

Secretary of the Air Force a report each year on the activities of the Assistant Secretary during the preceding year. Each such report shall include a description and analysis of the status of Department of the Air Force financial management.

(Added Pub. L. 100-456, div. A, title VII, §702(c)(2), Sept. 29, 1988, 102 Stat. 1995, §8022; amended Pub. L. 103-337, div. A, title X, §1070(a)(15), Oct. 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 2856; Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title XV, §1503(b)(1), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 512; renumbered §9022, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §806(c), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1833.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 9022, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 558, authorized Secretary of the Air Force to employ contract surgeons in an emergency, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 98-94, title IX, §932(c)(1), (f), Sept. 24, 1983, 97 Stat. 650, effective Oct. 1, 1983, with provision for contracts existing on that date. See section 1091 of this title.

##### AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 8022 of this title as this section.

1996—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 104-106 substituted “Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)” for “Comptroller of the Department of Defense”.

1994—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 103-337 substituted “135(c)” for “137(c)”.

#### 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

Section effective July 1, 1989, but with an earlier effective date, not before Jan. 21, 1989, if so prescribed by the President in advance by Executive order, see section 702(e)(2) of Pub. L. 100-456, set out as an Effective Date of 1988 Amendment note under section 9016 of this title.

#### § 9023. Chief of Legislative Liaison

(a) There is a Chief of Legislative Liaison in the Department of the Air Force.

(b) The Chief of Legislative Liaison shall perform legislative affairs functions as specified for the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force by section 9014(c)(1)(F) of this title.

(Added Pub. L. 107-314, div. A, title V, §504(e)(1)(A), Dec. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 2532, §8023; amended Pub. L. 114-328, div. A, title V, §502(jj), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2106; renumbered §9023 and amended Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §§806(c), 809(a), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1833, 1840.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 9023, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 558, related to employment of civilians in service club and library services, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 87-651, title I, §128(1), Sept. 7, 1962, 76 Stat. 514.

#### AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232, §806(c), renumbered section 8023 of this title as this section.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 115-232, §809(a), substituted “section 9014(c)(1)(F)” for “section 8014(c)(1)(F)”.

2016—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 114-328 struck out second sentence which read as follows: “An officer assigned to that position shall be an officer in the grade of major general.”

#### 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.

#### § 9023a. Legislative Liaison of the Space Force

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is a Legislative Liaison of the Space Force.

(b) FUNCTIONS.—The Legislative Liaison shall perform legislative affairs functions under the direction of the Chief of Space Operations.

(Added Pub. L. 118-31, div. A, title V, §509B, Dec. 22, 2023, 137 Stat. 243.)

#### § 9024. Director of Small Business Programs

(a) DIRECTOR.—There is a Director of Small Business Programs in the Department of the Air Force. The Director is appointed by the Secretary of the Air Force.

(b) OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAMS.—The Office of Small Business Programs of the Department of the Air Force is the office that is established within the Department of the Air Force under section 15(k) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 644(k)). The Director of Small Business Programs is the head of such office.

(c) DUTIES AND POWERS.—(1) The Director of Small Business Programs shall, subject to paragraph (2), perform such duties regarding small business programs of the Department of the Air Force, and shall exercise such powers regarding those programs, as the Secretary of the Air Force may prescribe.

(2) Section 15(k) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 644(k)), except for the designations of the Director and the Office, applies to the Director of Small Business Programs.

(Added Pub. L. 109-163, div. A, title IX, §904(e)(1), Jan. 6, 2006, 119 Stat. 3401, §8024; renumbered §9024, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §806(c), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1833.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### PRIOR PROVISIONS

Prior sections 9025 and 9027 were renumbered sections 9375 and 9377 of this title, respectively.

##### AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 8024 of this title as this section.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### CHANGE OF NAME

The Director of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization of the Department of the Air Force and the

Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization of the Department of the Air Force were redesignated the Director of Small Business Programs of the Department of the Air Force and the Office of Small Business Programs of the Department of the Air Force, respectively, by Pub. L. 109-163 which also provided that references to the former were deemed to refer to the latter. See section 904(a) of Pub. L. 109-163, set out as a note under section 144 of this title.

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.

**§ 9025. Office of Expanded Competition**

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—There is in the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force an office to be known as the Office of Expanded Competition (in this section referred to as the “Office”).

(b) **DIRECTOR.**—The head of the Office shall be the Director. The Director shall be appointed by the Secretary of the Air Force from among employees of the Department of Defense with requisite subject matter expertise who—

(1) are in a Senior Executive Service position (as defined in section 3132 of title 5) at the time of appointment; or

(2) are not in a Senior Executive Service position at the time of appointment, but meet the Executive Core Qualifications (ECQs) for such a position.

(c) **DUTIES.**—The duties of the Office are as follows:

(1) In consultation with other components of the Department of Defense and the Federal Government, conduct coordinated and integrated assessments of adversarial capital flows into industries or businesses of interest to the Department of Defense.

(2) Identify and prioritize promising critical technologies and assets for the Joint Force in need of capital assistance, including critical technologies and assets available from foreign entities.

(3) Fund investments in such technologies and assets, including supply chain technologies not always supported through direct investment.

(4) Support the coordination and outreach efforts of technology scouting and acquisition elements within the Department of Defense to enable investment decision-making by those elements that counteract entities employing adversarial capital flows against industries or businesses described in paragraph (1), including the employment of relevant authorities vested in other components of the Department and the Federal Government.

(5) Identify, accelerate, and sustain the establishment, research, development, construction, procurement, leasing, consolidation, alteration, improvement, modernization, and repair of tangible and intangible assets vital to the national security of the United States.

(6) Help the Department of Defense provide capital assistance to entities, including foreign entities, engaged in investments that facilitate the efforts of the Department.

(7) Experiment, prototype, test, or validate Government-developed or commercially devel-

oped analytical tools, processes, and tradecraft to improve the due diligence and investment analysis processes for the Department of Defense, including the employment of relevant delegated authorities vested in other components of the Department and the Federal Government.

(8) Assist the Secretary of Defense in developing access and placement using commercial means.

(9) Otherwise engage with, coordinate, and collaborate with other components of the Department of Defense and the Federal Government to maximize efficiencies and promote whole-of-government solutions to protect the national security of the United States.

(d) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) The term “adversarial capital flow” means an investment by—

(A) the government of a country that is an adversary of the United States; or

(B) an entity organized under the laws of, or otherwise subject to the jurisdiction of, such a country.

(2) The term “capital assistance” means a loan, loan guarantee, or technical assistance.

(Added Pub. L. 118-159, div. A, title IX, §924(a), Dec. 23, 2024, 138 Stat. 2039.)

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**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior chapter 905, consisting of sections 9381 to 9383, related to the Aviation Leadership Program, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 114-328, div. A, title XII, §1241(i)(2), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2508.

**AMENDMENTS**

2018—Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §806(d)(4), (e)(1), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1833, redesignated chapter 805 of this title as this chapter and items 8031 to 8040 as 9031 to 9040, respectively.

2016—Pub. L. 114-328, div. A, title VII, §702(b)(3)(B), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2196, substituted “Surgeon General: appointment; duties” for “Surgeon General: appointment; grade” in item 8036.

2015—Pub. L. 114-92, div. A, title XVI, §1652(a)(2), Nov. 25, 2015, 129 Stat. 1122, added item 8040.

2013—Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title V, §508(b), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1717, added item 8039.

1986—Pub. L. 99-433, title V, §522(g)(1), Oct. 1, 1986, 100 Stat. 1063, amended analysis generally, substituting items 8031 to 8038 for former items 8031 to 8036.

1965—Pub. L. 89-288, §5(b), Oct. 22, 1965, 79 Stat. 1050, added item 8036.

**§ 9031. The Air Staff: function; composition**

(a) There is in the executive part of the Department of the Air Force an Air Staff. The