

and 1929 of this title] may be construed to affect the status of any individual serving as an officer or employee of the United States Capitol Police as of the date of the enactment of this Act [Mar. 4, 2010].”

§ 1904. Certifying officers

(a) Appointment of certifying officers of the Capitol Police

The Chief Administrative Officer of the United States Capitol Police, or when there is not a Chief Administrative Officer, the Chief of the Capitol Police, shall appoint certifying officers to certify all vouchers for payment from funds made available to the United States Capitol Police.

(b) Responsibility and accountability of certifying officers

(1) In general

Each officer or employee of the Capitol Police who has been duly authorized in writing by the Chief Administrative Officer, or the Chief of the Capitol Police if there is not a Chief Administrative Officer, to certify vouchers pursuant to subsection (a) shall—

(A) be held responsible for the existence and correctness of the facts recited in the certificate or otherwise stated on the voucher or its supporting papers and for the legality of the proposed payment under the appropriation or fund involved;

(B) be held responsible and accountable for the correctness of the computations of certified vouchers; and

(C) be held accountable for and required to make good to the United States the amount of any illegal, improper, or incorrect payment resulting from any false, inaccurate, or misleading certificate made by such officer or employee, as well as for any payment prohibited by law or which did not represent a legal obligation under the appropriation or fund involved.

(2) Relief by Comptroller General

The Comptroller General may, at the Comptroller General’s discretion, relieve such certifying officer or employee of liability for any payment otherwise proper if the Comptroller General finds—

(A) that the certification was based on official records and that the certifying officer or employee did not know, and by reasonable diligence and inquiry could not have ascertained, the actual facts; or

(B) that the obligation was incurred in good faith, that the payment was not contrary to any statutory provision specifically prohibiting payments of the character involved, and the United States has received value for such payment.

(c) Enforcement of liability

The liability of the certifying officers of the United States Capitol Police shall be enforced in the same manner and to the same extent as currently provided with respect to the enforcement of the liability of disbursing and other accountable officers, and such officers shall have the right to apply for and obtain a decision by the Comptroller General on any question of law in-

involved in a payment on any vouchers presented to them for certification.

(Pub. L. 106–554, §1(a)(2) [title I, §107], Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2763, 2763A–103; Pub. L. 111–145, §2(a)(3), Mar. 4, 2010, 124 Stat. 49.)

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AMENDMENTS

2010—Subsecs. (a), (b)(1). Pub. L. 111–145 substituted “the Chief of the Capitol Police” for “the Capitol Police Board”.

§ 1905. Deposit and use of reimbursements for law enforcement assistance

(a)(1) Any funds received by the Capitol Police as reimbursement for law enforcement assistance from any Federal, State, or local government agency (including any agency of the District of Columbia), and from any other source in the case of assistance provided in connection with an activity that was not sponsored by Congress shall be deposited in the United States Treasury for credit to the appropriation for “general expenses” under the heading “United States Capitol Police”, or “security enhancements” under the heading “United States Capitol Police”.

(2) Funds deposited under this subsection may be expended by the Chief of the United States Capitol Police for any authorized purpose, including overtime pay expenditures relating to any law enforcement assistance for which reimbursement described in paragraph (1) is made, and shall remain available until expended.

(b) This section shall take effect on July 24, 2001, and shall apply to fiscal year 2001 and each fiscal year thereafter.

(Pub. L. 107–20, title II, §2802, July 24, 2001, 115 Stat. 184; Pub. L. 111–145, §2(b)(1), Mar. 4, 2010, 124 Stat. 51; Pub. L. 114–113, div. I, title I, §1001(a), (b), Dec. 18, 2015, 129 Stat. 2663.)

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Section is from the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2001.

AMENDMENTS

2015—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 114–113, §1001(a), substituted “District of Columbia), and from any other source in the case of assistance provided in connection with an activity that was not sponsored by Congress” for “District of Columbia”.

Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 114–113, §1001(b), substituted “any law enforcement assistance for which reimbursement described in paragraph (1) is made” for “law enforcement assistance to any Federal, State, or local government agency (including any agency of the District of Columbia)”.

2010—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 111–145, §2(b)(1)(A), substituted “United States Capitol Police” for “Capitol Police Board” in two places.