

Public Law 98-169
98th Congress

An Act

To transfer from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to the Administrator of General Services the responsibility for publication of the catalog of Federal domestic assistance programs, and for other purposes.

Nov. 29, 1983

[H.R. 2592]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That chapter 61 of title 31, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by adding at the end of section 6101 the following new paragraphs:

“(5) ‘Director’ means the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

“(6) ‘Administrator’ means the Administrator of General Services.”; and

(2) by striking out the phrase “Director of the Office of Management and Budget” each time that it appears and inserting in lieu thereof “Director”.

SEC. 2. Section 6102 of title 31, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking out “prepare and maintain information on domestic assistance programs” in subsection (a) and inserting in lieu thereof “collect and review information on domestic assistance programs and shall provide such information to the Administrator”; and

(2) by striking out the second sentence of subsection (b) and inserting in lieu thereof “The Director shall be responsible for ensuring that the Administrator incorporates all relevant information received on a regular basis.”;

(3) by striking out “Director” in subsection (c) and inserting in lieu thereof “Administrator”;

(4) by striking out “and” at the end of subsection (c)(1), by striking out the period at the end of subsection (c)(2) and inserting in lieu thereof “; and”, and by adding thereafter the following new paragraph:

“(3) shall ensure that the information in the computerized system is made current on a regular basis and that the printed catalog and supplements thereto contain the most current data available at the time of printing.”.

SEC. 3. (a) Section 6101 of title 31, United States Code (as amended by the first section of this Act), is further amended by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

“(7) ‘formula’ means any prescribed method employing objective data or statistical estimates for making individual determinations among recipients of Federal funds, either in terms of eligibility or actual funding allocations, that can be written in the form of either—

“(A) a closed mathematical statement; or

“(B) an iterative procedure or algorithm which can be written as a computer program;

and from which the results can be objectively replicated, within reasonable limits due to rounding error, through independent

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31 USC 6102-6104.

“Formula.”

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application of such statement, procedures, or algorithm, by different qualified individuals.”

(b) Section 6102(a) of such title (as amended by section 2(1) of this Act) is further amended—

(1) by striking out subparagraph (E) of paragraph (2) and redesignating subparagraphs (F), (G), and (H) as subparagraphs (E), (F), and (G), respectively;

(2) by redesignating paragraphs (3), (4), and (5) as paragraphs (5), (6), and (7), respectively; and

(3) by inserting after paragraph (2) the following new paragraphs:

“(3) a specification of each formula governing eligibility for assistance or the distribution of assistance under the program, which shall be described through the use of—

“(A) the language used to specify each such formula in the law authorizing the program;

“(B) the language used to specify each such formula in any Federal rule promulgated pursuant to the law authorizing the program; or

“(C) a mathematical statement which is derived from the language referred to in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of this paragraph;

“(4) a description of all data and statistical estimates used to carry out each formula specified pursuant to paragraph (3), and an identification of the sources of such data and estimates;”.

(c) Section 6102(c) of such title (as amended by section 2(4) of this Act) is further amended—

(1) by striking out “and” at the end of paragraph (2);

(2) by striking out the period at the end of paragraph (3) and inserting in lieu thereof “; and”; and

(3) by inserting after paragraph (3) the following new paragraph:

“(4) shall transmit annually the information compiled under paragraphs (3) and (4) of subsection (a) to the Committee on Government Operations of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Governmental Affairs of the Senate.”.

(d) Section 6103(a) of such title is amended to read as follows:

“(a) The Administrator shall maintain a computerized information system providing access to—

“(1) the information described in paragraphs (1), (2), (5), (6), and (7) of section 6102(a) of this title; and

“(2) such portions or summaries, as the Administrator considers appropriate, of the information described in paragraphs (3) and (4) of such section.”.

(e) Section 6104(b)(1) of such title is amended to read as follows:

“(1)(A) all substantive information on domestic assistance programs that, at the time the catalog is prepared, is in the system under paragraphs (1), (2), (5), (6), and (7) of section 6102(a) of this title; and

“(B) such portions or summaries, as the Administrator considers appropriate, of the information on domestic assistance programs that, at the time the catalog is prepared, is in the system under paragraphs (3) and (4) of section 6102(a) of this title;”.

SEC. 4. Section 6103 of title 31, United States Code (as amended by section 3(d) of this Act), and section 6104 of such title (as amended by section 3(e) of this Act) are amended by striking out “Director” each

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place it appears in such sections and inserting in lieu thereof "Administrator".

SEC. 5. Title 31, United States Code, is amended by striking out section 6105 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"§ 6105. Oversight responsibility of Director

31 USC 6105.

"The Director shall have oversight responsibility for the exercise of all authorities and responsibilities in this chapter not specifically assigned to the Director.

"§ 6106. Authorization of appropriations

31 USC 6106.

"After October 1, 1983, there may be appropriated to the Administrator such sums as may be necessary to carry out the responsibilities of this chapter."

SEC. 6. The analysis of chapter 61 of title 31, United States Code, is amended by striking out the item relating to section 6105 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"6105. Oversight responsibility of Director.

"6106. Authorization of appropriations."

SEC. 7. The Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall transfer to the Administrator of General Services such personnel, property, records, and unexpended balances of appropriations available in connection with any authorities and responsibilities so transferred, as the Director of the Office of Management and Budget determines are necessary to carry out the responsibilities transferred pursuant to this Act.

31 USC 6101
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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—H.R. 2592 (S. 1267):

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SENATE REPORT No. 98-216 accompanying S. 1267 (Comm. on Governmental Affairs).

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June 1, considered and passed House.

Oct. 27, S. 1267 considered and passed Senate.

Oct. 28, passage of S. 1267 vitiated in Senate, and H.R. 2592, amended, passed in lieu.

Nov. 17, House concurred in Senate amendment.