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AMENDMENTS

2021—Par. (2). Pub. L. 116-283, § 1299Q(e)(10)(A), which directed redesignation of first par. (4), relating to the terms “Board” and “Chief Executive Officer of the Board”, as (2) and substitution of “the terms ‘Agency’ and ‘Chief Executive Officer of the Agency’ mean the United States Agency for Global Media and the Chief Executive Officer of the United States Agency for Global Media, respectively,” for “the terms ‘Board and Chief Executive Officer of the Board’ means the Broadcasting Board of Governors”, was executed by making the redesignation and by making the substitution for “the terms ‘Board’ and ‘Chief Executive Officer of the Board’ mean the Broadcasting Board of Governors”, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

Par. (3). Pub. L. 116-283, § 1299Q(e)(10)(B), substituted “means the corporation having the corporate title described in section 6207 of this title” for “includes—” and struck out subpars. (A) and (B) which read as follows:

“(A) the corporation having the corporate title described in section 6206(b)(3) of this title; and

“(B) any alternative grantee described in section 6206(e) of this title; and”.

Par. (4). Pub. L. 116-283, § 1299Q(e)(10)(A), redesignated first par. (4), relating to the terms “Board” and “Chief Executive Officer of the Board”, as (2).

2016—Pars. (2) to (4). Pub. L. 114-328 redesignated par. (2) as (3) and par. (3) as (4) defining “salary or other compensation” and added par. (4) defining “Board” and “Chief Executive Officer of the Board” after par. (1).

§ 6214. Relocation costs

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, funds derived from the sale of real property assets of RFE/RL in Munich, Germany, may be retained, obligated, and expended to meet one-time costs associated with the consolidation of United States Government broadcasting activities in accordance with this chapter, including the costs of relocating RFE/RL offices and operations.

(Pub. L. 103-236, title III, § 315(d), as added Pub. L. 103-415, § 1(l), Oct. 25, 1994, 108 Stat. 4303.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original “this title”, meaning title III of Pub. L. 103-236, Apr. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 432, known as the United States International Broadcasting Act of 1994, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of title III to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 6201 of this title and Tables.

§ 6215. Establishment of Radio Free Afghanistan

(a) Requirement of a detailed plan

Not later than 15 days after March 11, 2002, RFE/RL, Incorporated, shall submit to the Broadcasting Board of Governors a report setting forth a detailed plan for the provision by RFE/RL, Incorporated, of surrogate broadcasting services in the Dari and Pashto languages to Afghanistan. Such broadcasting services shall be known as “Radio Free Afghanistan”.

(b) Grant authority

(1) In general

Effective 15 days after March 11, 2002, or the date on which the report required by sub-

section (a) is submitted, whichever is later, the Broadcasting Board of Governors is authorized to make grants to support Radio Free Afghanistan.

(2) Supersedes existing limitation on total annual grant amounts

Grants made to RFE/RL, Incorporated, during the fiscal year 2002 for support of Radio Free Afghanistan may be made without regard to section 308(c) of the United States International Broadcasting Act of 1994 (22 U.S.C. 6207(c)).

(c) Available authorities

In addition to the authorities in this section, the authorities applicable to carry out United States Government broadcasting activities under the United States Information and Educational Exchange Act of 1948 [22 U.S.C. 1431 et seq.], the United States International Broadcasting Act of 1994 [22 U.S.C. 6201 et seq.], the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998, and other provisions of law consistent with such purpose may be used to carry out the grant authority of subsection (b).

(d) Standards; oversight

Radio Free Afghanistan shall adhere to the same standards of professionalism and accountability, and shall be subject to the same oversight mechanisms, as other services of RFE/RL, Incorporated.

(Pub. L. 107-148, § 2, Mar. 11, 2002, 116 Stat. 64.)

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REFERENCES IN TEXT

The United States Information and Educational Exchange Act of 1948, referred to in subsec. (c), is act Jan. 27, 1948, ch. 36, 62 Stat. 6, which is classified generally to chapter 18 (§ 1431 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1431 of this title, and Tables.

The United States International Broadcasting Act of 1994, referred to in subsec. (c), is title III of Pub. L. 103-236, Apr. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 432, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 6201 of this title and Tables.

The Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998, referred to in subsec. (c), is division G of Pub. L. 105-277, Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-761. For complete classification of division G to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 6501 of this title and Tables.

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Radio Free Afghanistan Act, and not as part of the United States International Broadcasting Act of 1994 which comprises this chapter.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

CHANGE OF NAME

Broadcasting Board of Governors renamed United States Agency for Global Media pursuant to section 6204(a)(21) of this title. The renaming was effectuated by notice to congressional appropriations committees dated May 24, 2018, and became effective Aug. 22, 2018.

§ 6216. Special authority for surge capacity

(a) Emergency authority

(1) In general

Whenever the President determines it to be important to the national interests of the

United States and so certifies to the appropriate congressional committees, the President, on such terms and conditions as the President may determine, is authorized to direct any department, agency, or other entity of the United States to furnish the United States Agency for Global Media with such assistance outside the United States as may be necessary to provide international broadcasting activities of the United States with a surge capacity to support United States foreign policy objectives during a crisis abroad.

(2) Supersedes existing law

The authority of paragraph (1) shall supersede any other provision of law.

(3) Surge capacity defined

In this subsection, the term “surge capacity” means the financial and technical resources necessary to carry out broadcasting activities in a geographical area during a crisis abroad.

(4) Duration

The President is authorized to exercise the authority provided in subsection (a)(1) for a period of up to six months, which may be renewed for one additional six month period.

(b) Authorization of appropriations

(1) In general

There are authorized to be appropriated to the President such sums as may be necessary for the President to carry out this section, except that no such amount may be appropriated which, when added to amounts previously appropriated for such purpose but not yet obligated, would cause such amounts to exceed \$25,000,000.

(2) Availability of funds

Amounts appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in this subsection are authorized to remain available until expended.

(3) Designation of appropriations

Amounts appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in this subsection may be referred to as the “United States International Broadcasting Surge Capacity Fund”.

(c) Report

The annual report submitted to the President and Congress by the United States Agency for Global Media under section 6204(a)(9) of this title shall provide a detailed description of any activities carried out under this section.

(Pub. L. 103-236, title III, §316, as added Pub. L. 110-53, title XX, §2031(c), Aug. 3, 2007, 121 Stat. 516; amended Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title XII, §1299Q(e)(11), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4026.)

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title XII, §1299Q(e)(11), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4026, which amended this section, was itself amended by Pub. L. 116-260, div. O, title XIII, §1301, Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 2158, to make it effective 90 days after Jan. 1, 2021. However, the amendment by

Pub. L. 116-260 could not be executed because it was enacted before the provision from Pub. L. 116-283 that it amended.

AMENDMENTS

2021—Subsecs. (a)(1), (c). Pub. L. 116-283 substituted “United States Agency for Global Media” for “Broadcasting Board of Governors”.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

FINDING; SENSE OF CONGRESS

Pub. L. 110-53, title XX, §2031(a), (b), Aug. 3, 2007, 121 Stat. 515, provided that:

“(a) FINDING.—Congress finds that the report of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States stated that ‘Recognizing that Arab and Muslim audiences rely on satellite television and radio, the government has begun some promising initiatives in television and radio broadcasting to the Arab world, Iran, and Afghanistan. These efforts are beginning to reach large audiences. The Broadcasting Board of Governors [now United States Agency for Global Media] has asked for much larger resources. It should get them.’

“(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—

“(1) the United States needs to improve its communication of information and ideas to people in foreign countries, particularly in countries with significant Muslim populations; and

“(2) public diplomacy should reaffirm the paramount commitment of the United States to democratic principles, including preserving the civil liberties of all the people of the United States, including Muslim-Americans.”

§ 6217. Global internet freedom

(a) Statement of policy

It is the policy of the United States to promote internet freedom through programs of the Department and USAID that preserve and expand the internet as an open, global space for freedom of expression and association, which shall be prioritized for countries—

(1) whose governments restrict freedom of expression on the internet; and

(2) that are important to the national interest of the United States.

(b) Purpose and coordination with other programs

Global internet freedom programming under this section—

(1) shall be coordinated with other United States foreign assistance programs that promote democracy and support the efforts of civil society—

(A) to counter the development of repressive internet-related laws and regulations, including countering threats to internet freedom at international organizations;

(B) to combat violence against bloggers and other civil society activists who utilize the internet; and

(C) to enhance digital security training and capacity building for democracy activists;

(2) shall seek to assist efforts—

(A) to research key threats to internet freedom;

(B) to continue the development of technologies that provide or enhance access to the internet, including circumvention tools