-454 effective 9 months after Oct. 13, 1978, and congressional review of provisions of sections 401 through 412 of Pub. L. 95-454, see section 415 of Pub. L. 95-454, set out as an Effective Date note under section 3131 of this title.

§ 3502. Order of retention

(a) The Office of Personnel Management shall prescribe regulations for the release of competing employees in a reduction in force which give due effect to—

- (1) tenure of employment;
- (2) military preference, subject to section 3501(a)(3) of this title;
- (3) length of service; and
- (4) efficiency or performance ratings.

In computing length of service, a competing employee—

(A) who is not a retired member of a uniformed service is entitled to credit for the total length of time in active service in the armed forces;

(B) who is a retired member of a uniformed service is entitled to credit for—

- (i) the length of time in active service in the armed forces during a war, or in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge has been authorized; or
- (ii) the total length of time in active service in the armed forces if he is included under section 3501(a)(3)(A), (B), or (C) of this title; and

(C) is entitled to credit for—

- (i) service rendered as an employee of a county committee established pursuant to section 8(b) of the Soil Conservation and Allotment Act or of a committee or association of producers described in section 10(b) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act; and
- (ii) service rendered as an employee described in section 2105(c) if such employee

moves or has moved, on or after January 1, 1966, without a break in service of more than 3 days, from a position in a nonappropriated fund instrumentality of the Department of Defense or the Coast Guard to a position in the Department of Defense or the Coast Guard, respectively, that is not described in section 2105(c).

(b) A preference eligible described in section 2108(3)(C) of this title who has a compensable service-connected disability of 30 percent or more and whose performance has not been rated unacceptable under a performance appraisal system implemented under chapter 43 of this title is entitled to be retained in preference to other preference eligibles.

(c) An employee who is entitled to retention preference and whose performance has not been rated unacceptable under a performance appraisal system implemented under chapter 43 of this title is entitled to be retained in preference to other competing employees.

(d)(1) Except as provided under subsection (e), an employee may not be released, due to a reduction in force, unless—

(A) such employee and such employee's exclusive representative for collective-bargaining purposes (if any) are given written notice, in conformance with the requirements of paragraph (2), at least 60 days before such employee is so released; and

(B) if the reduction in force would involve the separation of a significant number of employees, the requirements of paragraph (3) are met at least 60 days before any employee is so released.

(2) Any notice under paragraph (1)(A) shall include—

(A) the personnel action to be taken with respect to the employee involved;

(B) the effective date of the action;

(C) a description of the procedures applicable in identifying employees for release;

(D) the employee's ranking relative to other competing employees, and how that ranking was determined; and

(E) a description of any appeal or other rights which may be available.

(3) Notice under paragraph (1)(B)—

(A) shall be given to—

(i) the State or entity designated by the State to carry out rapid response activities under section 134(a)(2)(A) of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998; and

(ii) the chief elected official of such unit or each of such units of local government as may be appropriate; and

(B) shall consist of written notification as to—

(i) the number of employees to be separated from service due to the reduction in force (broken down by geographic area or on such other basis as may be required under paragraph (4));

(ii) when those separations will occur; and

(iii) any other matter which might facilitate the delivery of rapid response assistance or other services under title I of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998.

(4) The Office shall prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to carry out this subsection. The Office shall consult with the Secretary of Labor on matters relating to title I of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998.

(e)(1) Subject to paragraph (3), upon request submitted under paragraph (2), the President may, in writing, shorten the period of advance notice required under subsection (d)(1)(A) and (B), with respect to a particular reduction in force, if necessary because of circumstances not reasonably foreseeable.

(2) A request to shorten notice periods shall be submitted to the President by the head of the agency involved, and shall indicate the reduction in force to which the request pertains, the number of days by which the agency head requests that the periods be shortened, and the reasons why the request is necessary.

(3) No notice period may be shortened to less than 30 days under this subsection.

(f)(1) The Secretary of Defense or the Secretary of a military department may—

(A) separate from service any employee who volunteers to be separated under this subparagraph even though the employee is not otherwise subject to separation due to a reduction in force; and

(B) for each employee voluntarily separated under subparagraph (A), retain an employee in a similar position who would otherwise be separated due to a reduction in force.

(2) The separation of an employee under paragraph (1)(A) shall be treated as an involuntary separation due to a reduction in force.

(3) An employee with critical knowledge and skills (as defined by the Secretary concerned) may not participate in a voluntary separation under paragraph (1)(A) if the Secretary concerned determines that such participation would impair the performance of the mission of the Department of Defense or the military department concerned.

(4) The regulations prescribed under this section shall incorporate the authority provided in this subsection.

(5) No authority under paragraph (1) may be exercised after September 30, 2014.

(Pub. L. 89-554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 428; Pub. L. 90-367, §3, June 29, 1968, 82 Stat. 278; Pub. L. 90-623, §1(23), Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1313; Pub. L. 95-454, title III, §307(e), title IX, §906(a)(2), Oct. 13, 1978, 92 Stat. 1149, 1224; Pub. L. 99-251, title III, §306(a), Feb. 27, 1986, 100 Stat. 27; Pub. L. 101-508, title VII, §7202(c), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388-335; Pub. L. 102-484, div. D, title XLIV, §4433(a)(1), Oct. 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 2721; Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title X, §§1034, 1043(d)(1), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 430, 438; Pub. L. 104-201, div. A, title XVI, §1609, Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2738; Pub. L. 105-277, div. A, §101(f) [title VIII, §405(d)(1), (f)(1)], Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-337, 2681-417, 2681-429; Pub. L. 106-398, §1 [[div. A], title XI, §1103], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A-311; Pub. L. 109-163, div. A, title XI, §1102, Jan. 6, 2006, 119 Stat. 3447; Pub. L. 110-417, [div. A], title XI, §1105, Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4617.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Derivation</i>	<i>U.S. Code</i>	<i>Revised Statutes and Statutes at Large</i>
(a) .....	5 U.S.C. 861(a) (less 2d and 3d provisos), (c).	June 27, 1944, ch. 287, §12 (less 2d and 3d provisos), 58 Stat. 390. Aug. 19, 1964, Pub. L. 88-448, §202 (1)-(3), (4) (“(c)”), 78 Stat. 486.
(b) .....	5 U.S.C. 861(a) (2d proviso).	June 27, 1944, ch. 287, §12 (2d proviso), 58 Stat. 390.

In subsection (a), the words “reduction in force” are substituted for “reduction in personnel”. The words “in any civilian service of any Federal agency” are omitted as unnecessary because of the application stated in section 3501. In the second sentence, the word “total” in the phrase “length of service” is omitted for consistency with paragraph (3), and the words “subject to subsection (c) of this section” are omitted as unnecessary in view of the supplied distinction between a competing employee who is not a retired member of a uniformed service and such an employee who is a retired member of a uniformed service. In paragraph (A), the words “total length of time in active service” are substituted for “length of time spent in active service” for consistency with paragraph (B)(ii).

In subsections (a) and (b), the references to “performance” ratings and ratings of “satisfactory” are added on authority of former section 2005, which is carried into section 4304.

Standard changes are made to conform with the definitions applicable and the style of this title as outlined in the preface to the report.

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 8(b) of the Soil Conservation and Allotment Act, referred to in subsec. (a)(C)(i), probably means section 8(b) of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, which is classified to section 590h(b) of Title 16, Conservation.

Section 10(b) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act, referred to in subsec. (a)(C)(i), is classified to section 610(b) of Title 7, Agriculture.

The Workforce Investment Act of 1998, referred to in subsec. (d)(3), (4), is Pub. L. 105-220, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 936, as amended. Title I of the Act is classified principally to chapter 30 (§2801 et seq.) of Title 29, Labor. Section 134(a)(2)(A) of the Act is classified to section 2864(a)(2)(A) of Title 29. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 9201 of Title 20, Education, and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

2008—Subsec. (f)(5). Pub. L. 110-417 substituted “September 30, 2014” for “September 30, 2010”.

2006—Subsec. (f)(5). Pub. L. 109-163 substituted “September 30, 2010” for “September 30, 2005”.

2000—Subsec. (f)(5). Pub. L. 106-398 substituted “September 30, 2005” for “September 30, 2001”.

1998—Subsec. (d)(3)(A)(i). Pub. L. 105-277, §101(f) [title VIII, §405(f)(1)(A)(i)], added cl. (i) and struck out former cl. (i) which read as follows: “the appropriate State dislocated worker unit or office (referred to in section 311(b)(2) of the Job Training Partnership Act), or the State or entity designated by the State to carry out rapid response activities under section 134(a)(2)(A) of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998; and”.

Pub. L. 105-277, §101(f) [title VIII, §405(d)(1)(A)(i)], added cl. (i) and struck out former cl. (i) which read as follows: “the appropriate State dislocated worker unit or units (referred to in section 311(b)(2) of the Job Training Partnership Act); and”.

Subsec. (d)(3)(B)(iii). Pub. L. 105-277, §101(f) [title VIII, §405(f)(1)(A)(ii)], struck out “under the Job Training Partnership Act or” before “under title I of”.

Pub. L. 105-277, §101(f) [title VIII, §405(d)(1)(A)(ii)], substituted “other services under the Job Training

Partnership Act or under title I of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998” for “other services under the Job Training Partnership Act”.

Subsec. (d)(4). Pub. L. 105-277, §101(f) [title VIII, §405(f)(1)(B)], struck out “the Job Training Partnership Act or” before “title I of”.

Pub. L. 105-277, §101(f) [title VIII, §405(d)(1)(B)], substituted “Secretary of Labor on matters relating to the Job Training Partnership Act or title I of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998” for “Secretary of Labor on matters relating to the Job Training Partnership Act”.

1996—Subsec. (a)(C)(ii). Pub. L. 104-106, §1043(d)(1), substituted “January 1, 1966” for “January 1, 1987”.

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 104-201 amended subsec. (f) generally. Prior to amendment, subsec. (f) read as follows:

“(f)(1) The Secretary of Defense or the Secretary of a military department may—

“(A) release in a reduction in force an employee who volunteers for the release even though the employee is not otherwise subject to release in the reduction in force under the criteria applicable under the other provisions of this section; and

“(B) for each employee voluntarily released in the reduction in force under subparagraph (A), retain an employee in a similar position who would otherwise be released in the reduction in force under such criteria.

“(2) A voluntary release of an employee in a reduction in force pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be treated as an involuntary release in the reduction in force.

“(3) An employee with critical knowledge and skills (as defined by the Secretary concerned) may not participate in a voluntary release under paragraph (1) if the Secretary concerned determines that such participation would impair the performance of the mission of the Department of Defense or the military department concerned.

“(4) The regulations prescribed under this section shall incorporate the authority provided in this subsection.

“(5) The authority under paragraph (1) may not be exercised after September 30, 1996.”

Pub. L. 104-106, §1034, added subsec. (f).

1992—Subsecs. (d), (e). Pub. L. 102-484 added subsecs. (d) and (e).

1990—Subsec. (a)(C). Pub. L. 101-508 amended subpar. (C) generally. Prior to amendment, subpar. (C) read as follows: “is entitled to credit for service rendered as an employee of a county committee established pursuant to section 590h(b) of title 16, or of a committee or an association of producers described in section 610(b) of title 7.”

1986—Subsec. (a)(C). Pub. L. 99-251 struck out “who is an employee in or under the Department of Agriculture” before “is entitled to credit”.

1978—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 95-454, §906(a)(2), substituted “Office of Personnel Management” for “Civil Service Commission”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 95-454, §307(e), substituted provisions relating to retention of a preference eligible with a compensable service-connected disability of 30 percent or more, for provisions relating to retention of preference eligible employees on the basis of ratings.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 95-454, §307(e), added subsec. (c).

1968—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 90-623 made minor changes in form and punctuation in subpars. (A) and (B), and, in subpar. (C), substituted “section 590h(b) of title 16” and “section 610(b) of title 7” for “section 8(b) of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act (16 U.S.C. 590h(b))” and “section 10(b) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of May 12, 1933 (48 Stat. 37)” respectively.

Subsec. (a)(C). Pub. L. 90-367 added subsec. (a)(C).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 105-277, div. A, §101(f) [title VIII, §405(g)], Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-337, 2681-434, as amended by Pub. L. 106-400, §2, Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1675, provided that:

“(1) IMMEDIATELY EFFECTIVE AMENDMENTS.—The amendments made by subsections (a) through (d)

[amending this section and sections 2014, 2015, and 2026 of Title 7, Agriculture, sections 1255a and 1613 of Title 8, Aliens and Nationality, sections 636, 1022a, 3116, and 3151 of Title 15, Commerce and Trade, section 791 of Title 16, Conservation, section 665 of Title 18, Crimes and Criminal Procedure, sections 2296 and 2311 of Title 19, Customs Duties, sections 1070d-2, 1087vv, 3443, 5934, 5938, 6365, 6434, 6453, and 6455 of Title 20, Education, section 5855 of Title 22, Foreign Relations and Intercourse, section 2102 of Title 29, Labor, section 6703 of Title 31, Money and Finance, sections 4102A, 4103A, and 4213 of Title 38, Veterans' Benefits, and sections 603, 1437u, 1474, 3013, 3056, 3056h, 3796ee, 4368a, 4953, 4959, 6103, 6864, 6873, 7274h, 9806, 11302, 12637, 12653c, 12655m, 12899c, 12899e, and 13823 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, amending provisions set out as notes under sections 1183a and 1522 of Title 8, sections 1143, 2391, 2501, 2701, and 2687 of Title 10, Armed Forces, section 3304 of Title 26, Internal Revenue Code, section 1721 of Title 29, and section 4101 of Title 38, and repealing provisions set out as notes under sections 1501 and 1551 of Title 29] shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 21, 1998].

“(2) SUBSEQUENTLY EFFECTIVE AMENDMENTS.—

“(A) MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT.—The amendments made by subsection (e) shall take effect on July 1, 1999.

“(B) JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT.—The amendments made by subsection (f) [amending this section and sections 2014, 2015, and 2026 of Title 7, Agriculture, sections 1255a and 1613 of Title 8, Aliens and Nationality, sections 636 and 3116 of Title 15, Commerce and Trade, sections 2296 and 2311 of Title 19, Customs Duties, sections 1070d-2, 1087vv, 6365, 6434, 6453, and 6455 of Title 20, Education, section 2102 of Title 29, Labor, section 6703 of Title 31, Money and Finance, sections 4102A, 4103A, and 4213 of Title 38, Veterans' Benefits, and sections 603, 1437u, 1474, 3013, 3056, 3056a, 3056h, 3796ee, 4368a, 4953, 4959, 6864, 6873, 7274h, 9806, 11302, 12653c, 12655m, 12899c, and 13823 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, and amending provisions set out as notes under sections 1183a and 1522 of Title 8, sections 1143, 2501, 2687, and 2701 of Title 10, Armed Forces, section 3304 of Title 26, Internal Revenue Code, section 1721 of Title 29, and section 4101 of Title 38] shall take effect on July 1, 2000.”

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1996 AMENDMENT

Section 1043(d)(2) of Pub. L. 104-106 provided that: “Notwithstanding any provision of subsection (c) [set out as a note under section 8347 of this title], the amendment made by paragraph (1) [amending this section] shall—

“(A) take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act [Feb. 10, 1996]; and

“(B) apply with respect to any reduction in force carried out on or after such date.”

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1992 AMENDMENT

Section 4433(a)(2) of Pub. L. 102-484 provided that: “The amendment made by paragraph (1) [amending this section] shall apply with respect to any personnel action taking effect on or after the last day of the 90-day period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act [Oct. 23, 1992].”

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1990 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 101-508 applicable with respect to any individual who, on or after Jan. 1, 1987, moves from employment in nonappropriated fund instrumentality of Department of Defense or Coast Guard, that is described in section 2105(c) of this title, to employment in Department or Coast Guard, that is not described in section 2105(c), or who moves from employment in Department or Coast Guard, that is not described in section 2105(c), to employment in nonappropriated fund instrumentality of Department or Coast Guard, that is described in section 2105(c), see section 7202(m)(1) of Pub. L. 101-508, set out as a note under section 2105 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1978 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 95-454 effective 90 days after Oct. 13, 1978, see section 907 of Pub. L. 95-454, set out as a note under section 1101 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1968 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 90-623 intended to restate without substantive change the law in effect on Oct. 22, 1968, see section 6 of Pub. L. 90-623, set out as a note under section 5334 of this title.

#### REGULATIONS

For provisions relating to promulgation of regulations necessary to carry out amendment by section 1043(d)(1) of Pub. L. 104-106, see section 1043(b) of Pub. L. 104-106, set out as a Regulations; Effective Date of 1996 Amendment note under section 8347 of this title.

#### 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.

#### INTERAGENCY PLACEMENT PROGRAM FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES AFFECTED BY REDUCTIONS IN FORCE

Pub. L. 103-337, div. A, title X, §1066, Oct. 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 2850, as amended by Pub. L. 108-271, §8(b), July 7, 2004, 118 Stat. 814, provided that:

“(a) STUDY AND REPORT.—(1) The Director of the Office of Personnel Management shall conduct a study on the feasibility of establishing a mandatory interagency placement program for Federal employees affected by reductions in force.

“(2) For purposes of paragraph (1), an interagency placement program is a program that provides a system to require the offering of a position in an agency to an employee of another agency affected by a reduction in force if—

“(A) the position cannot be filled through a placement program of the agency in which the position is located;

“(B) the employee to whom the offer is made is qualified for the offered position; and

“(C) the geographic location of the offered position is within the commuting area of—

“(i) the residence of the employee; or

“(ii) the employee's present or last-held position.

“(3) The Director shall carry out this subsection in consultation with the Secretary of Defense.

“(4) The Director shall seek comments from the heads of all appropriate Federal agencies in conducting the study required by paragraph (1).

“(5) Not later than six months after the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 5, 1994], the Director shall submit to Congress a report on the results of the study required by paragraph (1) and on any action taken by the Director under subsection (b).

“(b) AGREEMENTS TO ESTABLISH INTERAGENCY PLACEMENT PROGRAM.—(1) The Director may establish a Government-wide interagency placement program for Federal employees affected by reductions in force if, during the 6-month period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 5, 1994], the Director, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, determines that such a program is feasible. To carry out the program, the Director may enter into an agreement with the head of each agency that agrees to participate in the program. If the Director establishes a program under this subsection, it is not necessary that the program be an interagency placement program within the meaning of subsection (a)(2).

“(2) If the Director establishes a program pursuant to paragraph (1), the report required by subsection (a)(5)

shall identify each agency that does not agree to participate in the program and the reasons of the head of that agency for not agreeing to participate.

“(c) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

“(1) The term ‘agency’ means an Executive agency as defined in section 105 of title 5, United States Code, except that such term does not include the Government Accountability Office.

“(2) The term ‘Federal employees affected by reductions in force’ means Federal employees who are separated, or are scheduled to be separated, from service under a reduction in force pursuant to—

“(A) regulations prescribed under section 3502 of title 5, United States Code; or

“(B) procedures established under section 3595 of such title.”

SPECIAL RULE ON APPLICATION OF SUBSECTIONS (d) AND (e)

Section 4433(b) of Pub. L. 102-484, as amended by Pub. L. 103-337, div. A, title III, §341(a), Oct. 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 2720, provided that:

“(1) The provisions of section 3502(d) and (e) of title 5, United States Code (as added by subsection (a)) shall apply to employees of the Department of Defense according to their terms, except that, with respect to any reduction in force within that agency that would involve the separation of a significant number of employees (as determined under paragraph (1)(B) of such section 3502(d)), any reference in such section 3502(d) to ‘60 days’ shall, in the case of the employees described in paragraph (2), be deemed to read ‘120 days’.

“(2) The employees described in this paragraph are those employees of the Department of Defense who are to be separated, due to a reduction in force described in paragraph (1), effective on or after the last day of the 90-day period referred to in subsection (a)(2) [see Effective Date of 1992 Amendment note above] and before February 1, 2000.

“(3) Nothing in this subsection shall prevent the application of the amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] with respect to an employee if—

“(A) the preceding paragraphs of this subsection do not apply with respect to such employee; and

“(B) the amendment made by subsection (a) would otherwise apply with respect to such employee.

“(4) The Secretary of Defense shall prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to carry out this subsection.”

INDIAN PREFERENCE LAWS APPLICABLE TO BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE POSITIONS

Applicability of Indian preference laws to Bureau of Indian Affairs and Indian Health Service positions for purposes of reduction-in-force procedures under subsec. (a) of this section, see section 472a(a) of Title 25, Indians.

EX. ORD. NO. 12828. DELEGATION OF CERTAIN PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES

Ex. Ord. No. 12828, Jan. 5, 1993, 58 F.R. 2965, as amended by Ex. Ord. No. 13415, §2(b), Dec. 1, 2006, 71 F.R. 70641, provided:

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including section 301 of title 3 of the United States Code and sections 3502(e), 4505a(e), and 5377(1)(2) of title 5 of the United States Code, it is hereby ordered as follows:

SECTION 1. The Office of Personnel Management is designated and empowered to exercise, without the approval, ratification, or other action of the President, the following:

(1) The authority of the President under 5 U.S.C. 3502(e), as added by section 4433 of Public Law 102-484, to shorten the period of advance notice otherwise required by law with respect to reductions in force.

(2) The authority of the President under 5 U.S.C. 4505a(e), as added by section 2(19) of Public Law 102-378, to permit performance-based cash awards to be paid to categories of employees who would not otherwise be eligible.

SEC. 2. This order shall be effective immediately.

§ 3503. Transfer of functions

(a) When a function is transferred from one agency to another, each competing employee in the function shall be transferred to the receiving agency for employment in a position for which he is qualified before the receiving agency may make an appointment from another source to that position.

(b) When one agency is replaced by another, each competing employee in the agency to be replaced shall be transferred to the replacing agency for employment in a position for which he is qualified before the replacing agency may make an appointment from another source to that position.

(Pub. L. 89-554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 429; Pub. L. 95-454, title III, §307(f), Oct. 13, 1978, 92 Stat. 1149; Pub. L. 96-54, §2(a)(18), Aug. 14, 1979, 93 Stat. 382.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Derivation</i>	<i>U.S. Code</i>	<i>Revised Statutes and Statutes at Large</i>
.....	5 U.S.C. 861(a) (3d proviso).	June 27, 1944, ch. 287, §12 (3d proviso), 58 Stat. 390.

In subsection (a), the words “a function” are substituted for “any or all of the functions”. The word “receiving” is substituted for “replacing” in the phrase “receiving agency” to avoid confusion with subsection (b).

In subsections (a) and (b), the word “first” in the phrase “shall first be transferred” is omitted as redundant in view of the subsequent limitation imposed by the words following “before”. The words “make an appointment from another source to that position” are substituted for “appoint additional employees from any other source for such position”.

Standard changes are made to conform with the definitions applicable and the style of this title as outlined in the preface to the report.

AMENDMENTS

1979—Subsecs. (a), (b). Pub. L. 96-54 substituted “competing employee” for “preference eligible employed”.

1978—Subsecs. (a), (b). Pub. L. 95-454 which directed the substitution of “competing employee” for “preference eligible employee” was impossible to execute literally because the text contained reference to “preference eligible employed”. See 1979 Amendment note above.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1979 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 96-54 effective July 12, 1979, see section 2(b) of Pub. L. 96-54, set out as a note under section 305 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1978 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 95-454 effective 90 days after Oct. 13, 1978, see section 907 of Pub. L. 95-454, set out as a note under section 1101 of this title.

§ 3504. Preference eligibles; retention; physical qualifications; waiver

(a) In determining qualifications of a preference eligible for retention in a position in the competitive service, an Executive agency, or the

government of the District of Columbia, the Office of Personnel Management or other examining agency shall waive—

- (1) requirements as to age, height, and weight, unless the requirement is essential to the performance of the duties of the position; and
- (2) physical requirements if, in the opinion of the Office or other examining agency, after considering the recommendation of an accredited physician, the preference eligible is physically able to perform efficiently the duties of the position.

(b) If an examining agency determines that, on the basis of evidence before it, a preference eligible described in section 2108(3)(C) of this title who has a compensable service-connected disability of 30 percent or more is not able to fulfill the physical requirements of the position, the examining agency shall notify the Office of the determination and, at the same time, the examining agency shall notify the preference eligible of the reasons for the determination and of the right to respond, within 15 days of the date of the notification, to the Office. The Office shall require a demonstration by the appointing authority that the notification was timely sent to the preference eligible's last known address and shall, before the selection of any other person for the position, make a final determination on the physical ability of the preference eligible to perform the duties of the position, taking into account any additional information provided in the response. When the Office has completed its review of the proposed disqualification on the basis of physical disability, it shall send its findings to the appointing authority and the preference eligible. The appointing authority shall comply with the findings of the Office. The functions of the Office under this subsection may not be delegated.

(Pub. L. 89-554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 429; Pub. L. 95-454, title III, §307(g), title IX, §906(a)(2), (3), Oct. 13, 1978, 92 Stat. 1149, 1224.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Derivation</i>	<i>U.S. Code</i>	<i>Revised Statutes and Statutes at Large</i>
.....	5 U.S.C. 854 (1st 2 sentences, so much as relates to retention).	June 27, 1944, ch. 287, §5 (1st 2 sentences, so much as relates to retention), 58 Stat. 388.

The words "in the competitive service, an Executive agency, or the government of the District of Columbia" are added on authority of former sections 851, 858, and 869 which are carried into this title. The words "preference eligible" are substituted for "veteran".

Standard changes are made to conform with the definitions applicable and the style of this title as outlined in the preface to the report.

AMENDMENTS

1978—Pub. L. 95-454 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a), substituted "Office of Personnel Management" for "Civil Service Commission" and "Office" for "Commission", and added subsec. (b).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1978 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 95-454 effective 90 days after Oct. 13, 1978, see section 907 of Pub. L. 95-454, set out as a note under section 1101 of this title.

SUBCHAPTER II—VOLUNTARY SEPARATION INCENTIVE PAYMENTS

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior subchapter II of this chapter consisting of section 3551, related to restoration of positions of Federal and District of Columbia employees upon release from duty in Reserves or National Guard, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 103-353, §§2(b)(2)(B), 8, Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3169, 3175, effective with respect to reemployments initiated on or after first day after 60-day period beginning Oct. 13, 1994, with transition rules.

§ 3521. Definitions

In this subchapter, the term—

- (1) "agency" means an Executive agency as defined under section 105 (other than the Government Accountability Office); and
- (2) "employee"—

(A) means an employee as defined under section 2105 employed by an agency and an individual employed by a county committee established under section 8(b)(5) of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act (16 U.S.C. 590h(b)(5)) who—

- (i) is serving under an appointment without time limitation; and
  - (ii) has been currently employed for a continuous period of at least 3 years; and
- (B) shall not include—

- (i) a reemployed annuitant under subchapter III of chapter 83 or 84 or another retirement system for employees of the Government;
- (ii) an employee having a disability on the basis of which such employee is or would be eligible for disability retirement under subchapter III of chapter 83 or 84 or another retirement system for employees of the Government;
- (iii) an employee who is in receipt of a decision notice of involuntary separation for misconduct or unacceptable performance;
- (iv) an employee who has previously received any voluntary separation incentive payment from the Federal Government under this subchapter or any other authority;

(v) an employee covered by statutory re-employment rights who is on transfer employment with another organization; or

- (vi) any employee who—

(I) during the 36-month period preceding the date of separation of that employee, performed service for which a student loan repayment benefit was or is to be paid under section 5379;

(II) during the 24-month period preceding the date of separation of that employee, performed service for which a recruitment or relocation bonus was or is to be paid under section 5753; or

(III) during the 12-month period preceding the date of separation of that employee, performed service for which a retention bonus was or is to be paid under section 5754.

(Added Pub. L. 107-296, title XIII, §1313(a)(1)(A), Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2291; amended Pub. L. 112-74, div. G, title I, §1401(b), Dec. 23, 2011, 125 Stat. 1134.)

## AMENDMENTS

2011—Par. (1). Pub. L. 112-74 substituted “section 105 (other than the Government Accountability Office)” for “section 105”.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2011 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 112-74 applicable to voluntary separation incentive payments made during fiscal year 2012 or any succeeding fiscal year, see section 1401(c) of Pub. L. 112-74, set out as a note under section 60q of Title 2, The Congress.

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 107-296, title XIII, § 1313(a)(4), Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2294, provided that: “This subsection [enacting this subchapter and provisions set out as notes under this section] shall take effect 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act [Nov. 25, 2002].”

## SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION EMPLOYEES

Pub. L. 108-72, § 5, Aug. 15, 2003, 117 Stat. 889, provided that: “The Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution may establish a program for making voluntary separation incentive payments for employees of the Smithsonian Institution which is substantially similar to the program established under subchapter II of chapter 35 of title 5, United States Code (as added by section 1313(a) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 [Pub. L. 107-296]).”

## JUDICIAL BRANCH EMPLOYEES

Pub. L. 107-296, title XIII, § 1313(a)(2), Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2294, provided that: “The Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts may, by regulation, establish a program substantially similar to the program established under paragraph (1) [enacting this subchapter] for individuals serving in the judicial branch.”

## CONTINUATION OF OTHER AUTHORITY

Pub. L. 107-296, title XIII, § 1313(a)(3), Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2294, provided that: “Any agency exercising any voluntary separation incentive authority in effect on the effective date of this subsection [see Effective Date note above] may continue to offer voluntary separation incentives consistent with that authority until that authority expires.”

## SENSE OF CONGRESS

Pub. L. 107-296, title XIII, § 1313(c), Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2296, provided that: “It is the sense of Congress that the implementation of this section [enacting this subchapter, amending sections 8336 and 8414 of this title, enacting provisions set out as notes under this section and section 8336 of this title, and repealing provisions set out as notes under sections 8336 and 8414 of this title] is intended to reshape the Federal workforce and not downsize the Federal workforce.”

**§ 3522. Agency plans; approval**

(a) Before obligating any resources for voluntary separation incentive payments, the head of each agency shall submit to the Office of Personnel Management a plan outlining the intended use of such incentive payments and a proposed organizational chart for the agency once such incentive payments have been completed.

(b) The plan of an agency under subsection (a) shall include—

- (1) the specific positions and functions to be reduced or eliminated;
- (2) a description of which categories of employees will be offered incentives;
- (3) the time period during which incentives may be paid;

(4) the number and amounts of voluntary separation incentive payments to be offered; and

(5) a description of how the agency will operate without the eliminated positions and functions.

(c) The Director of the Office of Personnel Management shall review each agency’s plan an<sup>1</sup> may make any appropriate modifications in the plan, in consultation with the Director of the Office of Management and Budget. A plan under this section may not be implemented without the approval of the Directive<sup>2</sup> of the Office of Personnel Management.

(Added Pub. L. 107-296, title XIII, § 1313(a)(1)(A), Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2292.)

**§ 3523. Authority to provide voluntary separation incentive payments**

(a) A voluntary separation incentive payment under this subchapter may be paid to an employee only as provided in the plan of an agency established under section 3522.

(b) A voluntary incentive payment—

(1) shall be offered to agency employees on the basis of—

- (A) 1 or more organizational units;
- (B) 1 or more occupational series or levels;
- (C) 1 or more geographical locations;
- (D) skills, knowledge, or other factors related to a position;
- (E) specific periods of time during which eligible employees may elect a voluntary incentive payment; or
- (F) any appropriate combination of such factors;

(2) shall be paid in a lump sum after the employee’s separation;

(3) shall be equal to the lesser of—

- (A) an amount equal to the amount the employee would be entitled to receive under section 5595(c) if the employee were entitled to payment under such section (without adjustment for any previous payment made); or
- (B) an amount determined by the agency head, not to exceed \$25,000;

(4) may be made only in the case of an employee who voluntarily separates (whether by retirement or resignation) under this subchapter;

(5) shall not be a basis for payment, and shall not be included in the computation, of any other type of Government benefit;

(6) shall not be taken into account in determining the amount of any severance pay to which the employee may be entitled under section 5595, based on another other<sup>1</sup> separation; and

(7) shall be paid from appropriations or funds available for the payment of the basic pay of the employee.

(Added Pub. L. 107-296, title XIII, § 1313(a)(1)(A), Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2293.)

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be “and”.

<sup>2</sup> So in original. Probably should be “Director”.

<sup>3</sup> So in original.



§ 3524. Effect of subsequent employment with the Government

- (a) The term "employment"—
(1) in subsection (b) includes employment under a personal services contract...
(2) in subsection (c) does not include employment under such a contract.

(b) An individual who has received a voluntary separation incentive payment under this subchapter and accepts any employment for compensation with the Government of the United States with 1 5 years after the date of the separation on which the payment is based shall be required to pay, before the individual's first day of employment, the entire amount of the incentive payment to the agency that paid the incentive payment.

(c)(1) If the employment under this section is with an agency, other than the Government Accountability Office, the United States Postal Service, or the Postal Regulatory Commission, the Director of the Office of Personnel Management may, at the request of the head of the agency, may 2 waive the repayment if—

- (A) the individual involved possesses unique abilities and is the only qualified applicant available for the position; or
(B) in case of an emergency involving a direct threat to life or property, the individual—
(i) has skills directly related to resolving the emergency; and
(ii) will serve on a temporary basis only so long as that individual's services are made necessary by the emergency.

(2) If the employment under this section is with an entity in the legislative branch, the head of the entity or the appointing official may waive the repayment if the individual involved possesses unique abilities and is the only qualified applicant available for the position.

(3) If the employment under this section is with the judicial branch, the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts may waive the repayment if the individual involved possesses unique abilities and is the only qualified applicant available for the position.

(Added Pub. L. 107-296, title XIII, §1313(a)(1)(A), Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2293; amended Pub. L. 108-271, §8(b), July 7, 2004, 118 Stat. 814; Pub. L. 109-435, title VI, §604(f), Dec. 20, 2006, 120 Stat. 3242.)

AMENDMENTS

2006—Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 109-435 substituted "Postal Regulatory Commission" for "Postal Rate Commission" in introductory provisions.

2004—Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 108-271 substituted "Government Accountability Office" for "General Accounting Office" in introductory provisions.

§ 3525. Regulations

The Office of Personnel Management may prescribe regulations to carry out this subchapter.

1 So in original. Probably should be "within".

2 So in original.

(Added Pub. L. 107-296, title XIII, §1313(a)(1)(A), Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2294.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 3551, Pub. L. 89-554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 429; Pub. L. 90-491, §2, Aug. 17, 1968, 82 Stat. 791, related to restoration of positions of Federal and District of Columbia employees upon release from duty in Reserves or National Guard, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 103-353, §§2(b)(2)(B), 8, Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3169, 3175, effective with respect to reemployments initiated on or after first day after 60-day period beginning Oct. 13, 1994, with transition rules.

SUBCHAPTER III—REINSTATEMENT OR RESTORATION AFTER SUSPENSION OR REMOVAL FOR NATIONAL SECURITY

§ 3571. Reinstatement or restoration; individuals suspended or removed for national security

An individual suspended or removed under section 7532 of this title may be restored to duty in the discretion of the head of the agency concerned.

(Pub. L. 89-554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 429.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Table with 3 columns: Derivation, U.S. Code, Revised Statutes and Statutes at Large. Row 1: 5 U.S.C. 22-1 (1st 31 words of 3d proviso), Aug. 26, 1950, ch. 803, §1 (1st 31 words of 3d proviso), 64 Stat. 477.

The words "suspended or removed under section 7532 of this title" are coextensive with and substituted for "whose employment is so suspended or terminated under the authority of said sections".

Standard changes are made to conform with the definitions applicable and the style of this title as outlined in the preface to the report.

SUBCHAPTER IV—REEMPLOYMENT AFTER SERVICE WITH AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION

§ 3581. Definitions

For the purpose of this subchapter—

- (1) "agency" means—
(A) an Executive agency;
(B) a military department; and
(C) an employing authority in the legislative branch;

(2) "employee" means an employee in or under an agency;

(3) "international organization" means a public international organization or international-organization preparatory commission in which the Government of the United States participates;

(4) "transfer" means the change of position by an employee from an agency to an international organization; and

- (5) "reemployment" means—
(A) the reemployment of an employee under section 3582(b) of this title; or
(B) the reemployment of a Congressional employee within 90 days from his separation from an international organization;

following a term of employment not extending beyond the period named by the head of the agency at the time of consent to transfer or,

in the absence of a named period, not extending beyond the first 5 consecutive years, or any extension thereof, after entering the employ of the international organization.

(Pub. L. 89-554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 429; Pub. L. 91-175, pt. V, §502(b), Dec. 30, 1969, 83 Stat. 825; Pub. L. 94-183, §2(9), Dec. 31, 1975, 89 Stat. 1057.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Derivation</i>	<i>U.S. Code</i>	<i>Revised Statutes and Statutes at Large</i>
.....	5 U.S.C. 2331.	Aug. 28, 1958, Pub. L. 85-795, § 2, 72 Stat. 959.

In paragraphs (1)(A) and (B), the terms “Executive agency” and “military department” are coextensive with and substituted for “any department or agency in the executive branch of the United States Government including independent establishments and Government owned or controlled corporations” in view of the definitions in sections 105 and 102.

In paragraph (2), the word “employee” is substituted for “any civilian appointive officer or employee” in view of the definition of “employee” in section 2105. The words “in or under an agency” are substituted for “in or under the executive or the legislative branch of the United States Government”.

The definition of “Congressional employee” in former section 2331(4) is omitted as unnecessary because the term “Congressional employee”, defined for the purpose of this title in section 2107, is coextensive with the definition in former section 2331(4).

The definition of “Detail” in former section 2331(6) is omitted from this section as inappropriate but is carried into section 3343.

Standard changes are made to conform with the definitions applicable and the style of this title as outlined in the preface to the report.

AMENDMENTS

1975—Subsec. (5)(A). Pub. L. 94-183 substituted “3582(b)” for “3582(a)”.

1969—Par. (5). Pub. L. 91-175 substituted “the first 5 consecutive years, or any extension thereof, after entering the employ of the international organization” for “the first 3 consecutive years after entering the employ of the international organization”.

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

Authority of President to extend a transfer of an employee under this section delegated to Secretary of State, see section 3 of Ex. Ord. No. 11552, Aug. 24, 1970, 35 F.R. 13569, set out as a note under section 3584 of this title.

**§ 3582. Rights of transferring employees**

(a) An employee serving under an appointment not limited to 1 year or less who transfers to an international organization with the consent of the head of his agency is entitled—

- (1) to retain coverage, rights, and benefits under any system established by law for the retirement of employees, if necessary employee deductions and agency contributions in payment for the coverage, rights, and benefits for the period of employment with the international organization are currently deposited in the system’s fund or depository; and the period during which coverage, rights, and benefits are retained under this paragraph is deemed creditable service under the system, except that such service shall not be considered creditable service for the purpose of any retirement system for transferring personnel,

if such service forms the basis, in whole or in part, for an annuity or pension under the retirement system of the international organization;

(2) to retain coverage, rights, and benefits under chapters 87 and 89 of this title, if necessary employee deductions and agency contributions in payment for the coverage, rights, and benefits for the period of employment with the international organization are currently deposited in the Employees’ Life Insurance Fund and the Employees’ Health Benefits Fund, as applicable, and the period during which coverage, rights, and benefits are retained under this paragraph is deemed service as an employee under chapters 87 and 89 of this title;

(3) to retain coverage, rights, and benefits under subchapter I of chapter 81 of this title, and for this purpose his employment with the international organization is deemed employment by the United States, but if he or his dependents receive from the international organization a payment, allowance, gratuity, payment under an insurance policy for which the premium is wholly paid by the international organization, or other benefit of any kind on account of the same injury or death, the amount thereof is credited against disability or death compensation, as the case may be, payable under subchapter I of chapter 81 of this title; and

(4) to elect to retain to his credit all accumulated and current accrued annual leave to which entitled at the time of transfer which would otherwise be liquidated by a lump-sum payment. On his request at any time before reemployment, he shall be paid for the annual leave retained. If he receives a lump-sum payment and is reemployed within 6 months after transfer, he shall refund to the agency the amount of the lump-sum payment. This paragraph does not operate to cause a forfeiture of retained annual leave following reemployment or to deprive an employee of a lump-sum payment to which he would otherwise be entitled.

(b) An employee entitled to the benefits of subsection (a) of this section is entitled to be reemployed within 30 days of his application for reemployment in his former position or a position of like seniority, status, and pay in the agency from which he transferred, if—

- (1) he is separated from the international organization within 5 years, or any extension thereof, after entering on duty with the international organization or within such shorter period as may be named by the head of the agency at the time of consent to transfer; and
- (2) he applies for reemployment not later than 90 days after the separation.

On reemployment, an employee entitled to the benefits of subsection (a) is entitled to the rate of basic pay to which the employee would have been entitled had the employee remained in the civil service. On reemployment, the agency shall restore the sick leave account of the employee, by credit or charge, to its status at the time of transfer. The period of separation caused by the employment of the employee with the international organization and the period necessary

to effect reemployment are deemed creditable service for all appropriate civil service employment purposes. This subsection does not apply to a congressional employee.

(c) This section applies only with respect to so much of a period of employment with an international organization as does not exceed 5 years, or any extension thereof, or such shorter period named by the head of the agency at the time of consent to transfer, except that for retirement and insurance purposes this section continues to apply during the period after separation from the international organization in which—

(1) an employee, except a Congressional employee, is properly exercising or could exercise the reemployment right established by subsection (b) of this section; or

(2) a Congressional employee is effecting or could effect a reemployment.

During that reemployment period, the employee is deemed on leave without pay for retirement and insurance purposes.

(d) During the employee's period of service with the international organization, the agency from which the employee is transferred shall make contributions for retirement and insurance purposes from the appropriations or funds of that agency so long as contributions are made by the employee.

(Pub. L. 89-554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 430; Pub. L. 91-175, pt. V, § 502(c)-(f), Dec. 30, 1969, 83 Stat. 825, 826; Pub. L. 94-183, § 2(10), Dec. 31, 1975, 89 Stat. 1057; Pub. L. 105-277, div. G, subdiv. B, title XXV, § 2504(a), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-837.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Derivation</i>	<i>U.S. Code</i>	<i>Revised Statutes and Statutes at Large</i>
.....	5 U.S.C. 2333 (less (c)).	Aug. 28, 1958, Pub. L. 85-795 § 4 (less (c)), 72 Stat. 960.

In subsection (a), the words "Notwithstanding the provisions of any law, Executive order, or regulation" are omitted as unnecessary. In paragraph (2), the words "an employee under chapter 87 of this title" are substituted for "an officer or employee of the United States". In paragraph (4), the words "under no circumstances" are omitted as unnecessary.

Standard changes are made to conform with the definitions applicable and the style of this title as outlined in the preface to the report.

AMENDMENTS

1998—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 105-277 inserted concluding provisions and struck out former concluding provisions which read as follows: "On reemployment, he is entitled to the rate of basic pay to which he would be entitled had he remained in the civil service. On reemployment, the agency shall restore his sick leave account, by credit or charge, to its status at the time of transfer. The period of separation caused by his employment with the international organization and the period necessary to effect reemployment are deemed creditable service for all appropriate civil service employment purposes. On reemployment, he is entitled to be paid, under such regulations as the President may prescribe and from appropriations or funds of the agency from which transferred, an amount equal to the difference between the pay, allowances, post differential, and other monetary benefits paid by the international organization and the pay, allowances, post differential, and other monetary benefits that would have been paid by the agency had he been detailed to the international

organization under section 3343 of this title. Such a payment shall be made to an employee who is unable to exercise his reemployment right because of disability incurred while on transfer to an international organization under this subchapter and, in the case of any employee who dies while on such a transfer or during the period after separation from the international organization in which he is properly exercising or could exercise his reemployment right, in accordance with subchapter VIII of chapter 55 of this title. This subsection does not apply to a congressional employee nor may any payment provided for in the preceding two sentences of this subsection be based on a period of employment with an international organization occurring before the first day of the first pay period which begins after December 29, 1969."

1975—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 94-183 substituted "after December 29, 1969" for "on or after the date of enactment of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1969" in last sentence.

1969—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 91-175, § 502(c), inserted provision at end of cl. (1) excepting from creditable service, for the purpose of any retirement system, an agency employee who transfers to an international organization, if such service forms the basis for an annuity or pension under the retirement system of the international organization, and, in cl. (2), inserted references to chapter 89 and Employees' Health Benefits Fund.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 91-175, § 502(d), struck out "except a Congressional employee," in provisions preceding cl. (1), substituted "5 years or any extension thereof," for "3 years" in cl. (1), and, in provisions following cl. (2), inserted provision dealing with pay differentials to be received by former agency employee on reemployment with agency after service with international organization.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 91-175, § 502(e), substituted "5 years, or any extension thereof," for "3 years".

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 91-175, § 502(f), made contributions for retirement and insurance purposes mandatory by the agency from which employee is transferred, during employee's period of service with international organization, so long as contributions are made by employee.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 105-277, div. G, subdiv. B, title XXV, § 2504(b), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-837, provided that: "The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall apply with respect to transfers that take effect on or after the date of enactment of this Act [Oct. 21, 1998]."

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

Authority of President under subsec. (b) of this section delegated to Office of Personnel Management, and authority to define and specify pay, allowances, etc., to be paid by the agency, delegated to Secretary of State, see section 3 of Ex. Ord. No. 11552, Aug. 24, 1970, 35 F.R. 13569, set out as a note under section 3584 of this title.

§ 3583. Computations

A computation under this subchapter before reemployment is made in the same manner as if the employee had received basic pay, or basic pay plus additional pay in the case of a Congressional employee, at the rate at which it would have been payable had the employee continued in the position in which he was serving at the time of transfer.

(Pub. L. 89-554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 431.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Derivation</i>	<i>U.S. Code</i>	<i>Revised Statutes and Statutes at Large</i>
.....	5 U.S.C. 2333(c).	Aug. 28, 1958, Pub. L. 85-795, § 4(c), 72 Stat. 961.

Standard changes are made to conform with the definitions applicable and the style of this title as outlined in the preface to the report.

**§ 3584. Regulations**

The President may prescribe regulations necessary to carry out this subchapter and section 3343 of this title and to protect and assure the retirement, insurance, leave, and reemployment rights and such other similar civil service employment rights as he finds appropriate. The regulations may provide for the exclusion of employees from the application of this subchapter and section 3343 of this title on the basis of the nature and type of employment including excepted appointments of a confidential or policy-determining character, or conditions pertaining to the employment including short-term appointments, seasonal or intermittent employment, and part-time employment.

(Pub. L. 89-554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 431.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Derivation	U.S. Code	Revised Statutes and Statutes at Large
.....	5 U.S.C. 2334.	Aug. 28, 1958, Pub. L. 85-795, § 5, 72 Stat. 961.

The words "civil service employment rights" are substituted for "Federal employment rights". The word "including" is substituted for "such as, but not limited to".

Standard changes are made to conform with the definitions applicable and the style of this title as outlined in the preface to the report.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 10804

Ex. Ord. No. 10804, Feb. 12, 1959, 24 F.R. 1147, which delegated to the United States Civil Service Commission the authority vested in the President by section 5 of the Federal Employees International Organization Service Act (72 Stat. 961) [now this section], was revoked by Ex. Ord. No. 11552, Aug. 24, 1970, 35 F.R. 13569, set out below.

EX. ORD. NO. 11552. PROVIDING FOR DETAILS AND TRANSFERS OF FEDERAL EMPLOYEES TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Ex. Ord. No. 11552, Aug. 24, 1970, 35 F.R. 13569, as amended by Ex. Ord. No. 12107, Dec. 28, 1978, 44 F.R. 1055, provided:

By virtue of the authority vested in me by section 301 of title 3 and section 3584 of title 5 [this section], United States Code, and as President of the United States, it is ordered as follows:

**SECTION 1. Leadership and coordination.** The Secretary of State shall provide leadership and coordination for the effort of the Federal Government to increase and improve its participation in international organizations through transfers and details of well-qualified Federal employees, and shall develop policies, procedures, and programs consistent with this order to advance and encourage such participation.

**SEC. 2. Federal agency cooperation.** Each agency in the executive branch of the Federal Government shall to the maximum extent feasible and with due regard to its manpower requirements assist and encourage details and transfers of employees to international organizations by observing the following policies and procedures:

(1) Vacancies in international organizations shall be brought to the notice of well-qualified agency employees whose abilities and levels of responsibility in the Federal service are commensurate with those required to fill such vacancies.

(2) Subject to prior approval of his agency, no leave shall be charged an employee who is absent for a maximum of three days for interview for a proposed detail or transfer at the formal request of an international organization of a Federal official; an agency may approve official travel for necessary travel within the United States in connection with such an interview.

(3) An agency, upon request of an appropriate authority, shall provide international organizations with detailed assessments of the technical or professional qualifications of individual employees being formally considered for details and transfers to specific positions.

(4) Upon return of an employee to his agency, the agency shall give due consideration to the employee's overall qualifications, including those which may have been acquired during his service with the international organization, in determining the position and grade in which he is reemployed.

**SEC. 3. Delegations.** (a) Except as otherwise provided in this order, there is hereby delegated to the Office of Personnel Management the authority vested in the President by sections 3582(b) and 3584 of title 5, United States Code.

(b) The following are hereby delegated to the Secretary of State:

(1) The authority vested in the President by sections 3343 and 3581 of title 5, United States Code, to determine whether it is in the national interest to extend a detail or transfer of an employee beyond five years.

(2) The authority vested in the President by section 3582(b) of title 5, United States Code, to define and specify "pay, allowances, post differential, and other monetary benefits" to be paid by the agency upon reemployment, disability, or death.

**SEC. 4. Revocation.** Executive Order No. 10804 of February 12, 1959, is hereby revoked.

SUBCHAPTER V—REMOVAL, REINSTATEMENT, AND GUARANTEED PLACEMENT IN THE SENIOR EXECUTIVE SERVICE

**§ 3591. Definitions**

For the purpose of this subchapter, "agency", "Senior Executive Service position", "senior executive", "career appointee", "limited term appointee", "limited emergency appointee", "non-career appointee", and "general position" have the meanings set forth in section 3132(a) of this title.

(Added Pub. L. 95-454, title IV, § 404(b), Oct. 13, 1978, 92 Stat. 1165.)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Subchapter effective 9 months after Oct. 13, 1978, and congressional review of provisions of sections 401 through 412 of Pub. L. 95-454, see section 415(a)(1), (b), of Pub. L. 95-454, set out as a note under section 3131 of this title.

**§ 3592. Removal from the Senior Executive Service**

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, a career appointee may be removed from the Senior Executive Service to a civil service position outside of the Senior Executive Service—

(1) during the 1-year period of probation under section 3393(d) of this title, or

(2) at any time for less than fully successful executive performance as determined under subchapter II of chapter 43 of this title,

except that in the case of a removal under paragraph (2) of this subsection the career appointee

shall, at least 15 days before the removal, be entitled, upon request, to an informal hearing before an official designated by the Merit Systems Protection Board at which the career appointee may appear and present arguments, but such hearing shall not give the career appointee the right to initiate an action with the Board under section 7701 of this title, nor need the removal action be delayed as a result of the granting of such hearing.

(b)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a career appointee in an agency may not be involuntarily removed—

(A) within 120 days after an appointment of the head of the agency; or

(B) within 120 days after the appointment in the agency of the career appointee's most immediate supervisor who—

(i) is a noncareer appointee; and

(ii) has the authority to remove the career appointee.

(2) Paragraph (1) of this subsection does not apply with respect to—

(A) any removal under section 4314(b)(3) of this title; or

(B) any disciplinary action initiated before an appointment referred to in paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(c) A limited emergency appointee, limited term appointee, or noncareer appointee may be removed from the service at any time.

(Added Pub. L. 95-454, title IV, § 404(b), Oct. 13, 1978, 92 Stat. 1165; amended Pub. L. 101-194, title V, § 506(b)(3), Nov. 30, 1989, 103 Stat. 1758; Pub. L. 107-296, title XIII, § 1321(a)(2)(A), Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2297.)

#### AMENDMENTS

2002—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 107-296, § 1321(a)(2)(A)(iv), struck out last sentence which read as follows: "In the case of a removal under paragraph (3) of this subsection, the career appointee shall have the right to appeal the removal from the Senior Executive Service to the Merit Systems Protection Board under section 7701."

Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 107-296, § 1321(a)(2)(A)(i), inserted "or" at end.

Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 107-296, § 1321(a)(2)(A)(ii), struck out "or" at end.

Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 107-296, § 1321(a)(2)(A)(iii), struck out par. (3) which read as follows: "if the career appointee is not recertified as a senior executive under section 3393a."

1989—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 101-194, § 506(b)(3)(D), inserted at end "In the case of a removal under paragraph (3) of this subsection, the career appointee shall have the right to appeal the removal from the Senior Executive Service to the Merit Systems Protection Board under section 7701."

Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 101-194, § 506(b)(3)(A)-(C), added par. (3).

#### 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 OF 1989 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 101-194 effective Jan. 1, 1991, see section 506(d) of Pub. L. 101-194, set out as a note under section 3151 of this title.

#### SAVINGS PROVISION

Pub. L. 107-296, title XIII, § 1321(b), Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2297, provided that: "Notwithstanding the amend-

ments made by subsection (a)(2)(A) [amending this section], an appeal under the final sentence of section 3592(a) of title 5, United States Code, that is pending on the day before the effective date of this section [see Effective Date of 2002 Amendment note above]—

"(1) shall not abate by reason of the enactment of the amendments made by subsection (a)(2)(A); and

"(2) shall continue as if such amendments had not been enacted."

#### § 3593. Reinstatement in the Senior Executive Service

(a) A former career appointee may be reinstated, without regard to section 3393(b) and (c) of this title, to any Senior Executive Service position for which the appointee is qualified if—

(1) the appointee has successfully completed the probationary period established under section 3393(d) of this title; and

(2) the appointee left the Senior Executive Service for reasons other than misconduct, neglect of duty, malfeasance, or less than fully successful executive performance as determined under subchapter II of chapter 43.

(b) A career appointee who is appointed by the President to any civil service position outside the Senior Executive Service and who leaves the position for reasons other than misconduct, neglect of duty, or malfeasance shall be entitled to be placed in the Senior Executive Service if the appointee applies to the Office of Personnel Management within 90 days after separation from the Presidential appointment.

(c)(1) A former career appointee shall be reinstated, without regard to section 3393(b) and (c) of this title, to any vacant Senior Executive Service position in an agency for which the appointee is qualified if—

(A) the individual was a career appointee on May 31, 1981;

(B) the appointee was removed from the Senior Executive Service under section 3595 of this title before October 1, 1984, due to a reduction in force in that agency;

(C) before the removal occurred, the appointee successfully completed the probationary period established under section 3393(d) of this title; and

(D) the appointee applies for that vacant position within one year after the Office receives certification regarding that appointee pursuant to section 3595(b)(3)(B) of this title.

(2) A career appointee is entitled to appeal to the Merit Systems Protection Board under section 7701 of this title any determination by the agency that the appointee is not qualified for a position for which the appointee applies under paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(Added Pub. L. 95-454, title IV, § 404(b), Oct. 13, 1978, 92 Stat. 1166; amended Pub. L. 97-35, title XVII, § 1704(b), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 757; Pub. L. 98-615, title III, § 303(a), Nov. 8, 1984, 98 Stat. 3217; Pub. L. 101-194, title V, § 506(b)(4), Nov. 30, 1989, 103 Stat. 1758; Pub. L. 107-296, title XIII, § 1321(a)(2)(B), Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2297.)

#### AMENDMENTS

2002—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 107-296 added par. (2) and struck out former par. (2) which read as follows: "the appointee left the Senior Executive Service for reasons other than misconduct, neglect of duty, malfeasance,

less than fully successful executive performance as determined under subchapter II of chapter 43 of this title, or failure to be recertified as a senior executive under section 3393a.”

1989—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 101-194 struck out “or” after “malfeasance,” and inserted “, or failure to be recertified as a senior executive under section 3393a” before period at end.

1984—Subsec. (c)(1)(B). Pub. L. 98-615 inserted “before October 1, 1984.”

1981—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 97-35 added subsec. (c).

#### 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.

Pub. L. 107-296, title XIII, §1321(c), Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2297, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a)(2)(B) [amending this section] shall not apply with respect to an individual who, before the effective date of this section [see note above], leaves the Senior Executive Service for failure to be recertified as a senior executive under section 3393a of title 5, United States Code.”

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1989 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 101-194 effective Jan. 1, 1991, see section 506(d) of Pub. L. 101-194, set out as a note under section 3151 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1984 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 98-615 effective following expiration of 90-day period beginning on Nov. 8, 1984, see section 307 of Pub. L. 98-615, set out as a note under section 3393 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1981 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 97-35 effective June 1, 1981, with certain exceptions and conditions, see section 1704(e) of Pub. L. 97-35, set out as an Effective Date note under section 3595 of this title.

### § 3594. Guaranteed placement in other personnel systems

(a) A career appointee who was appointed from a civil service position held under a career or career-conditional appointment (or an appointment of equivalent tenure, as determined by the Office of Personnel Management) and who, for reasons other than misconduct, neglect of duty, or malfeasance, is removed from the Senior Executive Service during the probationary period under section 3393(d) of this title, shall be entitled to be placed in a civil service position (other than a Senior Executive Service position) in any agency.

(b) A career appointee who has completed the probationary period under section 3393(d) of this title, and who—

(1) is removed from the Senior Executive Service for less than fully successful executive performance as determined under subchapter II of chapter 43 of this title; or

(2) is removed from the Senior Executive Service under paragraph (4) or (5) of section 3595(b) of this title;

shall be entitled to be placed in a civil service position (other than a Senior Executive Service position) in any agency.

(c)(1) For purposes of subsections (a) and (b) of this section—

(A) the position in which any career appointee is placed under such subsections shall

be a continuing position at GS-15 of the General Schedule or classified above GS-15 pursuant to section 5108, or an equivalent position, and, in the case of a career appointee referred to in subsection (a) of this section, the career appointee shall be entitled to an appointment of a tenure equivalent to the tenure of the appointment held in the position from which the career appointee was appointed;

(B) any career appointee placed under subsection (a) or (b) of this section shall be entitled to receive basic pay at the highest of—

(i) the rate of basic pay in effect for the position in which placed;

(ii) the rate of basic pay in effect at the time of the placement for the position the career appointee held in the civil service immediately before being appointed to the Senior Executive Service; or

(iii) the rate of basic pay in effect for the career appointee immediately before being placed under subsection (a) or (b) of this section; and

(C) the placement of any career appointee under subsection (a) or (b) of this section may not be made to a position which would cause the separation or reduction in grade of any other employee.

(2) An employee who is receiving basic pay under paragraph (1)(B)(ii) or (iii) of this subsection is entitled to have the basic pay rate of the employee increased by 50 percent of the amount of each increase in the maximum rate of basic pay for the grade of the position in which the employee is placed under subsection (a) or (b) of this section until the rate is equal to the rate in effect under paragraph (1)(B)(i) of this subsection for the position in which the employee is placed.

(Added Pub. L. 95-454, title IV, §404(b), Oct. 13, 1978, 92 Stat. 1166; amended Pub. L. 98-615, title III, §303(b), Nov. 8, 1984, 98 Stat. 3217; Pub. L. 101-194, title V, §506(b)(5), Nov. 30, 1989, 103 Stat. 1758; Pub. L. 101-509, title V, §529 [title I, §101(b)(9)(E)], Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1427, 1441; Pub. L. 102-378, §2(16), Oct. 2, 1992, 106 Stat. 1347; Pub. L. 107-296, title XIII, §1321(a)(2)(C), Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2297.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

GS-15 of the General Schedule, referred to in subsec. (c)(1)(A), is set out under section 5332 of this title.

#### AMENDMENTS

2002—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 107-296, §1321(a)(2)(C)(i), inserted “or” at end.

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 107-296, §1321(a)(2)(C)(ii), struck out “or” at end.

Subsec. (b)(3). Pub. L. 107-296, §1321(a)(2)(C)(iii), struck out par. (3) which read as follows: “is removed from the Senior Executive Service for failure to be recertified under section 3393a.”

1992—Subsec. (c)(1)(A). Pub. L. 102-378 substituted “section 5108,” for “section 5108.”

1990—Subsec. (c)(1)(A). Pub. L. 101-509 substituted “at GS-15 of the General Schedule or classified above GS-15 pursuant to section 5108,” for “at GS-15 or above of the General Schedule”.

1989—Subsec. (b)(3). Pub. L. 101-194 added par. (3).

1984—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 98-615 inserted provision relating to career appointees removed from the Senior Executive Service under section 3595(b)(4) or (5) 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 OF 1990 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 101-509 effective on such date as the President shall determine, but not earlier than 90 days, and not later than 180 days, after Nov. 5, 1990, see section 529 [title III, §305] of Pub. L. 101-509, set out as a note under section 5301 of this title.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1989 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 101-194 effective Jan. 1, 1991, see section 506(d) of Pub. L. 101-194, set out as a note under section 3151 of this title.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1984 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 98-615 effective following expiration of 90-day period beginning on Nov. 8, 1984, see section 307 of Pub. L. 98-615, set out as a note under section 3393 of this title.

### § 3595. Reduction in force in the Senior Executive Service

(a) An agency shall establish competitive procedures for determining who shall be removed from the Senior Executive Service in any reduction in force of career appointees within that agency. The competitive procedures shall be designed to assure that such determinations are primarily on the basis of performance, as determined under subchapter II of chapter 43 of this title.

(b)(1) This subsection applies to any career appointee who has successfully completed the probationary period prescribed under section 3393(d) of this title.

(2) Except as provided in paragraphs (4) and (5), a career appointee may not be removed from the Senior Executive Service due to a reduction in force within an agency.

(3) A career appointee who, but for this subsection, would be removed from the Senior Executive Service due to a reduction in force within an agency—

(A) is entitled to be assigned by the head of that agency to a vacant Senior Executive Service position for which the career appointee is qualified; or

(B) if the agency head certifies, in writing, to the Office of Personnel Management that no such position is available in the agency, shall be placed by the Office in any agency in any vacant Senior Executive Service position unless the head of that agency determines that the career appointee is not qualified for that position.

The Office of Personnel Management shall take all reasonable steps to place a career appointee under subparagraph (B) and may require any agency to take any action which the Office considers necessary to carry out any such placement.

(4) A career appointee who is not assigned under paragraph (3)(A) may be removed from the Senior Executive Service due to a reduction in force if the career appointee declines a reasonable offer for placement in a Senior Executive Service position under paragraph (3)(B).

(5) A career appointee who is not assigned under paragraph (3)(A) may be removed from the

Senior Executive Service due to a reduction in force if the career appointee is not placed in another Senior Executive Service position under paragraph (3)(B) within 45 days after the Office receives certification regarding that appointee under paragraph (3)(B).

(c) A career appointee is entitled to appeal to the Merit Systems Protection Board under section 7701 of this title whether the reduction in force complies with the competitive procedures required under subsection (a).

(d) For purposes of this section, “reduction in force” includes the elimination or modification of a position due to a reorganization, due to a lack of funds or curtailment of work, or due to any other factor.

(e) The Office shall prescribe regulations under which the rights accorded to a career appointee in the event of a transfer of function are comparable to the rights accorded to a competing employee under section 3503 of this title in the event of such a transfer.

(Added Pub. L. 97-35, title XVII, §1704(a)(1), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 756; amended Pub. L. 97-346, §5(a), (b), Oct. 15, 1982, 96 Stat. 1650; Pub. L. 98-615, title III, §§303(c), (d), 304(b), Nov. 8, 1984, 98 Stat. 3218, 3219.)

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 3595, added Pub. L. 95-454, title IV, §404(b), Oct. 13, 1978, 92 Stat. 1167, which related to prescribing regulations, was renumbered section 3596 by Pub. L. 97-35, title XVII, §1704(a)(1), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 756.

## AMENDMENTS

1984—Subsec. (b)(3)(B). Pub. L. 98-615, §303(c)(1), struck out the designation “(i)” before provisions relating to placement in any agency in any vacant Executive Service position, and struck out former cl. (ii), which had related to detailing by the Office of Personnel Management to any vacant Senior Executive Service position for which the Office deemed the employee to be qualified in any agency for a period not to exceed 60 days, and placement in such position by the Office after the period of such detail, unless the head of the agency determined that the career appointee was not qualified for such position.

Subsec. (b)(4). Pub. L. 98-615, §303(c)(2), struck out “and the civil service” after “removed from the Senior Executive Service”, struck out the designation “(A)” before “the career appointee declines”, and substituted a period for the semicolon and “or” at the end thereof. Former subpar. (B) redesignated par. (5).

Subsec. (b)(5). Pub. L. 98-615, §303(c)(2), redesignated former par. (4)(B) as (5), substituted “A career appointee who is not assigned under paragraph (3)(A) may be removed from the Senior Executive Service due to a reduction in force if” for “subject to paragraph (5),”, substituted “45 days” for “120 days”, and struck out former par. (5), which had provided that persons who were career appointees as of May 31, 1981, could only be removed from the Senior Executive Service and the civil service due to a reduction in force after the 120-day period if the Director of the Office of Personnel Management certified to certain Congressional committees that the Office had taken all reasonable steps to place the appointee but had been unable to do so due to the appointee’s highly specialized skills and experience.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 98-615, §303(d), struck out the designation “(1)” before “whether the reduction”, and struck out pars. (2) and (3), which had provided, respectively, the right to appeal any removal under subsec. (b)(4)(A) and the right to appeal any nonappointment

under subsec. (b)(3), and, in the event of such nonappointment, whether the Office of Personnel Management took all reasonable steps to achieve such placement and whether the agency correctly decided under subsec. (b)(3)(B) that the career appointee was not qualified for such placement.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 98-615, § 304(b), added subsec. (e). 1982—Subsec. (b)(3)(B). Pub. L. 97-346, § 5(a), designated as cl. (i) existing provisions relating to placement in any agency in any vacant Executive Service position, and added cl. (ii).

Subsec. (c)(3). Pub. L. 97-346, § 5(b), designated as subpar. (A) existing provisions relating to taking of all reasonable steps by Office of Personnel Management, and added subpar. (B).

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1984 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 303(c), (d) of Pub. L. 98-615 effective following expiration of 90-day period beginning on Nov. 8, 1984, and amendment by section 304(b) of Pub. L. 98-615 effective Nov. 8, 1984, see section 307 of Pub. L. 98-615, set out as a note under section 3393 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1982 AMENDMENT

Section 5(c) of Pub. L. 97-346 provided that:  
“(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the amendments made by this section [amending this section] shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 15, 1982].

“(2) The amendments made by this section [amending this section] shall apply to an individual who is a career appointee on or after September 30, 1982, except that any individual who is a career appointee on September 30, 1982, and who is described in section 3595(b)(3) of title 5, United States Code, may not be removed before December 15, 1982, due to a reduction in force, unless the removal is under section 3595(b)(4)(A) of such title on the grounds the individual declined a reasonable placement offer.”

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Section 1704(e) of Pub. L. 97-35 provided that:  
“(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the amendments made by this section [enacting this section, redesignating former section 3595 as section 3596 of this title, and amending sections 3393, 3593, 7542, and 7543 of this title] shall be effective as of June 1, 1981.

“(2)(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B), the amendments made by this section shall apply to any career appointee removed from the civil service after May 31, 1981, and before the date of the enactment of this section [Aug. 13, 1981] if, not later than 14 days after such date of enactment, application therefor is made to the Office of Personnel Management and to the head of the Agency in which the appointee was employed.

“(B) The provisions of section 3595(a), as added by subsection (a)(1), shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act [Aug. 13, 1981].

“(3) The effectiveness of the amendments made by this section shall be subject to section 415(b) of the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978 [Pub. L. 95-454, title IV, Oct. 13, 1978, 92 Stat. 1154] (5 U.S.C. 3131 note) to the same extent and manner as the amendments made by title IV of that Act.”

#### § 3595a. Furlough in the Senior Executive Service

(a) For the purposes of this section, “furlough” means the placement of a senior executive in a temporary status in which the senior executive has no duties and is not paid when the placement in such status is by reason of insufficient work or funds or for other nondisciplinary reasons.

(b) An agency may furlough a career appointee only in accordance with regulations issued by the Office of Personnel Management.

(c) A career appointee who is furloughed is entitled to appeal to the Merit Systems Protection Board under section 7701 of this title.

(Added Pub. L. 98-615, title III, § 306(c)(1), Nov. 8, 1984, 98 Stat. 3220.)

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective following expiration of 90-day period beginning on Nov. 8, 1984, see section 307 of Pub. L. 98-615, set out as an Effective Date of 1984 Amendment note under section 3393 of this title.

#### § 3596. Regulations

The Office of Personnel Management shall prescribe regulations to carry out the purpose of this subchapter.

(Added Pub. L. 95-454, title IV, § 404(b), Oct. 13, 1978, 92 Stat. 1167, § 3595; renumbered § 3596, Pub. L. 97-35, title XVII, § 1704(a)(1), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 756.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1981—Pub. L. 97-35 renumbered section 3596 of this title as this section.

#### SUBCHAPTER VI—REEMPLOYMENT FOLLOWING LIMITED APPOINTMENT IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE

#### § 3597. Reemployment following limited appointment in the Foreign Service

An employee of any agency who accepts, with the consent of the head of that agency, a limited appointment in the Foreign Service under section 309 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 is entitled, upon the expiration of that appointment, to be reemployed in that employee's former position or in a corresponding or higher position in that agency. Upon reemployment under this section, an employee shall be entitled to any within-grade increases in pay which the employee would have received if the employee had remained in the former position in the agency.

(Added Pub. L. 96-465, title II, § 2301(a), Oct. 17, 1980, 94 Stat. 2164.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 309 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980, referred to in text, is classified to section 3949 of Title 22, Foreign Relations and Intercourse.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Feb. 15, 1981, except as otherwise provided, see section 2403 of Pub. L. 96-465, set out as a note under section 3901 of Title 22, Foreign Relations and Intercourse.

#### SUBCHAPTER VII—RETENTION OF RETIRED SPECIALIZED EMPLOYEES AT THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

#### CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 108-447, div. B, title I, § 114(a), Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 2869, and Pub. L. 108-458, title II, § 2004(a), Dec. 17, 2004, 118 Stat. 3704, amended chapter identically adding subchapter VII heading.

#### § 3598.<sup>1</sup> Federal Bureau of Investigation Reserve Service

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation may provide for the

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establishment and training of a Federal Bureau of Investigation Reserve Service (hereinafter in this section referred to as the “FBI Reserve Service”) for temporary reemployment of employees in the Bureau during periods of emergency, as determined by the Director.

(b) MEMBERSHIP.—Membership in the FBI Reserve Service shall be limited to individuals who previously served as full-time employees of the Bureau.

(c) ANNUITANTS.—If an annuitant receiving an annuity from the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund becomes temporarily reemployed pursuant to this section, such annuity shall not be discontinued thereby. An annuitant so reemployed shall not be considered an employee for the purposes of chapter 83 or 84.

(d) NO IMPACT ON BUREAU PERSONNEL CEILING.—FBI Reserve Service members reemployed on a temporary basis pursuant to this section shall not count against any personnel ceiling applicable to the Bureau.

(e) EXPENSES.—The Director may provide members of the FBI Reserve Service transportation and per diem in lieu of subsistence, in accordance with applicable provisions of this title, for the purpose of participating in any training that relates to service as a member of the FBI Reserve Service.

(f) LIMITATION ON MEMBERSHIP.—Membership of the FBI Reserve Service is not to exceed 500 members at any given time.

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(f) LIMITATION ON MEMBERSHIP.—Membership of the FBI Reserve Service is not to exceed 500 members at any given time.

(g) LIMITATION ON DURATION OF SERVICE.—An individual may not be reemployed under this section for more than 180 days in connection with any particular emergency unless, in the judgment of the Director, the public interest so requires.

(Added Pub. L. 108-458, title II, §2004(a), Dec. 17, 2004, 118 Stat. 3703.)

### CHAPTER 37—INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EXCHANGE PROGRAM

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#### § 3701. Definitions

For purposes of this chapter—

(1) the term “agency” means an Executive agency, but does not include the Government Accountability Office; and

(2) the term “detail” means—

(A) the assignment or loan of an employee of an agency to a private sector organization without a change of position from the agency that employs the individual, or

(B) the assignment or loan of an employee of a private sector organization to an agency without a change of position from the private sector organization that employs the individual,

whichever is appropriate in the context in which such term is used.

(Added Pub. L. 107-347, title II, §209(c)(1), Dec. 17, 2002, 116 Stat. 2925; amended Pub. L. 108-271, §8(b), July 7, 2004, 118 Stat. 814.)

#### AMENDMENTS

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

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Chapter effective 120 days after Dec. 17, 2002, see section 402(a) of Pub. L. 107-347, set out as a note under section 3601 of Title 44, Public Printing and Documents.

#### § 3702. General provisions

(a) ASSIGNMENT AUTHORITY.—On request from or with the agreement of a private sector organization, and with the consent of the employee concerned, the head of an agency may arrange for the assignment of an employee of the agency to a private sector organization or an employee of a private sector organization to the agency. An eligible employee is an individual who—

(1) works in the field of information technology management;

(2) is considered an exceptional performer by the individual’s current employer; and