

Public Law 102-565
102d Congress

An Act

To amend the Peace Corps Act to authorize appropriations for the Peace Corps for fiscal year 1993 and to establish a Peace Corps foreign exchange fluctuations account, and for other purposes.

Oct. 28, 1992
[S. 3309]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATIONS OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Section 3(b) of the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2502(b)) is amended to read as follows:

“(b) **AUTHORIZATIONS OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out the purposes of this Act \$218,146,000 for fiscal year 1993, which are authorized to remain available until September 30, 1994.”

SEC. 2. PEACE CORPS FOREIGN CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS.

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT OF FOREIGN CURRENCY FLUCTUATION ACCOUNT.**—The Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2501 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 15 the following new section:

“SEC. 16. FOREIGN CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS ACCOUNT.

22 USC 2515.

“(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—(1) There is established in the Treasury of the United States an account to be known as the ‘Foreign Currency Fluctuations, Peace Corps, Account’. The account shall be used for the purpose of providing funds to pay expenses for operations of the Peace Corps outside the United States which, as a result of fluctuations in currency exchange rates, exceed the amount appropriated for such expenses.

“(2) Funds in the account may be transferred, upon the certification of the Director of the Peace Corps (or the Director’s designee) that the transfer is necessary for the purpose specified in paragraph (1), to the account containing funds appropriated for the expenses of the Peace Corps.

“(b) **USE OF FUNDS IN THE ACCOUNT.**—Funds transferred under subsection (a) shall be merged with, and be available for the same time period, as the appropriation to which they are applied. Notwithstanding any provision of law limiting the amount of funds the Peace Corps may obligate in any fiscal year, such amount shall be increased to the extent necessary to reflect fluctuations in exchange rates from those used in preparing the budget submission.

“(c) **EXCHANGE RATES APPLICABLE TO OBLIGATIONS.**—An obligation of the Peace Corps payable in the currency of a foreign country may be recorded as an obligation based upon exchange rates used in preparing a budget submission. A change reflecting fluctuations in exchange rates may be recorded as a disbursement is made.

“(d) **TRANSFERS BACK TO ACCOUNT.**—Funds transferred from the Foreign Currency Fluctuations, Peace Corps, Account may be transferred back to that account—

“(1) if the funds are not needed to pay obligations incurred because of fluctuations in currency exchange rates of foreign countries in the appropriation to which the funds were originally transferred; or

“(2) because of subsequent favorable fluctuations in the rates or because other funds are, or become, available to pay such obligations.

“(e) LIMITATION ON TRANSFERS BACK.—A transfer of funds back to the account under subsection (d) may not be made after the end of the fiscal year or other period for which the appropriation, to which the funds were originally transferred, is available for obligation.

“(f) TRANSFERS TO THE ACCOUNT FROM REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS.—(1) At the end of the fiscal year or other period for which appropriations for the expenses of the Peace Corps are made available, unobligated balances of such appropriation may be transferred into the Foreign Currency Fluctuations, Peace Corps, Account, to be merged with, and to be available for the same period and purposes as, that account.

“(2) The authority of this subsection shall be exercised only to the extent that specific amounts are provided in advance in an appropriation Act.

“(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Foreign Currency Fluctuations, Peace Corps, Account for each fiscal year such sums as may be necessary to maintain a balance of \$5,000,000 in such account at the beginning of such fiscal year.

“(h) REPORTS.—Each year the Director of the Peace Corps shall submit to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives, and to the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate, a report on funds transferred under this section.”

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) applies with respect to each fiscal year after fiscal year 1992.

SEC. 3. EVALUATION OF HEALTH-CARE SERVICES PROVIDED TO PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Peace Corps shall contract with an eligible organization or organizations to conduct before January 1, 1997, a total of three evaluations of the health-care needs of the Peace Corps volunteers and the adequacy of the system through which the Peace Corps provides health-care services in meeting those needs.

(b) REQUIREMENTS OF THE EVALUATIONS.—Each evaluation shall include an assessment of the adequacy of the Peace Corps health-care system—

(1) to provide diagnostic, treatment, and referral services to meet the health-care needs of Peace Corps volunteers, and

(2) to conduct health examinations of applicants for enrollment as Peace Corps volunteers and to provide immunization and dental care preparatory to service of applicants for enrollment who have accepted an invitation to begin a period of training for service as a Peace Corps volunteer.

(c) REPORTS TO THE PEACE CORPS.—An organization making an evaluation under this section shall submit to the Director of the Peace Corps a report containing its findings and rec-

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ommendations not later than May 31, 1993, December 31, 1994, and December 31, 1996, as the case may be. Each report shall include recommendations regarding appropriate standards and procedures for ensuring the furnishing of quality medical care and for measuring the quality of care provided to Peace Corps volunteers.

(d) **REPORT TO CONGRESS.**—Not later than 90 days after receipt of a report required by subsection (c), the Director of the Peace Corps shall transmit the report, together with the Director's comments, to the appropriate congressional committees.

(e) **DEFINITIONS.**—For purposes of this section—

(1) the term “appropriate congressional committees” means the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives; and

(2) the term “eligible organization” means an independent health-care accreditation organization or other independent organization with expertise in evaluating health-care systems similar to that of the Peace Corps.

SEC. 4. REPORTING REQUIREMENT ON EMPLOYMENT-RELATED MATTERS.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than May 31, 1992, the Director of the Peace Corps and the Secretary of Labor shall jointly submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report which describes—

(1) the information provided by the Peace Corps to its volunteers and to applicants for volunteer service in the Peace Corps regarding the benefits and services to which Peace Corps volunteers or trainees may be entitled or for which they may be eligible in the event that they sustain injuries or become disabled during their service, or their training for service, with the Peace Corps;

(2) the efforts by the Peace Corps and the Department of Labor to coordinate the provision of such information to Peace Corps volunteer-applicants and volunteers and the processing of claims by Peace Corps volunteers under the Federal Employees Compensation Act (FECA);

(3) the number of Peace Corps volunteers and volunteer-applicants who have filed claims under the Federal Employees Compensation Act (FECA) and the percentage of the claims that have been approved; and

(4) the timeliness of approvals or denials of claims of Peace Corps volunteers and volunteer-applicants under the Federal Employees Compensation Act (FECA).

(b) **RECOMMENDATIONS.**—The report required by subsection (a) shall also include such recommendations as the Director of the Peace Corps and the Secretary of Labor may determine necessary to facilitate the filing and processing of claims by Peace Corps volunteers regarding the benefits described in that subsection.

(c) **DEFINITIONS.**—For purposes of this section—

(1) the term “appropriate congressional committees” means the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives; and

(2) the term "Federal Employees Compensation Act (FECA)" means chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code.

SEC. 5. PEACE CORPS PROGRAMS IN THE FORMER SOVIET UNION.

(a) **AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.**—Up to \$6,000,000 of the funds made available to carry out the Peace Corps Act for fiscal year 1993 shall be made available for establishing Small Business Development Programs in the independent states of the former Soviet Union. The programs shall include the promotion of local economic development by providing technical assistance and training in municipal restructuring and financing, privatization, valuation of state-owned enterprises, the development and promotion of business associations, and the identification of investment opportunities and requirements.

(b) **DEFINITION.**—For purposes of this section, the term "independent states of the former Soviet Union" means the following (which formerly were part of the Soviet Union): Armenia, Azerbaijan, Byelarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan.

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