

(Pub. L. 96-465, title I, § 209, Oct. 17, 1980, 94 Stat. 2080; Pub. L. 99-399, title IV, § 413(a)(6), Aug. 27, 1986, 100 Stat. 868; Pub. L. 99-529, title IV, § 405, Oct. 24, 1986, 100 Stat. 3020; Pub. L. 105-277, div. G, subdiv. B, title XXII, § 2208(a), (b), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-810; Pub. L. 106-113, div. B, § 1000(a)(7) [div. A, title III, § 339(a), (b)], Nov. 29, 1999, 113 Stat. 1536, 1501A-443; Pub. L. 114-323, title II, § 203, Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1916; Pub. L. 117-286, § 4(b)(42), Dec. 27, 2022, 136 Stat. 4348.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2022—Subsec. (e)(1). Pub. L. 117-286 substituted “section 406 of title 5” for “section 6 of the Inspector General Act of 1978”, “section 401 of title 5” for “section 11(2) of such Act”, “chapter 4 of title 5,” for “that Act,” and “section 406(c) and (d) of title 5.” for “section 6(b) and (c) of such Act.”

2016—Subsec. (c)(6). Pub. L. 114-323 added par. (6).

1999—Subsec. (c)(5). Pub. L. 106-113, § 1000(a)(7) [div. A, title III, § 339(a)], added par. (5).

Subsec. (d)(2)(F). Pub. L. 106-113, § 1000(a)(7) [div. A, title III, § 339(b)], added subpar. (F).

1998—Subsec. (c)(4). Pub. L. 105-277, § 2208(a), added par. (4).

Subsec. (e)(3). Pub. L. 105-277, § 2208(b), added par. (3).

1986—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 99-529 repealed § 413(a)(6) of Pub. L. 99-399 and reenacted last sentence which had been struck out by Pub. L. 99-399.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1999 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 106-113, div. B, § 1000(a)(7) [div. A, title III, § 339(e)], Nov. 29, 1999, 113 Stat. 1536, 1501A-444, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section] shall apply to cases opened on or after the date of the enactment of this Act [Nov. 29, 1999].”

CONSTRUCTION OF 1999 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 106-113, div. B, § 1000(a)(7) [div. A, title III, § 339(c)], Nov. 29, 1999, 113 Stat. 1536, 1501A-444, as amended by Pub. L. 117-286, § 4(b)(43), Dec. 27, 2022, 136 Stat. 4348, provided that: “Nothing in the amendments made by this section [amending this section] may be construed to modify—

“(1) section 209(d)(4) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 3929(d)(4));

“(2) section 407(b) of title 5, United States Code;

“(3) the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a);

“(4) the provisions of section 2302(b)(8) of title 5 (relating to whistleblower protection);

“(5) rule 6(e) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure [18 U.S.C. App.] (relating to the protection of grand jury information); or

“(6) any statute or executive order pertaining to the protection of classified information.”

TERMINATION OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

For termination, effective May 15, 2000, of provisions in subsec. (d)(2) of this section relating to the requirement that the Secretary of State transmit a copy of the annual report furnished by the Inspector General, together with any comments which the Secretary deems appropriate, to the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives and to other appropriate committees, see section 3003 of Pub. L. 104-66, as amended, set out as a note under section 1113 of Title 31, Money and Finance, and page 129 of House Document No. 103-7.

PERIODIC INSPECTOR GENERAL REVIEWS OF CHIEFS OF MISSION

Pub. L. 118-159, div. G, title LXXII, § 7203, Dec. 23, 2024, 138 Stat. 2528, provided that:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Beginning on April 1, 2025, and for a 3-year period thereafter, the Inspector General of the Department of State shall conduct management reviews of chiefs of mission, charge d'affaires, and other principal officers assigned overseas during inspection visits, when those officers have been at post more than 180 days.

“(b) DISPOSITION.—If there are serious management concerns raised and substantiated, a copy of the management review document shall be provided to the rating officer for formal discussion as part of the performance evaluation process. The management review shall remain in the employee's personnel file unless otherwise required by law. The subject of a review conducted pursuant to subsection (a) shall have the opportunity to respond to and comment on the review, and the response shall be included in the employee's file for promotion panel review.

“(c) NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT IN CASE OF SERIOUS MANAGEMENT CONCERNS.—The Inspector General of the Department of State shall notify the Secretary [of State], the Deputy Secretary, and the appropriate congressional committees [Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives] within 30 days of any review in which a preponderance of evidence shows that a chief of mission, charge d'affaires, or other principal officer did not meet Department guidelines, and such behavior negatively impacted the ability to conduct operations at the mission, and which information is not otherwise submitted as part of the periodic inspection or report.”

NO GRIEVANCE OR RIGHT OF ACTION

Pub. L. 106-113, div. B, § 1000(a)(7) [div. A, title III, § 339(d)], Nov. 29, 1999, 113 Stat. 1536, 1501A-444, provided that: “A failure to comply with the amendments made by this section [amending this section] shall not give rise to any private right of action in any court or to an administrative complaint or grievance under any law.”

§ 3929a. Abolishment of Inspector General of Department of State and Foreign Service

Notwithstanding section 3929 of this title, the Inspector General of the Department of State and the Foreign Service is hereby abolished.

(Pub. L. 99-93, title I, § 150(b), Aug. 16, 1985, 99 Stat. 427; Pub. L. 99-399, title IV, § 413(c), Aug. 27, 1986, 100 Stat. 868.)

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CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1986 and 1987, and not as part of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 which comprises this chapter.

Another subsec. (c) of section 413 of Pub. L. 99-399 is classified to section 4861(c) of this title.

AMENDMENTS

1986—Pub. L. 99-399 substituted provision abolishing the Inspector General of the Department of State and the Foreign Service for provision limiting the authority of the Inspector General to such functions as necessary to carry out section 3929(g) of this title.

§ 3929b. Cooperation with Office of the Inspector General

(a) Administrative discipline

Not later than 30 days after December 27, 2021, the Secretary of State shall make explicit in writing to all Department of State personnel, including the Secretary of State, Department employees, contractors, and political ap-