

tion 7143(a)(2) of Pub. L. 117-263, set out as a note under section 652 of this title.

FINDINGS

Pub. L. 116-260, div. U, title IX, §902, Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 2297, provided that: “Congress finds that—

“(1) the .gov internet domain reflects the work of United States innovators in inventing the internet and the role that the Federal Government played in guiding the development and success of the early internet;

“(2) the .gov internet domain is a unique resource of the United States that reflects the history of innovation and global leadership of the United States;

“(3) when online public services and official communications from any level and branch of government use the .gov internet domain, they are easily recognized as official and difficult to impersonate;

“(4) the citizens of the United States deserve online public services that are safe, recognizable, and trustworthy;

“(5) the .gov internet domain should be available at no cost or a negligible cost to any Federal, State, local, or territorial government-operated or publicly controlled entity, including any Tribal government recognized by the Federal Government or a State government, for use in their official services, operations, and communications;

“(6) the .gov internet domain provides a critical service to those Federal, State, local, Tribal, and territorial governments; and

“(7) the .gov internet domain should be operated transparently and in the spirit of public accessibility, privacy, and security.”

[For definition of “State” as used in section 902 of Pub. L. 116-260, set out above, see section 903 of Pub. L. 116-260, set out as a note below.]

PURPOSE OF .GOV INTERNET DOMAIN PROGRAM

Pub. L. 116-260, div. U, title IX, §904(a), Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 2298, provided that: “The purpose of the .gov internet domain program is to—

“(1) legitimize and enhance public trust in government entities and their online services;

“(2) facilitate trusted electronic communication and connections to and from government entities;

“(3) provide simple and secure registration of .gov internet domains;

“(4) improve the security of the services hosted within these .gov internet domains, and of the .gov namespace in general; and

“(5) enable the discoverability of government services to the public and to domain registrants.”

[For definition of “online service” as used in section 904(a) of Pub. L. 116-260, set out above, see section 903 of Pub. L. 116-260, set out as a note below.]

REFERENCE GUIDE

Pub. L. 116-260, div. U, title IX, §904(b)(2)(B), Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 2301, provided that: “Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act [Dec. 27, 2020], the Director, in consultation with the Administrator and entities representing State, local, Tribal, or territorial governments, shall develop and publish on a publicly available website a reference guide for migrating online services to the .gov internet domain, which shall include—

“(i) process and technical information on how to carry out a migration of common categories of online services, such as web and email services;

“(ii) best practices for cybersecurity pertaining to registration and operation of a .gov internet domain; and

“(iii) references to contract vehicles and other private sector resources vetted by the Director that may assist in performing the migration.”

[For definitions of terms used in section 904(b)(2)(B) of Pub. L. 116-260, set out above, see section 903 of Pub. L. 116-260, set out as a note below.]

TRANSITION

Pub. L. 116-260, div. U, title IX, §907, Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 2303, provided that:

“(a) There shall be transferred to the Director the .gov internet domain program, as operated by the General Services Administration under title 41, Code of Federal Regulations, on the date on which the Director begins operational administration of the .gov internet domain program, in accordance with subsection (c).

“(b) Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act [probably means “this title”, approved Dec. 27, 2020], the Director shall submit a plan for the operational and contractual transition of the .gov internet domain program to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate and the Committee on Homeland Security, the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives.

“(c) Not later than 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Director shall begin operationally administering the .gov internet domain program, and shall publish on a publicly available website the requirements for domain registrants as described in section 2215(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 [6 U.S.C. 665(b)], as added by section 904(b) of this Act.

“(d) On the date on which the Director begins operational administration of the .gov internet domain program, in accordance with subsection (c), the Administrator shall rescind the requirements in part 102-173 of title 41, Code of Federal Regulations.

“(e) During the 5-year period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act [Dec. 27, 2020], any fee charged to entities that are not agencies for new .gov internet domain registrants or annual renewals of .gov internet domains shall be not more than the amount of the fee charged for such registration or renewal as of October 1, 2019.”

[For definition of “Director” as used in section 907 of Pub. L. 116-260, set out above, see section 903 of Pub. L. 116-260, set out as a note below.]

DEFINITIONS

Pub. L. 116-260, div. U, title IX, §903, Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 2298, provided that: “In this Act [probably means “this title”, see Short Title of 2020 Amendment note set out under section 101 of this title]—

“(1) the term ‘Administrator’ means the Administrator of General Services;

“(2) the term ‘agency’ has the meaning given the term in section 3502 of title 44, United States Code;

“(3) the term ‘Director’ means the Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency;

“(4) the term ‘online service’ means any internet-facing service, including a website, email, a virtual private network, or a custom application; and

“(5) the term ‘State’ means any State of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and any possession of the United States.”

§ 665a. Intelligence and cybersecurity diversity fellowship program

(a) Definitions

In this section:

(1) Appropriate committees of Congress

The term “appropriate committees of Congress” means—

(A) the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate; and

(B) the Committee on Homeland Security and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives.

(2) Excepted service

The term “excepted service” has the meaning given that term in section 2103 of title 5.

(3) Historically Black college or university

The term “historically Black college or university” has the meaning given the term “part B institution” in section 1061 of title 20.

(4) Institution of higher education

The term “institution of higher education” has the meaning given that term in section 1001 of title 20.

(5) Minority-serving institution

The term “minority-serving institution” means an institution of higher education described in section 1067q(a) of title 20.

(b) Program

The Secretary shall carry out an intelligence and cybersecurity diversity fellowship program (in this section referred to as the “Program”) under which an eligible individual may—

(1) participate in a paid internship at the Department that relates to intelligence, cybersecurity, or some combination thereof;

(2) receive tuition assistance from the Secretary; and

(3) upon graduation from an institution of higher education and successful completion of the Program (as defined by the Secretary), receive an offer of employment to work in an intelligence or cybersecurity position of the Department that is in the excepted service.

(c) Eligibility

To be eligible to participate in the Program, an individual shall—

(1) be a citizen of the United States; and

(2) as of the date of submitting the application to participate in the Program—

(A) have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.2 on a 4.0 scale;

(B) be a socially disadvantaged individual (as that term in¹ defined in section 124.103 of title 13, Code of Federal Regulations, or successor regulation); and

(C) be a sophomore, junior, or senior at an institution of higher education.

(d) Direct hire authority

If an individual who receives an offer of employment under subsection (b)(3) accepts such offer, the Secretary shall appoint, without regard to provisions of subchapter I of chapter 33 of title 5 (except for section 3328 of such title) such individual to the position specified in such offer.

(e) Reports**(1) Reports**

Not later than 1 year after December 27, 2020, and on an annual basis thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report on the Program.

(2) Matters

Each report under paragraph (1) shall include, with respect to the most recent year, the following:

(A) A description of outreach efforts by the Secretary to raise awareness of the Program among institutions of higher education in which eligible individuals are enrolled.

(B) Information on specific recruiting efforts conducted by the Secretary to increase participation in the Program.

(C) The number of individuals participating in the Program, listed by the institution of higher education in which the individual is enrolled at the time of participation, and information on the nature of such participation, including on whether the duties of the individual under the Program relate primarily to intelligence or to cybersecurity.

(D) The number of individuals who accepted an offer of employment under the Program and an identification of the element within the Department to which each individual was appointed.

(Pub. L. 107-296, title XIII, §1333, as added Pub. L. 116-260, div. W, title IV, §404(a), Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 2378.)

Editorial Notes**CODIFICATION**

Section was enacted as part of title XIII of Pub. L. 107-296, and not as part of title XXII of 107-296 which comprises this subchapter.

§ 665b. Joint cyber planning office**(a) Establishment of Office**

There is established in the Agency an office for joint cyber planning (in this section referred to as the “Office”) to develop, for public and private sector entities, plans for cyber defense operations, including the development of a set of coordinated actions to protect, detect, respond to, and recover from cybersecurity risks or incidents or limit, mitigate, or defend against coordinated, malicious cyber operations that pose a potential risk to critical infrastructure or national interests. The Office shall be headed by a senior official of the Agency selected by the Director.

(b) Planning and execution

In leading the development of plans for cyber defense operations pursuant to subsection (a), the head of the Office shall—

(1) coordinate with relevant Federal departments and agencies to establish processes and procedures necessary to develop and maintain ongoing coordinated plans for cyber defense operations;

(2) leverage cyber capabilities and authorities of participating Federal departments and agencies, as appropriate, in furtherance of plans for cyber defense operations;

(3) ensure that plans for cyber defense operations are, to the greatest extent practicable, developed in collaboration with relevant private sector entities, particularly in areas in which such entities have comparative advantages in limiting, mitigating, or defending against a cybersecurity risk or incident or coordinated, malicious cyber operation;

(4) ensure that plans for cyber defense operations, as appropriate, are responsive to po-

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