

State may merge with the amounts described in paragraph (1) unobligated balances of funds appropriated under the 'Diplomatic and Consular Programs' heading for fiscal year 2014 and subsequent fiscal years, up until the end of the fifth fiscal year after the fiscal year for which such funds were appropriated or otherwise made available."

FUTURE ASSISTANCE PROJECTIONS

Pub. L. 101-513, title V, §581, Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 2046, directed that the Congressional Presentation Documents of departments and agencies included within this Act should contain funding projections for each of its major program components for each of the three years following the year for which new budget or other authority was being requested and provided that the requirements of this section were effective for Congressional Presentation Documents submitted for fiscal year 1992.

REPORT ON EXPENDITURES MADE FROM APPROPRIATION FOR EMERGENCIES IN DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR SERVICE

Pub. L. 100-204, title I, §124, Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1341, as amended by Pub. L. 102-138, title I, §114, Oct. 28, 1991, 105 Stat. 655, provided that: "The Secretary of State shall provide to the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives within 30 days after the end of each quarter of the fiscal year a complete report, including amount, payee, and purpose, of all expenditures made from the appropriation for 'Emergencies in the Diplomatic and Consular Service' for that quarter. Items included in each such report concerning representation, official travel, and gifts shall be submitted in unclassified form."

INFORMATION-SHARING ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES

Pub. L. 95-426, title I, §122, Oct. 7, 1978, 92 Stat. 970, as amended by Pub. L. 97-241, title V, §505(a)(2), (b)(1), Aug. 24, 1982, 96 Stat. 299, provided that: "The Congress finds that—

"(1) international political, economic, and other studies prepared systematically by analysts of the Department of State as needed background information for executive branch policymakers could be similarly valuable to the Committee on International Relations [now Committee on Foreign Affairs] of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate in fulfilling their responsibilities; and

"(2) a formal information-sharing arrangement between the Department of State and such congressional committees could therefore serve the national interest, provided that controls on dissemination are established which insure that neither the process of analysis nor necessary confidentiality is jeopardized."

CONGRESSIONAL PURPOSE RESPECTING LAWS RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY; FOREIGN RELATIONS; AND AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

Pub. L. 92-226, title IV, §407(a), Feb. 7, 1972, 86 Stat. 35, provided that: "It is the purpose of this section [amending sections 1476, 2680, and 2684 of this title] to enable the Congress generally, and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives in particular, to carry out the purposes and intent of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 and 1970 [see Short Title Notes set out under section 4301 of Title 2, The Congress], with respect to—

"(1) the analysis, appraisal, and evaluation of the application, administration, and execution of the laws relating to the Department of State and the

United States Information Agency and of matters relating to the foreign relations of the United States; and

"(2) providing periodic authorizations of appropriations for that Department and Agency."

[For abolition of United States Information Agency (other than Broadcasting Board of Governors and International Broadcasting Bureau), transfer of functions, and treatment of references thereto, see sections 6531, 6532, and 6551 of this title.]

§ 2680-1. Deadline for responses to questions from congressional committees

(a) In general

An officer or employee of the Department of State to whom a written or oral question is addressed by any member of a committee specified in subsection (b), acting within his official capacity, shall respond to such question within 21 days unless the Secretary of State submits a letter to such member explaining why a timely response cannot be made.

(b) Specified committees

The committees referred to in subsection (a) are the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives.

(Pub. L. 102-138, title I, §196, Oct. 28, 1991, 105 Stat. 684.)

§ 2680-2. Facilitating access to Department of State

(a) Procedures to facilitate access

The Department of State shall maintain procedures to ensure that the members and staff of the congressional committees of jurisdiction are granted easy access to the Department of State in the conduct of their duties.

(b) Parking

The Department of State shall also make available adequate parking for members and staff of the congressional committees of jurisdiction in order to facilitate attendance of meetings at the Department of State.

(Pub. L. 103-236, title I, §129, Apr. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 394.)

§ 2680-3. Responsiveness to Congressional Research Service inquiries and Congressional Budget Office inquiries

(a) Findings

The Congressional Research Service and the Congressional Budget Office are charged with rendering effective and efficient service to Congress and responding expeditiously, effectively, and efficiently to the needs of Congress.

(b) Responses

The Secretary and Administrator shall ensure that for any inquiry or request from the Congressional Research Service or the Congressional Budget Office—

(1) an initial substantive response to the request is sent within 14 days of receipt of the inquiry;

(2) a complete answer responsive to the request is sent within 90 days of receipt of the inquiry, together with an explanation as to why the request was delayed; and

(3) Congressional Research Service and Congressional Budget Office staff shall be treated as congressional staff for any briefings or informal discussions.

(c) Requirement to disclose unclassified information

The Secretary and the Administrator shall not refuse to provide information to the Congressional Research Service or the Congressional Budget Office on the basis that the Secretary or the Administrator deems such information to be sensitive but unclassified.

(Pub. L. 118–159, div. G, title LXXII, § 7209, Dec. 23, 2024, 138 Stat. 2532.)

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

DEFINITIONS

For definitions of “Secretary” and “Administrator” as used in this section, see section 7002 of Pub. L. 118–159, set out as a note under section 2651 of this title.

§ 2680a. Compensation for disability or death

Section 1651 of title 42 shall not apply with respect to such contracts as the Secretary of State may determine which are contracts with persons employed to perform work for the Department of State or the Foreign Service on an intermittent basis for not more than 90 days in a calendar year.

(Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 841, title I, § 16, as added and renumbered title I, Pub. L. 97–241, title I, § 122, title II, § 202(a), Aug. 24, 1982, 96 Stat. 281, 282.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2680a, acts Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 841, § 16, as added Oct. 26, 1974, Pub. L. 93–475, § 12, 88 Stat. 1442; amended Oct. 7, 1978, Pub. L. 95–426, title I, § 117, 92 Stat. 969, related to authority and responsibility of chiefs of mission, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 96–465, title II, § 2205(10), Oct. 17, 1980, 94 Stat. 2160. Repeal effective Feb. 15, 1981, except as otherwise provided, see section 2403 of Pub. L. 96–465, set out as an Effective Date note under section 3901 of this title. See section 3927 of this title.

§ 2680b. Special rules for certain monthly workers’ compensation payments and other payments for Department of State personnel under chief of mission authority

(a) Adjustment of compensation for certain injuries

(1) Increase

The Secretary of State or the head of any other Federal agency may pay an additional monthly monetary benefit, provided that the covered employee is receiving benefits under section 8105 or 8106 of title 5, and may determine the amount of each monthly monetary benefit amount by taking into account—

- (A) the severity of the qualifying injury;
- (B) the circumstances by which the covered employee became injured; and
- (C) the seniority of the covered employee, particularly for purposes of compensating for lost career growth.

(2) Maximum

Notwithstanding chapter 81 of title 5, the total amount of monthly compensation in-

creased under paragraph (1) may not exceed the monthly pay of the maximum rate of basic pay for GS–15 of the General Schedule under section 5332 of such title.

(b) Costs for treating qualifying injuries

The Secretary of State may pay the costs of or reimburse for diagnosing and treating—

- (1) a qualifying injury of a covered employee for such costs, that are not otherwise covered by chapter 81 of title 5 or other provision of Federal law; or
- (2) a covered individual, or a covered dependent, for such costs that are not otherwise covered by Federal law.

(c) Information exchange

To avoid duplicate or otherwise improper payments under this subsection, the Secretary of Labor, the Secretary of State, and, as appropriate, the head of any other Federal agency paying benefits under this section shall exchange information about the amounts paid for treatment of qualifying injuries.

(d) Regulations

Not later than 120 days after December 20, 2019, the Secretary of State shall—

- (1) prescribe regulations ensuring the fair and equitable implementation of this section; and
- (2) submit to the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives such regulations.

(e) Definitions

In this section:

(1) Covered dependent

The term “covered dependent” means a family member (as defined by the Secretary of State) of a¹ employee who, on or after January 1, 2016—

- (A) accompanies the employee to an assigned duty station in a foreign country under chief of mission authority; and
- (B) becomes injured by reason of a qualifying injury.

(2) Covered employee

The term “covered employee” means an employee of the Federal Government who, on or after January 1, 2016, becomes injured by reason of a qualifying injury and was assigned to a duty station in the Republic of Cuba, the People’s Republic of China, or another foreign country designated by the Secretary of State pursuant to subsection (f), but does not include an individual receiving compensation under section 3519b of title 50.

(3) Covered individual

The term “covered individual” means an individual who, on or after January 1, 2016, becomes injured by reason of a qualifying injury and is—

- (A) detailed to a duty station in the Republic of Cuba, the People’s Republic of China, or another foreign country designated by the Secretary of State pursuant to subsection (f); or

¹ So in original. Probably should be “an”.