

the United States Information Agency and any office or component of such agency, under any statute, reorganization plan, Executive order, or other provision of law, as of the day before the effective date of this subchapter.

**(b) Exception**

Subsection (a) does not apply to the Broadcasting Board of Governors, the International Broadcasting Bureau, or any function performed by the Board or the Bureau.

(Pub. L. 105–277, div. G, subdiv. A, title XIII, § 1312, Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681–776.)

**Editorial Notes**

REFERENCES IN TEXT

For the effective date of this subchapter, referred to in subsec. (a), meaning the effective date of title XIII of subdiv. A of div. G of Pub. L. 105–277, see section 1301 of Pub. L. 105–277, set out as a note under section 6531 of this title.

**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.

**§ 6533. Abolition of Office of Inspector General of United States Information Agency and transfer of functions**

**(a) Abolition of Office**

The Office of Inspector General of the United States Information Agency is abolished.

**(b) to (d) Omitted**

**(e) Transfer of functions**

There are transferred to the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of State and the Foreign Service the functions that the Office of Inspector General of the United States Information Agency exercised before the effective date of this subchapter (including all related functions of the Inspector General of the United States Information Agency).

(Pub. L. 105–277, div. G, subdiv. A, title XIII, § 1314, Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681–776.)

**Editorial Notes**

REFERENCES IN TEXT

For the effective date of this subchapter, referred to in subsec. (e), meaning the effective date of title XIII of subdiv. A of div. G of Pub. L. 105–277, see section 1301 of Pub. L. 105–277, set out as a note under section 6531 of this title.

CODIFICATION

Section is comprised of section 1314 of Pub. L. 105–277. Subsec. (b) of section 1314 of Pub. L. 105–277 amended section 11 of the Inspector General Act of 1978, formerly set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, and subsecs. (c) and (d) of section 1314 of Pub. L. 105–277 amended section 5315 of Title 5 and section 6207 of this title, respectively.

PART B—INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING

**§ 6541. Congressional findings and declaration of purpose**

Congress finds that—

(1) it is the policy of the United States to promote the right of freedom of opinion and expression, including the freedom “to seek, receive, and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers”, in accordance with Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

(2) open communication of information and ideas among the peoples of the world contributes to international peace and stability, and the promotion of such communication is in the interests of the United States;

(3) it is in the interest of the United States to support broadcasting to other nations consistent with the requirements of this part and the United States International Broadcasting Act of 1994 [22 U.S.C. 6201 et seq.]; and

(4) international broadcasting is, and should remain, an essential instrument of United States foreign policy.

(Pub. L. 105–277, div. G, subdiv. A, title XIII, § 1321, Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681–777.)

**Editorial Notes**

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This part, referred to in par. (3), was in the original “this chapter”, meaning chapter 3 (§§ 1321–1328) of title XIII of subdiv. A of div. G of Pub. L. 105–277, Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681–777. For complete classification of chapter 3 to the Code, see Tables.

The United States International Broadcasting Act of 1994, referred to in par. (3), is title III of Pub. L. 103–236, Apr. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 432, which is classified principally to chapter 71 (§6201 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 6201 of this title and Tables.

**§ 6542. Transfer of broadcasting related funds, property, and personnel**

**(a) Transfer and allocation of property and appropriations**

**(1) In general**

The assets, liabilities (including contingent liabilities arising from suits continued with a substitution or addition of parties under section 6543(d) of this title), contracts, property, records, and unexpended balance of appropriations, authorizations, allocations, and other funds employed, held, used, arising from, available to, or to be made available in connection with the functions and offices of USIA transferred to the Broadcasting Board of Governors by this part shall be transferred to the Broadcasting Board of Governors for appropriate allocation.

**(2) Additional transfers**

In addition to the transfers made under paragraph (1), there shall be transferred to the Chairman of the Broadcasting Board of Governors the assets, contracts, property, records, and unexpended balance of appropriations, authorizations, allocations, and other funds, as determined by the Secretary, in concurrence with the Broadcasting Board of Governors, to support the functions transferred by this part.

**(b) Transfer of personnel**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law—

(1) except as provided in subsection (c), all personnel and positions of USIA employed or