

(2) Survey

Not later than one year after December 22, 2023, and annually thereafter for five years, the Chief Information Officer shall undertake a client satisfaction survey of bureau information technology officers to obtain feedback on metrics related to—

(A) customer service orientation of the Bureau of Information Resources Management;¹

(B) quality and timelines of capabilities delivered;

(C) maintenance and upkeep of information technology solutions;

(D) training and support for senior bureau and office-level information technology officers; and

(E) other matters which the Chief Information Officer, in consultation with client bureaus and offices, determines appropriate.

(3) Submission of findings

Not later than 60 days after completing each survey required under paragraph (2), the Chief Information Officer shall submit a summary of the findings to the appropriate congressional committees, the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate, and the Committee on Oversight and Accountability of the House of Representatives.

(d) Significant expenditure defined

For purposes of this section, the term “significant expenditure” means any cumulative expenditure in excess of \$250,000 total in a single fiscal year for a new unclassified software or information technology capability.

(e) Rule of construction

Nothing in this section may be construed—

(1) to alter the authorities of the United States Office of Management and Budget, Office of the National Cyber Director, the Department of Homeland Security, or the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency with respect to Federal information systems; or

(2) to alter the responsibilities and authorities of the Chief Information Officer of the Department as described in titles 40 or 44 or any other law defining or assigning responsibilities or authorities to Federal Chief Information Officers.

(Pub. L. 118-31, div. F, title LXIII, § 6304, Dec. 22, 2023, 137 Stat. 987.)

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

DEFINITIONS

For definitions of “Department” and “appropriate congressional committees” as used in this section, see section 6002 of Pub. L. 118-31, set out as a note under section 2651 of this title.

§ 2685. Reimbursement for detailed State Department personnel

(a) An Executive agency to which any officer or employee of the Department of State is detailed, assigned, or otherwise made available, shall reimburse the Department for the salary and allowances of each such officer or employee

for the period the officer or employee is so detailed, assigned, or otherwise made available. However, if the Department of State has an agreement with an Executive agency or agencies providing for the detailing, assigning, or otherwise making available, of substantially the same numbers of officers and employees between the Department and the Executive agency or agencies, and such numbers with respect to a fiscal year are so detailed, assigned, or otherwise made available, or if the period for which the officer or employee is so detailed, assigned, or otherwise made available does not exceed one year, or if the number of officers and employees so detailed, assigned, or otherwise made available at any one time does not exceed fifteen and the period of any such detail, assignment, or availability of an officer or employee does not exceed two years, no reimbursement shall be required to be made under this section. Officers and employees of the Department of State who are detailed, assigned, or otherwise made available to another Executive agency for a period of not to exceed one year shall not be counted toward any personnel ceiling for the Department of State established by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

(b) For purposes of this section, “Executive agency” has the same meaning given that term by section 105 of title 5.

(Pub. L. 93-126, § 11, Oct. 18, 1973, 87 Stat. 453; Pub. L. 95-426, title I, § 118, Oct. 7, 1978, 92 Stat. 969; Pub. L. 99-93, title I, § 117, Aug. 16, 1985, 99 Stat. 412.)

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1985—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 99-93 inserted “or if the number of officers and employees so detailed, assigned, or otherwise made available at any one time does not exceed fifteen and the period of any such detail, assignment, or availability of an officer or employee does not exceed two years,” after “does not exceed one year.”

1978—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 95-426 substituted “does not exceed one year” for “does not exceed ninety days”, and inserted provision excepting from any personnel ceiling for the Department of State any officers and employees who are detailed, etc., to another Executive agency for a period of not to exceed one year.

§ 2686. Review of world-wide supply, demand, and price of basic raw and processed materials

It is the sense of the Congress that the Secretary of State should, and he is authorized to, establish within the Department of State a bureau which shall be responsible for continuously reviewing (1) the supply, demand, and price, throughout the world, of basic raw and processed materials (including agricultural commodities), and (2) the effect of United States Government programs and policies (including tax policy) in creating or alleviating, or assisting in creating or alleviating, shortages of such materials. In conducting such review, the bureau should obtain information with respect to—

(A) the supply, demand, and price of each such material in each major importing, exporting, and producing country and region of the world in order to understand long-term and short-term trends in the supply, demand, and price of such materials;

(B) projected imports and exports of such materials on a country-by-country basis;

(C) unusual patterns or changes in connection with the purchase or sale of such materials;

(D) a list of such materials in short supply and an estimate of the amount of shortage;

(E) international geological, geophysical, and political conditions which may affect the supply of such materials; and

(F) other matters that the Secretary considers appropriate in carrying out this section.

(Pub. L. 93-475, §14, Oct. 26, 1974, 88 Stat. 1443.)

§ 2686a. Appointment of Special Coordinator for water policy negotiations and water resources policy

(a) Designation

The Secretary of State shall designate a Special Coordinator—

(1) to coordinate the United States Government response to international water resource disputes and needs;

(2) to represent the United States Government, whenever appropriate, in multilateral fora in discussions concerning access to fresh water; and

(3) to formulate United States policy to assist in the resolution of international problems posed by the lack of fresh water supplies.

(b) Other responsibilities

The individual designated under subsection (a) may carry out the functions of subsection (a) in addition to other assigned responsibilities.

(Pub. L. 102-138, title I, §180, Oct. 28, 1991, 105 Stat. 682.)

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AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY OF STATE

Except as otherwise provided, Secretary of State to have and exercise any authority vested by law in any official or office of Department of State and references to such officials or offices deemed to refer to Secretary of State or Department of State, as appropriate, see section 2651a of this title and section 161(d) of Pub. L. 103-236, set out as a note under section 2651a of this title.

§ 2687. Use of appropriated funds for unusual expenses of United States Representative to Organization of American States

The Secretary of State is authorized to use appropriated funds for unusual expenses similar to those authorized by section 5913 of title 5 incident to the operation and maintenance of the living quarters of the United States Representative to the Organization of American States.

(Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 841, title I, §17, as added Pub. L. 94-141, title I, §101(c), Nov. 29, 1975, 89 Stat. 756; renumbered title I, Pub. L. 97-241, title II, §202(a), Aug. 24, 1982, 96 Stat. 282.)

§ 2688. Ambassadors; criteria regarding selection and confirmation

It is the sense of the Congress that the position of United States ambassador to a foreign country should be accorded to men and women possessing clearly demonstrated competence to

perform ambassadorial duties. No individual should be accorded the position of United States ambassador to a foreign country primarily because of financial contributions to political campaigns.

(Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 841, title I, §18, as added Pub. L. 94-141, title I, §104, Nov. 29, 1975, 89 Stat. 757; renumbered title I, Pub. L. 97-241, title II, §202(a), Aug. 24, 1982, 96 Stat. 282.)

§ 2689. American Sections, International Joint Commission, United States and Canada; funds for representation expenses and official entertainment within the United States

Each fiscal year (beginning with fiscal year 1977), the Secretary of State may use funds appropriated for the American Sections, International Joint Commission, United States and Canada, for representation expenses and official entertainment within the United States for such American Sections.

(Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 841, title I, §19, as added Pub. L. 94-350, title I, §104, July 12, 1976, 90 Stat. 824; amended Pub. L. 95-426, title I, §110(a), Oct. 7, 1978, 92 Stat. 967; renumbered title I, Pub. L. 97-241, title II, §202(a), Aug. 24, 1982, 96 Stat. 282.)

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1978—Pub. L. 95-426 struck out “not to exceed \$1,500 of the” after “the Secretary of State may use”.

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EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1978 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 95-426, title I, §110(b), Oct. 7, 1978, 92 Stat. 967, provided that: “The amendment made by this section [amending this section] shall take effect on October 1, 1978.”

§ 2690. Foreign gifts; audit; reports to Congress

Any expenditure for any gift for any person of any foreign country which involves any funds made available to meet unforeseen emergencies arising in the Diplomatic and Consular Service shall be audited by the Comptroller General and reports thereon made to the Congress to such extent and at such times as he may determine necessary. The representatives of the Government Accountability Office shall have access to all books, accounts, records, reports, files, and all other papers, things, or property pertaining to such expenditure and necessary to facilitate the audit.

(Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 841, title I, §20, as added Pub. L. 94-350, title I, §116(a), July 12, 1976, 90 Stat. 827; renumbered title I, Pub. L. 97-241, title II, §202(a), Aug. 24, 1982, 96 Stat. 282; amended Pub. L. 108-271, §8(b), July 7, 2004, 118 Stat. 814.)

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2004—Pub. L. 108-271 substituted “Government Accountability Office” for “General Accounting Office”.

§ 2691. Repealed. Pub. L. 101-649, title VI, § 603(a)(18), Nov. 29, 1990, 104 Stat. 5084

Section, act Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 841, title I, §21, as added Aug. 17, 1977, Pub. L. 95-105, title I, §112, 91 Stat. 848;