

Pub. L. 104-180, title I, Aug. 6, 1996, 110 Stat. 1570.  
 Pub. L. 104-37, title I, Oct. 21, 1995, 109 Stat. 300.

**§ 2279i. Cooperation with State and other agencies; expenditures**

In carrying on the activities of the Department of Agriculture involving cooperation with State, county, and municipal agencies, associations of farmers, individual farmers, universities, colleges, boards of trade, chambers of commerce, or other local associations of business men, business organizations, and individuals within the State, Territory, district, or insular possession in which such activities are to be carried on, moneys contributed from such outside sources, except in the case of the authorized activities of the Forest Service, shall be paid only through the Secretary of Agriculture or through State, county, or municipal agencies, or local farm bureaus or like organizations, cooperating for the purpose with the Secretary of Agriculture.

(July 24, 1919, ch. 26, 41 Stat. 270.)

**Editorial Notes**

**CODIFICATION**

Section was formerly classified to section 450b of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section, and to section 563 of Title 5 prior to the general revision and enactment of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, by Pub. L. 89-554, § 1, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 378.

**§ 2279j. Conversion authority**

The Secretary may, notwithstanding subchapter I of chapter 33 of title 5, governing appointments in the competitive or excepted service, noncompetitively convert to an appointment in the competitive service, in an agency or office within the Department of Agriculture, a recent graduate or student who is a United States citizen and has been awarded and successfully completed a scholarship program granted to the individual by the Department through the 1890 National Scholars Program or the 1994 Tribal Scholars Program carried out by the Department, provided the individual meets the requirements for such conversion and meets Office of Personnel Management qualification standards, as determined by the Secretary. Nothing in the preceding sentence shall be construed as requiring the Secretary to convert an individual under the authority under such sentence.

(Pub. L. 115-334, title XII, § 12519, Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 5001.)

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

**DEFINITION OF “SECRETARY”**

“Secretary” means the Secretary of Agriculture, see section 2 of Pub. L. 115-334, set out as a note under section 9001 of this title.

**§ 2279k. Authorization of protection operations for the Secretary of Agriculture and others**

**(a) In general**

The Department of Agriculture is authorized to employ qualified law enforcement officers or special agents to provide—

(1) protection for the Secretary and the Deputy Secretary during the performance of official duties by each such officer and during any activity that is preliminary or postliminary to the performance of official duties by each such officer;

(2) protection, incidental to the protection provided pursuant to paragraph (1), to an individual accompanying each such officer who is participating in an activity or event relating to the official duties of each such officer when there is an articulable threat to such individual;

(3) continuous protection to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary (including during periods not described in paragraph (1)) if there is an articulable threat of physical harm, in accordance with guidelines established by the Secretary; and

(4) protection of another senior officer representing the Secretary (including a person nominated to be the Secretary during the pendency of such nomination) if there is an articulable threat of physical harm, in accordance with guidelines established by the Secretary.

**(b) Authorities of the protective operation**

**(1) In general**

The Secretary may authorize officers or special agents employed pursuant to subsection (a)—

(A) to carry firearms;

(B) to conduct criminal investigations into potential threats to the security of persons protected under this section;

(C) to make arrests without a warrant for any offense against the United States committed in the presence of such officer or special agent;

(D) to perform protective intelligence work, including identifying and mitigating potential threats and conducting advance work to review security matters relating to sites and events; and

(E) to coordinate with local law enforcement agencies.

**(2) Guidelines**

The authority conveyed under this section shall be exercised in accordance with any—

(A) guidelines issued by the Attorney General; and

(B) such additional guidelines as may be issued by the Secretary.

**(c) Exception**

The authorities granted under this section may be exercised notwithstanding section 1343(b)(1) of title 31.

**(d) Report**

Not later than September 30, 2019, and each September 30 through 2024, the Secretary shall provide to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate a report describing the protection provided, and accounting for the expenditures made, pursuant to this section.

(Pub. L. 115-334, title XII, § 12520, Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 5001.)

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**§ 2279f. National Detector Dog Training Center****(a) In general**

There is established a National Detector Dog Training Center (referred to in this section as the “Center”).

**(b) Duties**

The Center shall have the following duties:

(1) Training dogs for the purpose of safeguarding domestic agricultural and natural resources from foreign and invasive pests and diseases.

(2) Training human handlers to successfully select and train dogs for the purpose described in paragraph (1).

(3) Collaborating with relevant Federal agencies, including U.S. Customs and Border Protection, to safeguard domestic agricultural and natural resources.

(4) Collaborating with external stakeholders, including State departments of agriculture, local and county agricultural officials, private sector entities, and other relevant non-Federal partners.

(5) Ensuring the health and welfare of all dogs under the care of the Center, including by ensuring access to necessary veterinary care, adequate shelter, and proper nutrition.

(6) Providing opportunities for private adoption of retirement-age trained dogs and dogs that do not complete training.

(7) Any other duties necessary to safeguard domestic agricultural and natural resources from foreign and invasive pests and diseases, as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

(Pub. L. 118-191, § 2, Dec. 23, 2024, 138 Stat. 2658.)

**Editorial Notes**

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

This section, referred to in subsec. (a), was in the original “this Act”, meaning Pub. L. 118-191, Dec. 23, 2024, 138 Stat. 2658, which enacted this section, provisions set out as a note under section 2201 of this title, and provisions relating to reporting requirements that are not set out in the Code. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title of 2024 note set out under section 2201 of this title and Tables.

**CHAPTER 55A—DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

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**§ 2281. Congressional declaration of purpose**

The purposes of this chapter are to—

(1) require strict financial and program accounting by advisory committees of the Department of Agriculture;

(2) assure balance and objectivity in the membership of such advisory committees; and

(3) prevent the formation or continuation of unnecessary advisory committees by the Department of Agriculture.

(Pub. L. 95-113, title XVIII, § 1801, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 1041; Pub. L. 97-98, title XI, § 1116(a), Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1270.)

**Editorial Notes**

## AMENDMENTS

1981—Pub. L. 97-98 reenacted section without change.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1981 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 97-98 effective Dec. 22, 1981, see section 1801 of Pub. L. 97-98, set out as an Effective Date note under section 4301 of this title.

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Oct. 1, 1977, see section 1901 of Pub. L. 95-113, set out as an Effective Date of 1977 Amendment note under section 1307 of this title.

## SOYBEAN RESEARCH ADVISORY INSTITUTE

Pub. L. 97-98, title XIV, § 1446, Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1327, provided for the establishment of a Soybean Research Advisory Institute for the purpose of preparing and submitting to Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry and House Committee on Agriculture, not later than Mar. 1, 1983, a comprehensive report, with appropriate recommendations, on the findings of the Institute regarding research on soybean production and utilization, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 99-198, title XIV, § 1434, Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1557.

**§ 2282. Definitions**

When used in this chapter—

(1) the term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States;

(2) the term “Department of Agriculture” means the United States Department of Agriculture; and

(3) the term “advisory committee” means any committee, board, commission, council, conference, panel, task force, or other similar group, or any subcommittee or other subgroup thereof that is established or utilized by the Department of Agriculture in the interest of obtaining advice or recommendations for the President or the Department of Agriculture, except that such term excludes any committee which (A) is composed wholly of full-time officers or employees of the Federal Government, (B) is established by statute or reorganization plan, or (C) is established by the President.

(Pub. L. 95-113, title XVIII, § 1802, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 1041; Pub. L. 97-98, title XI, § 1116(a), Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1270.)

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