

“until a successor is appointed” are omitted as surplusage.

Subsection (b) is substituted for 5:626-1(c) and states the effect of section 8544(b) of this title.

#### Editorial Notes

##### REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 3347 of title 5, referred to in text, was repealed and a new section 3347 was enacted by Pub. L. 105-277, div. C, title I, §151(b), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-611, and, as so enacted, no longer contains provisions authorizing the President to direct temporary successors to duties. See section 3345 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

##### AMENDMENTS

2021—Par. (5). Pub. L. 116-283 added par. (5).  
2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 8017 of this title as this section.

1994—Pars. (3), (4). Pub. L. 103-337 added par. (3) and redesignated former par. (3) as (4).

1986—Pub. L. 99-433 struck out subsec. (a) designation, substituted in par. (2) “, in the order prescribed by the Secretary of the Air Force and approved by the Secretary of Defense” for “in order of their length of service as such”, and struck out subsec. (b) which read as follows: “Performance of the duties of the Secretary by the Chief of Staff or any officer of the Air Force designated under section 3347 of title 5 shall not be considered as the holding of a civil office within the meaning of section 973(b) of this title.”

1968—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 90-235 substituted “section 973(b) of this title” for “section 8544(b) of this title”.

1966—Pub. L. 89-718 substituted “section 3347 of title 5” for “section 6 of title 5” wherever appearing.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 115-232 effective Feb. 1, 2019, with provision for the coordination of amendments and special rule for certain redesignations, see section 800 of Pub. L. 115-232, set out as a note preceding section 3001 of this title.

#### Executive Documents

##### ORDER OF SUCCESSION

For order of succession in event of death, permanent disability, or resignation of Secretary of the Air Force, see Ex. Ord. No. 12909, Apr. 22, 1994, 59 F.R. 21909, listed in a table under section 3345 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

#### § 9018. Administrative Assistant

The Secretary of the Air Force may appoint an Administrative Assistant in the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force. The Administrative Assistant shall perform such duties as the Secretary may prescribe.

(Added Pub. L. 99-433, title V, §521(a)(5), Oct. 1, 1986, 100 Stat. 1059, §8018; renumbered §9018, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §806(c), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1833.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 8018 of this title as this section.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

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special rule for certain redesignations, see section 800 of Pub. L. 115-232, set out as a note preceding section 3001 of this title.

#### § 9019. General Counsel

(a) There is a General Counsel of the Department of the Air Force, appointed from civilian life by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

(b) The General Counsel shall perform such functions as the Secretary of the Air Force may prescribe.

(Added Pub. L. 99-433, title V, §521(a)(5), Oct. 1, 1986, 100 Stat. 1059, §8019; amended Pub. L. 100-456, div. A, title VII, §703(a), Sept. 29, 1988, 102 Stat. 1996; renumbered §9019, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §806(c), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1833.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 8019 of this title as this section.

1988—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 100-456 inserted “, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate” before period at end.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 115-232 effective Feb. 1, 2019, with provision for the coordination of amendments and special rule for certain redesignations, see section 800 of Pub. L. 115-232, set out as a note preceding section 3001 of this title.

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-456 applicable to appointments made under this section on and after Sept. 29, 1988, see section 703(c) of Pub. L. 100-456, set out as a note under section 7019 of this title.

#### § 9020. Inspector General

(a) There is an Inspector General of the Department of the Air Force who shall be detailed to such position by the Secretary of the Air Force from the general officers of the Air Force or the Space Force. An officer may not be detailed to such position for a tour of duty of more than four years, except that the Secretary may extend such a tour of duty if he makes a special finding that the extension is necessary in the public interest.

(b) When directed by the Secretary, the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, or the Chief of Space Operations, the Inspector General shall—

(1) inquire into and report upon the discipline, efficiency, and economy of the Department of the Air Force; and

(2) perform any other duties prescribed by the Secretary, the Chief of Staff, or the Chief of Space Operations.

(c) The Inspector General shall periodically propose programs of inspections to the Secretary of the Air Force and shall recommend additional inspections and investigations as may appear appropriate.

(d) The Inspector General shall cooperate fully with the Inspector General of the Department of Defense in connection with the performance of

any duty or function by the Inspector General of the Department of Defense under chapter 4 of title 5 regarding the Department of the Air Force.

(e) The Inspector General shall have such deputies and assistants as the Secretary of the Air Force may prescribe. Each such deputy and assistant shall be an officer detailed by the Secretary to that position from the officers of the Air Force or the Space Force for a tour of duty of not more than four years, under a procedure prescribed by the Secretary.

(Added Pub. L. 99-433, title V, § 521(a)(5), Oct. 1, 1986, 100 Stat. 1059, § 8020; renumbered § 9020, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, § 806(c), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1833; amended Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title IX, § 923(b)(4), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3808; Pub. L. 117-286, § 4(b)(32), Dec. 27, 2022, 136 Stat. 4346; Pub. L. 118-31, div. A, title XVII, § 1741(a)(7), Dec. 22, 2023, 137 Stat. 680.)

### Editorial Notes

#### AMENDMENTS

2023—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 118-31 struck out “the general, flag, or equivalent officers of” before “the Space Force”.

2022—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 117-286 substituted “chapter 4 of title 5” for “the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App. 3)”.

2021—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 116-283, § 923(b)(4)(A), inserted “Department of the” after “Inspector General of the” and “or the general, flag, or equivalent officers of the Space Force” after “general officers of the Air Force”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 116-283, § 923(b)(4)(B)(i), substituted “, the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, or the Chief of Space Operations” for “or the Chief of Staff”.

Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 116-283, § 923(b)(4)(B)(ii), inserted “Department of the” before “Air Force”.

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 116-283, § 923(b)(4)(B)(iii), substituted “, the Chief of Staff, or the Chief of Space Operations” for “or the Chief of Staff”.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 116-283, § 923(b)(4)(C), inserted “or the Space Force” before “for a tour of duty”.

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 8020 of this title as this section.

### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 115-232 effective Feb. 1, 2019, with provision for the coordination of amendments and special rule for certain redesignations, see section 800 of Pub. L. 115-232, set out as a note preceding section 3001 of this title.

#### SERVICE OF INCUMBENTS IN CERTAIN POSITIONS WITHOUT REAPPOINTMENT

Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title IX, § 923(f), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3820, provided that:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The individual serving in a position under a provision of law specified in paragraph (2) as of the date of the enactment of this Act [Jan. 1, 2021] may continue to serve in such position after that date without further appointment as otherwise provided by such provision of law, notwithstanding the amendment of such provision of law by subsection (b).

“(2) PROVISIONS OF LAW.—The provisions of law specified in this paragraph are the provisions of title 10, United States Code, as follows:

“(A) Section 9020, relating to the Inspector General of the Department of the Air Force.

“(B) Section 9036. [sic] relating to the Surgeon General of the Air Force.

“(C) Section 9037(a), relating to the Judge Advocate General of the Air Force.

“(D) Section 9037(d), relating to the Deputy Judge Advocate General of the Air Force.

“(E) Section 9039, relating to the Chief of Chaplains for the Air Force and the Space Force.”

### § 9021. Space Acquisition Council

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is in the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force a council to be known as the “Space Acquisition Council” (in this section referred to as the “Council”).

(b) MEMBERS.—The members of the Council are as follows:

(1) The Under Secretary of the Air Force.

(2) The Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Space Acquisition and Integration, who shall act as chair of the Council.

(3) The Assistant Secretary of Defense for Space Policy.

(4) The Director of the National Reconnaissance Office.

(5) The Chief of Space Operations.

(6) The Commander of the United States Space Command.

(c) DUTIES.—(1) The Council shall oversee, direct, and manage acquisition and integration space systems and programs of the armed forces in order to ensure integration across the national security space enterprise.

(2)(A) The Council shall promptly—

(i) review any determination made by the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Space Acquisition and Integration with respect to architecture for the space systems and programs of the armed forces under section 9016(b)(6)(B)(i) of this title, including the requirements for operating such space systems or programs; and

(ii) either—

(I) if the Council finds such a determination to be warranted, certify the determination; or

(II) if the Council finds such a determination not to be warranted, decline to certify the determination.

(B) Not later than 10 business days after the date on which the Council makes a finding with respect to a certification under subparagraph (A), the Council shall submit to the congressional defense committees a notification of the finding, including a detailed justification for the finding.

(C) Except as provided in subparagraph (D), the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Space Acquisition and Integration may not take any action to implement a determination referred to in subparagraph (A)(i) until 30 days has elapsed following the date on which the Council submits the notification under subparagraph (B).

(D)(i) The Secretary of Defense may waive subparagraph (C) in the event of an urgent national security requirement.

(ii) The Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a notification of any waiver granted under clause (i), including a justification for the waiver.

(d) MEETINGS.—The Council shall meet not less frequently than monthly.

(e) REPORTS.—Not later than 30 days after the end of each calendar year quarter through the