

(Added Pub. L. 111-292, §2(a), Dec. 9, 2010, 124 Stat. 3165; amended Pub. L. 114-328, div. A, title XI, §1138(d)(3), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2469; Pub. L. 117-81, div. F, title LXII, §6202(a)(2), Dec. 27, 2021, 135 Stat. 2389.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The date of enactment of this chapter, referred to in subsec. (a)(1), is the date of enactment of Pub. L. 111-292, which was approved Dec. 9, 2010.

AMENDMENTS

- 2021—Subsec. (b)(6). Pub. L. 117-81 added par. (6).
2016—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 114-328 added subsec. (c).

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

TELECOMMUTING OPPORTUNITIES

Pub. L. 117-81, div. F, title LXII, §6202, Dec. 27, 2021, 135 Stat. 2389, provided that:

“(a) DETO POLICY.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Each Federal department and agency shall establish a policy enumerating the circumstances under which employees may be permitted to temporarily perform work requirements and duties from approved overseas locations where there is a related Foreign Service assignment pursuant to an approved Domestically Employed Teleworking Overseas (DETO) agreement, consistent with the requirements under section 6502 of title 5, United States code [sic] (relating to the executive agencies telework requirements), as amended by paragraph (2), and DETO requirements, as set forth in the Foreign Affairs Manual and Foreign Affairs Handbook of the Department of State.

“(2) AMENDMENT.—[Amended this section.]

“(b) ACCESS TO ICASS SYSTEM.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 27, 2021], the Secretary of State shall revise chapter 900 of volume 6 of the Foreign Affairs Manual, the International Cooperative Administrative Support Services Handbook, the Personnel Operations Handbook, and any other relevant regulations to allow each Federal agency that has enacted a policy under subsection (a) to have access to the International Cooperative Administrative Support Services (ICASS) system.”

§ 6503. Training and monitoring

(a) IN GENERAL.—The head of each executive agency shall ensure that—

(1) an interactive telework training program is provided to—

- (A) employees eligible to participate in the telework program of the agency; and
(B) all managers of teleworkers;

(2) except as provided under subsection (b), an employee has successfully completed the interactive telework training program before that employee enters into a written agreement to telework described under section 6502(b)(2);

(3) teleworkers and nonteleworkers are treated the same for purposes of—

- (A) periodic appraisals of job performance of employees;
(B) training, rewarding, reassigning, promoting, reducing in grade, retaining, and removing employees;
(C) work requirements; or
(D) other acts involving managerial discretion; and

(4) when determining what constitutes diminished employee performance, the agency

shall consult the performance management guidelines of the Office of Personnel Management.

(b) TRAINING REQUIREMENT EXEMPTIONS.—The head of an executive agency may provide for an exemption from the training requirements under subsection (a), if the head of that agency determines that the training would be unnecessary because the employee is already teleworking under a work arrangement in effect before the date of enactment of this chapter.

(Added Pub. L. 111-292, §2(a), Dec. 9, 2010, 124 Stat. 3166.)

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REFERENCES IN TEXT

The date of enactment of this chapter, referred to in subsec. (b), is the date of enactment of Pub. L. 111-292, which was approved Dec. 9, 2010.

§ 6504. Policy and support

(a) AGENCY CONSULTATION WITH THE OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT.—Each executive agency shall consult with the Office of Personnel Management in developing telework policies.

(b) GUIDANCE AND CONSULTATION.—The Office of Personnel Management shall—

- (1) provide policy and policy guidance for telework in the areas of pay and leave, agency closure, performance management, official worksite, recruitment and retention, and accommodations for employees with disabilities;
(2) assist each agency in establishing appropriate qualitative and quantitative measures and teleworking goals; and
(3) consult with—

(A) the Federal Emergency Management Agency on policy and policy guidance for telework in the areas of continuation of operations and long-term emergencies;

(B) the General Services Administration on policy and policy guidance for telework in the areas of telework centers, travel, technology, equipment, and dependent care; and

(C) the National Archives and Records Administration on policy and policy guidance for telework in the areas of efficient and effective records management and the preservation of records, including Presidential and Vice-Presidential records.

(c) SECURITY GUIDELINES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Office of Management and Budget, in coordination with the Department of Homeland Security and the National Institute of Standards and Technology, shall issue guidelines not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this chapter to ensure the adequacy of information and security protections for information and information systems used while teleworking.

(2) CONTENTS.—Guidelines issued under this subsection shall, at a minimum, include requirements necessary to—

- (A) control access to agency information and information systems;
(B) protect agency information (including personally identifiable information) and information systems;