

the date of the enactment of the United States Space Force Act, the Chief”.

2021—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 116–283, §922(c)(1)(A), substituted “general, flag, or equivalent officers of the Space Force” for “general officers of the Air Force”.

Subsec. (a)(3), (4). Pub. L. 116–283, §922(c)(1)(B), added pars. (3) and (4).

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 116–283, §922(c)(2), substituted “grade in the Space Force equivalent to the grade of general in the Army, Air Force, and Marine Corps, or admiral in the Navy” for “grade of general”.

Subsec. (d)(5). Pub. L. 116–283, §922(c)(3), added par. (5). Former par. (5) redesignated (6).

Pub. L. 116–283, §1883(b)(2), substituted “, 1808(a), and 1847(e)(4)(B), (5)” for “and 2547”.

Subsec. (d)(6). Pub. L. 116–283, §922(c)(3), redesignated par. (5) as (6).

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2021 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 1883(b)(2) of Pub. L. 116–283 effective Jan. 1, 2022, with additional provisions for delayed implementation and applicability of existing law, see section 1801(d) of Pub. L. 116–283, set out as a note preceding section 3001 of this title.

DESIGNATION OF FORCE DESIGN ARCHITECT FOR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SPACE SYSTEMS

Pub. L. 117–81, div. A, title XVI, §1602(b)(4), Dec. 27, 2021, 135 Stat. 2077, provided that: “Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 27, 2021], the Secretary of Defense shall—

“(A) designate the Chief of Space Operations the force design architect for space systems of the Armed Forces; and

“(B) submit to the congressional defense committees [Committee on Armed Services and Committee on Appropriations of the Senate and House of Representatives] a certification of such designation.”

SERVICE

Pub. L. 116–92, div. A, title IX, §953(b), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 1564, provided that:

“(1) INCUMBENT.—The individual serving as Commander of the Air Force Space Command as of the day before the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 20, 2019] may serve as the Chief of Space Operations under subsection (a) of section 9082 of title 10, United States Code (as added by subsection (a) of this section), after that date without further appointment as otherwise provided for by subsection (a) of such section 9082.

“(2) U.S. SPACE COMMAND.—During the one-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense may authorize an officer serving as the Chief of Space Operations to serve concurrently as the Commander of the United States Space Command, without further appointment.”

§ 9083. Vice Chief of Space Operations

(a) APPOINTMENT.—There is a Vice Chief of Space Operations, appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, from the general officers of the Space Force.

(b) GRADE.—The Vice Chief of Space Operations, while so serving, has the grade of general without vacating the permanent grade of the officer.

(c) DUTIES.—The Vice Chief of Space Operations shall have such authorities and duties with respect to the Space Force as the Chief of Space Operations, with the approval of the Secretary of the Air Force, may delegate to or prescribe for the Vice Chief of Space Operations. Orders issued by the Vice Chief of Space Oper-

ations in performing such duties have the same effect as orders issued by the Chief of Space Operations.

(Added Pub. L. 118–159, div. A, title V, §509C(a)(2), Dec. 23, 2024, 138 Stat. 1873.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 9083 was renumbered section 9084 of this title.

Another prior section 9083, added Pub. L. 107–107, div. A, title IX, §912(a), Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1196, §8084; amended Pub. L. 108–375, div. A, title X, §1084(d)(32), Oct. 28, 2004, 118 Stat. 2063; renumbered §9084, Pub. L. 115–232, div. A, title VIII, §806(c), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1833; renumbered §9068, Pub. L. 116–92, div. A, title IX, §952(b)(1), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 1561; renumbered §9083, Pub. L. 116–92, div. A, title IX, §952(e), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 1562, related to a career field for officers in the Air Force with technical competence in space-related matters, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 116–283, div. A, title IX, §921(a), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3804.

§ 9084. Office of the Chief of Space Operations: function; composition

(a) FUNCTION.—There is in the executive part of the Department of the Air Force an Office of the Chief of Space Operations to assist the Secretary of the Air Force in carrying out the responsibilities of the Secretary.

(b) COMPOSITION.—The Office of the Chief of Space Operations is composed of the following:

(1) The Chief of Space Operations.

(2) Other members of the Space Force and Air Force assigned or detailed to the Office of the Chief of Space Operations.

(3) Civilian employees in the Department of the Air Force assigned or detailed to the Office of the Chief of Space Operations.

(c) ORGANIZATION.—Except as otherwise specifically prescribed by law, the Office of the Chief of Space Operations shall be organized in such manner, and the members of the Office of the Chief of Space Operations shall perform such duties and have such titles, as the Secretary of the Air Force may prescribe.

(Added Pub. L. 116–283, div. A, title IX, §921(a), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3805, §9083; renumbered §9084, Pub. L. 118–159, div. A, title V, §509C(a)(1), Dec. 23, 2024, 138 Stat. 1873.)

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

Another section 9084 was renumbered section 9087 of this title.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 9084 was renumbered section 9085 of this title.

Another prior section 9084 was successively renumbered section 9068, then 9083, of this title by Pub. L. 116–92, div. A, title IX, §952(b)(1), (e), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 1561, 1562, and was subsequently repealed by Pub. L. 116–283, div. A, title IX, §921(a), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3804.

AMENDMENTS

2024—Pub. L. 118–159 renumbered section 9083 of this title as this section.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title IX, §921(c), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3805, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [enacting this section and section 9084 of this title relating to general duties of the Office of the Chief of Space Operations, repealing former section 9083 of this title, and enacting provisions set out as a note below] shall take effect on the date on which the Secretary of the Air Force and the Chief of Space Operations jointly submit to the congressional defense committees [Committees on Armed Services and Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives] a report detailing the functions that the headquarters staff of the Department of the Air Force will continue to perform in support of the Space Force.”

NO AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL MILITARY BILLETS

Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title IX, §921(d), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3806, provided that: “The Secretary shall establish the Office of the Chief of Space Operations under section 9083 of title 10, United States Code [now 10 U.S.C. 9084], as amended by subsection (a), using military personnel otherwise authorized. Nothing in this section [enacting this section and section 9084 of this title relating to general duties of the Office of the Chief of Space Operations, repealing former section 9083 of this title, and enacting provisions set out as a note above] or the amendments made by this section shall be construed to authorize additional military billets for the purposes of, or in connection with, the establishment of the Office of the Chief of Space Operations.”

§ 9085. Office of the Chief of Space Operations: general duties

(a) PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE.—The Office of the Chief of Space Operations shall furnish professional assistance to the Secretary, the Under Secretary, and the Assistant Secretaries of the Air Force and to the Chief of Space Operations.

(b) AUTHORITIES.—Under the authority, direction, and control of the Secretary of the Air Force, the Office of the Chief of Space Operations shall—

(1) subject to subsections (c) and (d) of section 9014 of this title, prepare for such employment of the Space Force, and for such recruiting, organizing, supplying, equipping (including research and development), training, servicing, mobilizing, demobilizing, administering, and maintaining of the Space Force, as will assist in the execution of any power, duty, or function of the Secretary of the Air Force or the Chief of Space Operations;

(2) investigate and report upon the efficiency of the Space Force and its preparation to support military operations by commanders of the combatant commands;

(3) prepare detailed instructions for the execution of approved plans and supervise the execution of those plans and instructions;

(4) as directed by the Secretary of the Air Force or the Chief of Space Operations, coordinate the action of organizations of the Space Force; and

(5) perform such other duties, not otherwise assigned by law, as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Air Force.

(Added Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title IX, §921(a), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3805, §9084; renumbered §9085, Pub. L. 118-159, div. A, title V, §509C(a)(1), Dec. 23, 2024, 138 Stat. 1873.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 9085 was renumbered section 9086 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2024—Pub. L. 118-159 renumbered section 9084 of this title as this section.

§ 9086. Regular Space Force: composition

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Regular Space Force is the component of the Space Force that consists of persons whose continuous service on active duty in both peace and war is contemplated by law, and of retired members of the Regular Space Force.

(b) COMPOSITION.—The Regular Space Force includes—

(1) the officers and enlisted members of the Regular Space Force; and

(2) the retired officers and enlisted members of the Regular Space Force.

(Added Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title IX, §922(d), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3807, §9085; renumbered §9086, Pub. L. 118-159, div. A, title V, §509C(a)(1), Dec. 23, 2024, 138 Stat. 1873.)

REPEAL OF SECTION

Pub. L. 118-31, div. A, title XVII, §1735(c), Dec. 22, 2023, 137 Stat. 677, provided that, effective on the date on which the certification by the Secretary of the Air Force is submitted under section 1735(a) of Pub. L. 118-31, this section is repealed.

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 9086 was renumbered section 9087 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2024—Pub. L. 118-159 renumbered section 9085 of this title as this section.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective on the date on which the certification by the Secretary of the Air Force is submitted under section 1735(a) of Pub. L. 118-31, see section 1735(c)(2) of Pub. L. 118-31, set out in a Transitions Provisions note under section 20001 of this title.

§ 9087. Space Development Agency

(a) IN GENERAL.—(1) There is a Space Development Agency of the Department of Defense (in this section referred to as the “Agency”). The Director of the Space Development Agency shall be the head of the Agency.

(2) Effective on October 1, 2022—

(A) the Agency shall be an element of the Space Force; and

(B) the Director shall report—

(i) pursuant to section 9016(b)(6)(B)(iv)(III) of this title, to the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Space Acquisition and Integration with respect to acquisition decisions; and

(ii) directly to the Chief of Space Operations with respect to requirements deci-