

(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 a<sup>1</sup> 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

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be “an”.