

training for veterans and agricultural vocational and rehabilitation programs; and

(B) the information disseminated under paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (b).

**(2) Further dissemination**

Not later than the day before the date on which the Military Veterans Agricultural Liaison makes publicly available the information under paragraph (1), the Military Veterans Agricultural Liaison shall provide that information to the Department of Defense, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Small Business Administration, and the Department of Labor.

(Pub. L. 103-354, title II, §219, as added Pub. L. 113-79, title XII, §12304, Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 985; amended Pub. L. 115-334, title XII, §12402, Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4971.)

**Editorial Notes**

**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior section 6919, Pub. L. 103-354, title II, §219, Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3213, provided that compensation of any officer or employee of the Department on Oct. 13, 1994, was not to be increased as a result of enactment of this chapter, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105-277, div. A, §101(e) [title III, §362], Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-231, 2681-305.

**AMENDMENTS**

2018—Subsec. (b)(5), (6). Pub. L. 115-334, §12402(1), added pars. (5) and (6).

Subsecs. (d) to (g). Pub. L. 115-334, §12402(2), added subsecs. (d) to (g).

**§ 6920. Office of Energy Policy and New Uses**

The Secretary shall establish for the Department, in the Office of the Secretary, an Office of Energy Policy and New Uses.

(Pub. L. 103-354, title II, §220, as added Pub. L. 105-185, title VI, §602, June 23, 1998, 112 Stat. 585.)

**§ 6921. Office of Tribal Relations**

**(a) In general**

The Secretary shall maintain in the Office of the Secretary an Office of Tribal Relations, which shall advise the Secretary on policies related to Indian tribes and carry out such other functions as the Secretary considers appropriate.

**(b) Tribal Advisory Committee**

**(1) Definitions**

In this subsection:

**(A) Indian tribe**

The term “Indian tribe” has the meaning given the term in section 5304 of title 25.

**(B) Relevant committees of Congress**

The term “relevant committees of Congress” means—

- (i) the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives;
- (ii) the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate; and
- (iii) the Committee on Indian Affairs of the Senate.

**(C) Tribal organization**

The term “tribal organization” has the meaning given the term in section 5304 of title 25.

**(2) Establishment of committee**

**(A) In general**

The Secretary shall establish an advisory committee, to be known as the Tribal Advisory Committee (referred to in this subsection as the “Committee”) to provide advice and guidance to the Secretary on matters relating to Tribal and Indian affairs.

**(B) Facilitation**

The Committee shall facilitate, but not supplant, government-to-government consultation between the Department of Agriculture (referred to in this subsection as the “Department”) and Indian tribes.

**(3) Membership**

**(A) Composition**

The Committee shall be composed of 11 members, of whom—

- (i) 3 shall be appointed by the Secretary;
- (ii) 1 shall be appointed by the chairperson of the Committee on Indian Affairs of the Senate;
- (iii) 1 shall be appointed by the ranking member of the Committee on Indian Affairs of the Senate;
- (iv) 1 shall be appointed by the chairperson of the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate;
- (v) 1 shall be appointed by the ranking member of the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate;
- (vi) 2 shall be appointed by the chairperson of the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives; and
- (vii) 2 shall be appointed by the ranking member of the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives.

**(B) Nominations**

The Secretary shall accept nominations for members of the Committee from any of the following:

- (i) An Indian tribe.
- (ii) A tribal organization.
- (iii) A national or regional organization with expertise in issues relating to the duties of the Committee described in paragraph (4).

**(C) Diversity**

To the maximum extent feasible, the Secretary shall ensure that the members of the Committee represent a diverse set of expertise on issues relating to geographic regions, Indian tribes, and the agricultural industry.

**(D) Limitation**

No member of the Committee shall be an officer or employee of the Federal Government.

**(E) Period of appointment; vacancies**

**(i) In general**

- Each member of the Committee—
- (I) subject to clause (ii), shall be appointed to a 3-year term; and
- (II) may be reappointed to not more than 3 consecutive terms.

**(ii) Initial staggering**

The first 3 appointments by the Secretary under paragraph (3)(A)(i) shall be for a 2-year term.