

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2002 of Pub. L. 90-351 was renumbered section 2007 and is classified to section 10446 of this title.

## AMENDMENTS

2022—Pub. L. 117-103, §901(a)(1), substituted “Office on Violence Against Women” for “Violence Against Women Office” in section catchline.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 117-103, §901(a)(2), substituted “an Office on Violence Against Women” for “a Violence Against Women Office”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 117-103, §901(a)(3), inserted “, not subsumed by any other office” after “within the Department of Justice”.

Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 117-103, §901(a)(4), substituted “authorized or undertaken under—” and subpars. (A) to (E) for “authorized or undertaken under the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (title VI of Public Law 103-322) and the Violence Against Women Act of 2000 (Division B of Public Law 106-386).”

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2022 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 117-103 not effective until Oct. 1 of the first fiscal year beginning after Mar. 15, 2022, see section 4(a) of div. W of Pub. L. 117-103, set out as an Effective Date note under section 6851 of Title 15, Commerce and Trade.

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 107-273, div. A, title IV, §403, Nov. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 1791, provided that: “This title [enacting this section and sections 10443 to 10445 of this title and former section 3796gg-0d of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, amending sections 10446 to 10450 of this title, and enacting provisions set out as a note under section 10101 of this title] shall take effect 90 days after this bill becomes law [Nov. 2, 2002].”

**§ 10443. Director of Office on Violence Against Women****(a) Appointment**

The President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint a Director for the Office on Violence Against Women (in this subchapter referred to as the “Director”) to be responsible, under the general authority of the Attorney General, for the administration, coordination, and implementation of the programs and activities of the Office.

**(b) Other employment**

The Director shall not—

(1) engage in any employment other than that of serving as Director; or

(2) hold any office in, or act in any capacity for, any organization, agency, or institution with which the Office makes any contract or other agreement under the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (title IV of Public Law 103-322), the Violence Against Women Act of 2000 (division B of Public Law 106-386), the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 (Public Law 109-162; 119 Stat. 2960), the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 (Public Law 113-4; 127 Stat. 54), or the Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022.

**(c) Vacancy**

In the case of a vacancy, the President may designate an officer or employee who shall act as Director during the vacancy.

**(d) Compensation**

The Director shall be compensated at a rate of pay not to exceed the rate payable for level V of the Executive Schedule under section 5316 of title 5.

(Pub. L. 90-351, title I, §2003, as added Pub. L. 107-273, div. A, title IV, §402(3), Nov. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 1789; amended Pub. L. 117-103, div. W, title IX, §901(b), Mar. 15, 2022, 136 Stat. 910.)

**Editorial Notes**

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Violence Against Women Act of 1994, referred to in subsec. (b)(2), is title IV of Pub. L. 103-322, Sept. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 1902. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title of 1994 Act note set out under section 10101 of this title and Tables.

The Violence Against Women Act of 2000, referred to in (b)(2), is div. B of Pub. L. 106-386, Oct. 28, 2000, 114 Stat. 1491. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title of 2000 Act note set out under section 10101 of this title and Tables.

The Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005, referred to in subsec. (b)(2), is Pub. L. 109-162, Jan. 5, 2006, 119 Stat. 2960. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 1 of Pub. L. 109-162, set out as a Short Title of 2006 Act note under section 10101 of this title, and Tables.

The Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013, referred to in subsec. (b)(2), is Pub. L. 113-4, Mar. 7, 2013, 127 Stat. 54. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 1 of Pub. L. 113-4, set out as a Short Title of 2013 Act note under section 10101 of this title, and Tables.

The Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022, referred to in subsec. (b)(2), is div. W of Pub. L. 117-103, Mar. 15, 2022, 136 Stat. 840. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 1 of div. W of Pub. L. 117-103, set out as a Short Title of 2022 Amendment note under section 10101 of this title, and Tables.

## CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 3796gg-0a of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2003 of Pub. L. 90-351 was renumbered section 2008 and is classified to section 10447 of this title.

## AMENDMENTS

2022—Pub. L. 117-103, §901(b)(1), substituted “Office on Violence Against Women” for “Violence Against Women Office” in section catchline.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 117-103, §901(b)(2), substituted “the Office on Violence Against Women” for “the Violence Against Women Office” and made technical amendment to reference in original act which appears in text as reference to this subchapter.

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 117-103, §901(b)(3), substituted “103-322, the Violence” for “103-322) or the Violence” and inserted before period at end “, the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 (Public Law 109-162; 119 Stat. 2960), the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 (Public Law 113-4; 127 Stat. 54), or the Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022”.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2022 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 117-103 not effective until Oct. 1 of the first fiscal year beginning after Mar. 15, 2022,

see section 4(a) of div. W of Pub. L. 117-103, set out as an Effective Date note under section 6851 of Title 15, Commerce and Trade.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective 90 days after Nov. 2, 2002, see section 403 of Pub. L. 107-273, set out as a note under section 10442 of this title.

**§ 10444. Duties and functions of Director of Office on Violence Against Women**

The Director shall have the following duties:

(1) Maintaining liaison with the judicial branches of the Federal and State Governments on matters relating to violence against women.

(2) Providing information to the President, the Congress, the judiciary, State, local, and tribal governments, and the general public on matters relating to violence against women.

(3) Serving, at the request of the Attorney General, as the representative of the Department of Justice on domestic task forces, committees, or commissions addressing policy or issues relating to violence against women.

(4) Serving, at the request of the President, acting through the Attorney General, as the representative of the United States Government on human rights and economic justice matters related to violence against women in international fora, including, but not limited to, the United Nations.

(5) Carrying out the functions of the Department of Justice under the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (title IV of Public Law 103-322), the Violence Against Women Act of 2000 (division B of Public Law 106-386), the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 (Public Law 109-162; 119 Stat. 2960), the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 (Public Law 113-4; 127 Stat. 54), and the Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022, including with respect to those functions—

(A) the development of policy, protocols, and guidelines;

(B) the development and management of grant programs and other programs, and the provision of technical assistance under such programs; and

(C) the award and termination of grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts.

(6) Providing technical assistance, coordination, and support to—

(A) other components of the Department of Justice, in efforts to develop policy and to enforce Federal laws relating to violence against women, including the litigation of civil and criminal actions relating to enforcing such laws;

(B) other Federal, State, local, and tribal agencies, in efforts to develop policy, provide technical assistance, synchronize Federal definitions and protocols, and improve coordination among agencies carrying out efforts to eliminate violence against women, including Indian or indigenous women; and

(C) grantees, in efforts to combat violence against women and to provide support and assistance to victims of such violence.

(7) Exercising such other powers and functions as may be vested in the Director pursuant to this subchapter or by delegation of the Attorney General.

(8) Establishing such rules, regulations, guidelines, and procedures as are necessary to carry out any function of the Office.

(Pub. L. 90-351, title I, §2004, as added Pub. L. 107-273, div. A, title IV, §402(3), Nov. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 1790; amended Pub. L. 117-103, div. W, title IX, §901(c), Mar. 15, 2022, 136 Stat. 910.)

**Editorial Notes**

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Violence Against Women Act of 1994, referred to in par. (5), is title IV of Pub. L. 103-322, Sept. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 1902. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title of 1994 Act note set out under section 10101 of this title and Tables.

The Violence Against Women Act of 2000, referred to in par. (5), is div. B of Pub. L. 106-386, Oct. 28, 2000, 114 Stat. 1491. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title of 2000 Act note set out under section 10101 of this title and Tables.

The Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005, referred to in par. (5), is Pub. L. 109-162, Jan. 5, 2006, 119 Stat. 2960. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 1 of Pub. L. 109-162, set out as a Short Title of 2006 Act note under section 10101 of this title, and Tables.

The Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013, referred to in par. (5), is Pub. L. 113-4, Mar. 7, 2013, 127 Stat. 54. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 1 of Pub. L. 113-4, set out as a Short Title of 2013 Act note under section 10101 of this title, and Tables.

The Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022, referred to in par. (5), is div. W of Pub. L. 117-103, Mar. 15, 2022, 136 Stat. 840. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 1 of div. W of Pub. L. 117-103, set out as a Short Title of 2022 Amendment note under section 10101 of this title, and Tables.

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 3796gg-0b of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2004 of Pub. L. 90-351 was renumbered section 2009 and is classified to section 10448 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2022—Pub. L. 117-103, §901(c)(1), substituted “Office on Violence Against Women” for “Violence Against Women Office” in section catchline.

Par. (5). Pub. L. 117-103, §901(c)(2), in introductory provisions, substituted “103-322, the Violence” for “103-322) and the Violence” and “, the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 (Public Law 109-162; 119 Stat. 2960), the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 (Public Law 113-4; 127 Stat. 54), and the Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022, including with” for “, including with”.

Par. (6)(B). Pub. L. 117-103, §901(c)(3), inserted “synchronize Federal definitions and protocols,” before “and improve coordination”.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

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