

is not an Executive department, military department, Government corporation, or part thereof, or part of an independent establishment; and

(2) the Government Accountability Office.

(Pub. L. 89-554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 379; Pub. L. 91-375, § 6(c)(2), Aug. 12, 1970, 84 Stat. 775; Pub. L. 108-271, § 8(b), July 7, 2004, 118 Stat. 814; Pub. L. 109-435, title VI, § 604(b), Dec. 20, 2006, 120 Stat. 3241.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

The section is supplied to avoid the necessity for defining “independent establishment” each time it is used in this title.

Certain agencies are not independent establishments under the definition since they are constituent agencies or parts of an independent establishment. However, these agencies would continue to be subject to the provisions of this title applicable to the independent establishment of which they are a constituent or part. Also, the definition does not expand or abridge any rights or authority possessed by these agencies as no substantive changes are intended, see section 7(a) of the bill.

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2006—Par. (1). Pub. L. 109-435 substituted “Postal Regulatory Commission” for “Postal Rate Commission”.

2004—Par. (2). Pub. L. 108-271 substituted “Government Accountability Office” for “General Accounting Office”.

1970—Par. (1). Pub. L. 91-375 inserted “(other than the United States Postal Service or the Postal Rate Commission)” after “executive branch”.

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EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1970 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 91-375 effective within 1 year after Aug. 12, 1970, on date established therefor by Board of Governors of United States Postal Service and published by it in Federal Register, see section 15(a) of Pub. L. 91-375, set out as an Effective Date note preceding section 101 of Title 39, Postal Service.

§ 105. Executive agency

For the purpose of this title, “Executive agency” means an Executive department, a Government corporation, and an independent establishment.

(Pub. L. 89-554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 379.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

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2019—Pub. L. 115-435, title I, § 101(b), Jan. 14, 2019, 132 Stat. 5532, added headings for subchapters I and II and items 311 to 315.

2011—Pub. L. 111-352, § 13(a), Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3882, added item 306 and struck out former item 306 “Strategic plans”.

1993—Pub. L. 103-62, § 11(a), Aug. 3, 1993, 107 Stat. 295, added item 306.

SUBCHAPTER I—GENERAL PROVISIONS

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AMENDMENTS

2019—Pub. L. 115-435, title I, § 101(a)(1), Jan. 14, 2019, 132 Stat. 5529, inserted subchapter heading.

§ 301. Departmental regulations

The head of an Executive department or military department may prescribe regulations for the government of his department, the conduct of its employees, the distribution and performance of its business, and the custody, use, and preservation of its records, papers, and property. This section does not authorize withholding information from the public or limiting the availability of records to the public.

(Pub. L. 89-554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 379.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Derivation	U.S. Code	Revised Statutes and Statutes at Large
.....	5 U.S.C. 22.	R.S. § 161. Aug. 12, 1958, Pub. L. 85-619, 72 Stat. 547.

The words “Executive department” are substituted for “department” as the definition of “department” applicable to this section is coextensive with the definition of “Executive department” in section 101. The words “not inconsistent with law” are omitted as surplusage as a regulation which is inconsistent with law is invalid.

The words “or military department” are inserted to preserve the application of the source law. Before enactment of the National Security Act Amendments of 1949 (63 Stat. 578), the Department of the Army, the Department of the Navy, and the Department of the Air Force were Executive departments. The National Security Act Amendments of 1949 established the Department of Defense as an Executive Department including the Department of the Army, the Department of the Navy, and the Department of the Air Force as military departments, not as Executive departments. However, the source law for this section, which was in effect in 1949, remained applicable to the Secretaries of the military departments by virtue of section 12(g) of the National Security Act Amendments of 1949 (63 Stat. 591), which provided:

“All laws, orders, regulations, and other actions relating to the National Military Establishment, the Departments of the Army, the Navy, or the Air Force, or to any officer or activity of such establishment or such departments, shall, except to the extent inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, have the same effect as if this Act had not been enacted; but, after the effective