

restrict access to intelligence information in the data system under this subsection, and the databases referred to in paragraph (2), under circumstances in which such information is not to be disclosed directly to Government officials under paragraph (5).

(b) Name-search capacity and support

(1) In general

The interoperable electronic data system required by subsection (a) shall—

(A) have the capacity to compensate for disparate name formats among the different databases referred to in subsection (a);

(B) be searchable on a linguistically sensitive basis;

(C) provide adequate user support;

(D) to the extent practicable, utilize commercially available technology; and

(E) be adjusted and improved, based upon experience with the databases and improvements in the underlying technologies and sciences, on a continuing basis.

(2) Linguistically sensitive searches

(A) In general

To satisfy the requirement of paragraph (1)(B), the interoperable electronic database shall be searchable based on linguistically sensitive algorithms that—

(i) account for variations in name formats and transliterations, including varied spellings and varied separation or combination of name elements, within a particular language; and

(ii) incorporate advanced linguistic, mathematical, statistical, and anthropological research and methods.

(B) Languages required

(i) Priority languages

Linguistically sensitive algorithms shall be developed and implemented for no fewer than 4 languages designated as high priorities by the Secretary of State, after consultation with the Attorney General and the Director of Central Intelligence.

(ii) Implementation schedule

Of the 4 linguistically sensitive algorithms required to be developed and implemented under clause (i)—

(I) the highest priority language algorithms shall be implemented within 18 months after May 14, 2002; and

(II) an additional language algorithm shall be implemented each succeeding year for the next three years.

(3) Adequate user support

The Secretary of State and the Attorney General shall jointly prescribe procedures to ensure that consular and immigration officers can, as required, obtain assistance in resolving identity and other questions that may arise about the names of aliens seeking visas or admission to the United States that may be subject to variations in format, transliteration, or other similar phenomenon.

(4) Interim reports

Six months after May 14, 2002, the President shall submit a report to the appropriate com-

mittees of Congress on the progress in implementing each requirement of this section.

(5) Reports by intelligence agencies

(A) Current standards

Not later than 60 days after May 14, 2002, the Director of Central Intelligence shall complete the survey and issue the report previously required by section 309(a) of the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998 (50 U.S.C. 403-3 note).¹

(B) Guidelines

Not later than 120 days after May 14, 2002, the Director of Central Intelligence shall issue the guidelines and submit the copy of those guidelines previously required by section 309(b) of the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998.

(6) Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this subsection.

(Pub. L. 107-173, title II, § 202, May 14, 2002, 116 Stat. 548.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 309 of the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998, referred to in subsec. (b)(5), is section 309 of Pub. L. 105-107, title III, Nov. 20, 1997, 111 Stat. 2253, which was set out as a note under former section 403-3 of Title 50, War and National Defense, and is now set out as a note under section 3024 of Title 50.

CODIFICATION

Section is comprised of section 202 of Pub. L. 107-173. Subsec. (a)(4)(B) of section 202 of Pub. L. 107-173 amended section 1379 of this title.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

CHANGE OF NAME

Reference to the Director of Central Intelligence or the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency in the Director's capacity as the head of the intelligence community deemed to be a reference to the Director of National Intelligence. Reference to the Director of Central Intelligence or the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency in the Director's capacity as the head of the Central Intelligence Agency deemed to be a reference to the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. See section 1081(a), (b) of Pub. L. 108-458, set out as a note under section 3001 of Title 50, War and National Defense.

ABOLITION OF IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION
SERVICE AND TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For abolition of Immigration and Naturalization Service, transfer of functions, and treatment of related references, see note set out under section 1551 of this title.

§ 1723. Commission on Interoperable Data Sharing

(a) Establishment

Not later than one year after October 26, 2001, the President shall establish a Commission on Interoperable Data Sharing (in this section re-

¹ See References in Text note below.

ferred to as the “Commission”). The purposes of the Commission shall be to—

- (1) monitor the protections described in section 1721(c)(3) of this title;
- (2) provide oversight of the interoperable electronic data system described in section 1722 of this title; and
- (3) report to Congress annually on the Commission’s findings and recommendations.

(b) Composition

The Commission shall consist of nine members, who shall be appointed by the President, as follows:

- (1) One member, who shall serve as Chair of the Commission.
- (2) Eight members, who shall be appointed from a list of nominees jointly provided by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, the Majority Leader of the Senate, and the Minority Leader of the Senate.

(c) Considerations

The Commission shall consider recommendations regarding the following issues:

- (1) Adequate protection of privacy concerns inherent in the design, implementation, or operation of the interoperable electronic data system.
- (2) Timely adoption of security innovations, consistent with generally accepted security standards, to protect the integrity and confidentiality of information to prevent the risks of accidental or unauthorized loss, access, destruction, use modification, or disclosure of information.
- (3) The adequacy of mechanisms to permit the timely correction of errors in data maintained by the interoperable data system.
- (4) Other protections against unauthorized use of data to guard against the misuse of the interoperable data system or the data maintained by the system, including recommendations for modifications to existing laws and regulations to sanction misuse of the system.

(d) Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Commission such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

(Pub. L. 107–173, title II, §203, May 14, 2002, 116 Stat. 551.)

§ 1724. Personnel management authorities for positions involved in the development and implementation of the interoperable electronic data system (“Chimera system”)

(a) In general

Notwithstanding any other provision of law relating to position classification or employee pay or performance, the Attorney General may hire and fix the compensation of necessary scientific, technical, engineering, and other analytical personnel for the purpose of the development and implementation of the interoperable electronic data system described in section 1722(a)(2) of this title (also known as the “Chimera system”).

(b) Limitation on rate of pay

Except as otherwise provided by law, no employee compensated under subsection (a) may be

paid at a rate in excess of the rate payable for a position at level III of the Executive Schedule.

(c) Limitation on total calendar year payments

Total payments to employees under any system established under this section shall be subject to the limitation on payments to employees under section 5307 of title 5.

(d) Operating plan

Not later than 90 days after May 14, 2002, the Attorney General shall submit to the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on the Judiciary, the Select Committee on Intelligence, and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on the Judiciary, the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, and the Committee on International Relations of the House of Representatives an operating plan—

- (1) describing the Attorney General’s intended use of the authority under this section; and
- (2) identifying any provisions of title 5 being waived for purposes of the development and implementation of the Chimera system.

(e) Termination date

The authority of this section shall terminate upon the implementation of the Chimera system.

(Pub. L. 107–173, title II, §204, May 14, 2002, 116 Stat. 551.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Level III of the Executive Schedule, referred to in subsec. (b), is set out in section 5314 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

CHANGE OF NAME

Committee on International Relations of House of Representatives changed to Committee on Foreign Affairs of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 6, One Hundred Tenth Congress, Jan. 5, 2007.

SUBCHAPTER III—VISA ISSUANCE

§ 1731. Implementation of an integrated entry and exit data system

(a) Development of system

In developing the integrated entry and exit data system for the ports of entry, as required by the Immigration and Naturalization Service Data Management Improvement Act of 2000 (Public Law 106–215), the Attorney General and the Secretary of State shall—

- (1) implement, fund, and use a technology standard under section 1379 of this title at United States ports of entry and at consular posts abroad;
- (2) establish a database containing the arrival and departure data from machine-readable visas, passports, and other travel and entry documents possessed by aliens; and
- (3) make interoperable all security databases relevant to making determinations of admissibility under section 1182 of this title.