

by the Secretary, a description of the group or groups of persons to whom the mass mailing was mailed and the number of pieces mailed.

(Pub. L. 101-520, title III, §320, Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 2285.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 59g of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

Section is from the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1991.

### § 506. Mass mailing sent by House Members

#### (a) Notice that mailing is at taxpayer expense

(1) Each mass mailing sent by a Member of the House of Representatives shall bear in a prominent place on its face, or on the envelope or outside cover or wrapper in which the mail matter is sent, one of the notices described in paragraph (2) or a notice to the same effect in words which may be prescribed under subsection (c). The notice shall be printed in a type size not smaller than 7-point.

(2) The notices described in this paragraph are as follows:

(A) “Paid for with official funds from the office of \_\_\_\_\_,” with the blank filled in with the name of the Member sending the mailing.

(B) “Paid for by the funds authorized by the House of Representatives for District \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_,” with the first blank filled in with the name of the congressional district number, and the second blank filled in with the name of the State, of the Member sending the mailing.

(C) “Paid for by official funds authorized by the House of Representatives.”

#### (b) Publication of each Member’s total expense and amount

(1) There shall be published in the itemized report of disbursements of the House of Representatives as required by law, a summary tabulation setting forth, for the office of each Member of the House of Representatives, the total number of pieces of mass mail mailed during the period involved and the total cost of those mass mailings.

(2) Each such tabulation shall also include—

(A) the total cost (as referred to in paragraph (1)) divided by the number (as determined by the Postmaster General) of addresses (other than business possible delivery stops) in the Congressional district from which the Member was elected (as such addresses are described in section 3210(d)(7)(B) of title 39); and

(B) the total number of pieces of mass mail (as referred to in paragraph (1)) divided by the number (as determined by the Postmaster General) of addresses (other than business possible delivery stops) in the Congressional district from which the Member was elected (as such addresses are described in section 3210(d)(7)(B) of title 39).

#### (c) Regulations

The Committee on House Oversight shall prescribe such rules and regulations and shall take

such other action as the Committee considers necessary and proper for Members to conform to the provisions of this subsection and applicable rules and regulations.

#### (d) Definitions

For purposes of this section—

(1) the term “Member of the House of Representatives” means a Representative in, or a Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress; and

(2) the term “mass mailing” has the meaning given such term by section 3210(a)(6)(E) of title 39.

#### (e) Applicability

This section shall apply with respect to sessions of Congress beginning after September 16, 1996.

(Pub. L. 104-197, title III, §311, Sept. 16, 1996, 110 Stat. 2414; Pub. L. 116-260, div. I, title I, §116(d), Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 1640.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 59h of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

Section is from the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1997.

##### AMENDMENTS

2020—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 116-260 designated existing provisions as par. (1), substituted “one of the notices described in paragraph (2) or a notice” for “the following notice: **“THIS MAILING WAS PREPARED, PUBLISHED, AND MAILED AT TAXPAYER EXPENSE.”**, or a notice”, and added par. (2).

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### CHANGE OF NAME

Committee on House Oversight of House of Representatives changed to Committee on House Administration of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 5, One Hundred Sixth Congress, Jan. 6, 1999.

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2020 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 116-260 applicable with respect to communications disseminated on or after Dec. 27, 2020, see section 116(f) of div. I of Pub. L. 116-260, set out as a note under section 501 of this title.

### CHAPTER 17—CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

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**§ 601. Establishment****(a) In general**

(1) There is established an office of the Congress to be known as the Congressional Budget Office (hereinafter in this chapter referred to as the “Office”). The Office shall be headed by a Director; and there shall be a Deputy Director who shall perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the Director and, during the absence or incapacity of the Director or during a vacancy in that office, shall act as Director.

(2) The Director shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President pro tempore of the Senate after considering recommendations received from the Committees on the Budget of the House and the Senate, without regard to political affiliation and solely on the basis of his fitness to perform his duties. The Deputy Director shall be appointed by the Director.

(3) The term of office of the Director shall be 4 years and shall expire on January 3 of the year preceding each Presidential election. Any individual appointed as Director to fill a vacancy prior to the expiration of a term shall serve only for the unexpired portion of that term. An individual serving as Director at the expiration of a term may continue to serve until his successor is appointed. Any Deputy Director shall serve until the expiration of the term of office of the Director who appointed him (and until his successor is appointed), unless sooner removed by the Director.

(4) The Director may be removed by either House by resolution.

(5)(A) The Director shall receive compensation at an annual rate of pay that is equal to the maximum rate of pay in effect under section 4575(f) of this title.

(B) The Deputy Director shall receive compensation at an annual rate of pay that is \$1,000 less than the annual rate of pay received by the Director, as determined under subparagraph (A).

**(b) Personnel**

The Director shall appoint and fix the compensation of such personnel as may be necessary to carry out the duties and functions of the Office. All personnel of the Office shall be appointed without regard to political affiliation and solely on the basis of their fitness to perform their duties. The Director may prescribe the duties and responsibilities of the personnel of the Office, and delegate to them authority to perform any of the duties, powers, and functions imposed on the Office or on the Director. For purposes of pay (other than pay of the Director and Deputy Director) and employment benefits, rights, and privileges, all personnel of the Office shall be treated as if they were employees of the House of Representatives.

**(c) Experts and consultants**

In carrying out the duties and functions of the Office, the Director may procure the temporary (not to exceed one year) or intermittent services of experts or consultants or organizations thereof by contract as independent contractors, or, in the case of individual experts or consultants, by employment at rates of pay not in excess of the daily equivalent of the highest rate of basic pay

payable under the General Schedule of section 5332 of title 5.

**(d) Relationship to executive branch**

(1) The Director is authorized to secure information, data, estimates, and statistics directly from the various departments, agencies, and establishments of the executive branch of Government and the regulatory agencies and commissions of the Government. All such departments, agencies, establishments, and regulatory agencies and commissions shall furnish the Director any available material which he determines to be necessary in the performance of his duties and functions (with or without written agreement) provided that the Director maintains the level of confidentiality required by law of the department, agency, establishment, or regulatory agency or commission from which it is obtained in accordance with section 603(e) of this title. The Director is also authorized, upon agreement with the head of any such department, agency, establishment, or regulatory agency or commission, to utilize its services, facilities, and personnel with or without reimbursement; and the head of each such department, agency, establishment, or regulatory agency or commission is authorized to provide the Office such services, facilities, and personnel.

(2) No provision of law enacted after September 30, 2024, shall be construed to supersede, limit, or otherwise modify the authority of the Director to obtain any material under this subsection unless such provision specifically provides, by specific reference to this paragraph, that such authority is to be superseded, limited, or otherwise modified.

**(e) Relationship to other agencies of Congress**

In carrying out the duties and functions of the Office, and for the purpose of coordinating the operations of the Office with those of other congressional agencies with a view to utilizing most effectively the information, services, and capabilities of all such agencies in carrying out the various responsibilities assigned to each, the Director is authorized to obtain information, data, estimates, and statistics developed by the Government Accountability Office,<sup>1</sup> and the Library of Congress, and (upon agreement with them) to utilize their services, facilities, and personnel with or without reimbursement. The Comptroller General,<sup>1</sup> and the Librarian of Congress are authorized to provide the Office with the information, data, estimates, and statistics, and the services, facilities, and personnel, referred to in the preceding sentence.

**(f) Revenue estimates**

For the purposes of revenue legislation which is income, estate and gift, excise, and payroll taxes (i.e., Social Security), considered or enacted in any session of Congress, the Congressional Budget Office shall use exclusively during that session of Congress revenue estimates provided to it by the Joint Committee on Taxation. During that session of Congress such revenue estimates shall be transmitted by the Congressional Budget Office to any committee of the

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Comma probably should not appear.

House of Representatives or the Senate requesting such estimates, and shall be used by such Committees in determining such estimates. The Budget Committees of the Senate and House shall determine all estimates with respect to scoring points of order and with respect to the execution of the purposes of this Act.

**(g) Authorization of appropriations**

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Office for each fiscal year such sums as may be necessary to enable it to carry out its duties and functions. Until sums are first appropriated pursuant to the preceding sentence, but for a period not exceeding 12 months following the effective date of this subsection, the expenses of the Office shall be paid from the contingent fund of the Senate, in accordance with section 6503 of this title, and upon vouchers approved by the Director.

(Pub. L. 93-344, title II, §201, July 12, 1974, 88 Stat. 302; Pub. L. 99-177, title II, §273, Dec. 12, 1985, 99 Stat. 1098, renumbered §201(g) of Pub. L. 93-344, Pub. L. 101-508, title XIII, §13202(b), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388-615; Pub. L. 101-508, title XIII, §13202(a), (c), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388-615; Pub. L. 105-33, title X, §10102, Aug. 5, 1997, 111 Stat. 678; Pub. L. 106-113, div. B, §1000(a)(5) [title II, §224], Nov. 29, 1999, 113 Stat. 1536, 1501A-299; Pub. L. 108-271, §8(b), July 7, 2004, 118 Stat. 814; Pub. L. 116-94, div. E, title II, §212(a)(3)(B), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 2775; Pub. L. 118-89, §2(a), Sept. 30, 2024, 138 Stat. 1557.)

**Editorial Notes**

**REFERENCES IN TEXT**

This Act, referred to in subsec. (f), means Pub. L. 93-344, July 12, 1974, 88 Stat. 297, known as the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974, which enacted chapters 17, 17A and 17B, and section 190a-3 of this title and sections 11a, 11c, 11d, 1020a of former Title 31, Money and Finance, amended sections 11, 665, 701, 1020, 1151, 1152, 1153, and 1154 of former Title 31, section 105 of Title 1, General Provisions, sections 190b and 190d of this title, repealed sections 571 and 581c-1 of former Title 31, and sections 66 and 81 of this title, and enacted provisions set out as notes under sections 190a-1, 621, 632, and 682 of this title, section 105 of Title 1, and section 1020 of former Title 31. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 621 of this title and Tables.

**CODIFICATION**

Pub. L. 101-508, §12302(b), transferred section 273 of Pub. L. 99-177, which was classified to section 921 of this title, to subsec. (g) (now (f)) of this section, relating to revenue estimates.

**AMENDMENTS**

2024—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 118-89 designated existing provisions as par. (1), substituted “(with or without written agreement) provided that the Director maintains the level of confidentiality required by law of the department, agency, establishment, or regulatory agency or commission from which it is obtained in accordance with section 603(e) of this title” for “(other than material the disclosure of which would be a violation of law)”, and added par. (2).

2019—Subsec. (a)(5)(A). Pub. L. 116-94 substituted “the maximum rate of pay in effect under section 4575(f) of this title.” for “the lower of—

“(i) the highest annual rate of compensation of any officer of the Senate; or

“(ii) the highest annual rate of compensation of any officer of the House of Representatives.”

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

1999—Subsec. (a)(5). Pub. L. 106-113 amended par. (5) generally. Prior to amendment, par. (5) read as follows: “The Director shall receive compensation at a per annum gross rate equal to the rate of basic pay, as in effect from time to time, for level III of the Executive Schedule in section 5314 of title 5. The Deputy Director shall receive compensation at a per annum gross rate equal to the rate of basic pay, as so in effect, for level IV of the Executive Schedule in section 5315 of such title.”

1997—Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 105-33, §10102(a), substituted “The term of office of the Director shall be 4 years and shall expire on January 3 of the year preceding each Presidential election.” for “The term of office of the Director first appointed shall expire at noon on January 3, 1979, and the terms of office of Directors subsequently appointed shall expire at noon on January 3 of each fourth year thereafter.”

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 105-33, §10102(b), inserted “and” before “the Library”, struck out “and the Office of Technology Assessment,” after “Library of Congress,” inserted “and” before “the Librarian”, and struck out “, and the Technology Assessment Board” after “Librarian of Congress”.

Subsecs. (f), (g). Pub. L. 105-33, §10102(c), redesignated subsec. (g), relating to revenue estimates, as (f).

1990—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 101-508, §13202(a), redesignated subsec. (f), relating to authorization of appropriations, as (g).

Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 101-508, §13202(a), redesignated subsec. (f), relating to authorization of appropriations, as (g).

Pub. L. 101-508, §12302(b), (c), redesignated section 921 of this title as subsec. (g) of this section, inserted heading “Revenue estimates” and substituted “this Act” for “this title and the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974”.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2019 AMENDMENT**

Amendment by Pub. L. 116-94 effective on the later of the first day of the first applicable pay period beginning on or after Jan. 1, 2020, or the first day of the first applicable pay period beginning on or after Dec. 20, 2019, see section 212(c) of Pub. L. 116-94, set out as a note under section 282b of this title.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

Subsec. (a) effective July 12, 1974, see section 905(a) of Pub. L. 93-344, and subsecs. (b) to (f) effective on day on which first Director of Congressional Budget Office is appointed under subsec. (a), see section 905(a), (b) of Pub. L. 93-344, formerly set out as a note under section 621 of this title.

**SHORT TITLE OF 2024 AMENDMENT**

Pub. L. 118-89, §1, Sept. 30, 2024, 138 Stat. 1557, provided that: “This Act [amending this section] may be cited as the ‘Congressional Budget Office Data Sharing Act’.”

**SHORT TITLE**

Pub. L. 93-344, which enacted this chapter, to be cited in its entirety as the “Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974”, with titles I through IX thereof to be cited as the “Congressional Budget Act of 1974”, see section 1(a) of Pub. L. 93-344, set out as a note under section 621 of this title.

**REFERENCES IN OTHER LAWS TO GS-16, 17, OR 18 PAY RATES**

References in laws to the rates of pay for GS-16, 17, or 18, or to maximum rates of pay under the General

Schedule, to be considered references to rates payable under specified sections of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, see section 529 [title I, § 101(c)(1)] of Pub. L. 101-509, set out in a note under section 5376 of Title 5.

## **§ 602. Duties and functions**

### **(a) Assistance to budget committees**

It shall be the primary duty and function of the Office to provide to the Committees on the Budget of both Houses information which will assist such committees in the discharge of all matters within their jurisdictions, including (1) information with respect to the budget, appropriation bills, and other bills authorizing or providing new budget authority or tax expenditures, (2) information with respect to revenues, receipts, estimated future revenues and receipts, and changing revenue conditions, and (3) such related information as such Committees may request.

### **(b) Assistance to Committees on Appropriations, Ways and Means, and Finance**

At the request of the Committee on Appropriations of either House, the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives, or the Committee on Finance of the Senate, the Office shall provide to such Committee any information which will assist it in the discharge of matters within its jurisdiction, including information described in clauses (1) and (2) of subsection (a) and such related information as the Committee may request.

### **(c) Assistance to other committees and Members**

(1) At the request of any other committee of the House of Representatives or the Senate or any joint committee of the Congress, the Office shall provide to such committee or joint committee any information compiled in carrying out clauses (1) and (2) of subsection (a), and, to the extent practicable, such additional information related to the foregoing as may be requested.

(2) At the request of any committee of the Senate or the House of Representatives, the Office shall, to the extent practicable, consult with and assist such committee in analyzing the budgetary or financial impact of any proposed legislation that may have—

(A) a significant budgetary impact on State, local, or tribal governments;

(B) a significant financial impact on the private sector; or

(C) a significant employment impact on the private sector.

(3) At the request of any Member of the House or Senate, the Office shall provide to such Member any information compiled in carrying out clauses (1) and (2) of subsection (a), and, to the extent available, such additional information related to the foregoing as may be requested.

### **(d) Assignment of office personnel to committees and joint committees**

At the request of the Committee on the Budget of either House, personnel of the Office shall be assigned, on a temporary basis, to assist such committee. At the request of any other committee of either House or any joint committee

of the Congress, personnel of the Office may be assigned, on a temporary basis, to assist such committee or joint committee with respect to matters directly related to the applicable provisions of subsection (b) or (c).

### **(e) Reports to budget committees**

(1) On or before February 15 of each year, the Director shall submit to the Committees on the Budget of the House of Representatives and the Senate a report, for the fiscal year commencing on October 1 of that year, with respect to fiscal policy, including (A) alternative levels of total revenues, total new budget authority, and total outlays (including related surpluses and deficits), (B) the levels of tax expenditures under existing law, taking into account projected economic factors and any changes in such levels based on proposals in the budget submitted by the President for such fiscal year, and (C) a statement of the levels of budget authority and outlays for each program assumed to be extended in the baseline, as provided in section 907(b)(2)(A) of this title and for excise taxes assumed to be extended under section 907(b)(2)(C) of this title. Such report shall also include a discussion of national budget priorities, including alternative ways of allocating new budget authority and budget outlays for such fiscal year among major programs or functional categories, taking into account how such alternative allocations will meet major national needs and affect balanced growth and development of the United States.

(2) The Director shall from time to time submit to the Committees on the Budget of the House of Representatives and the Senate such further reports (including reports revising the report required by paragraph (1)) as may be necessary or appropriate to provide such Committees with information, data, and analyses for the performance of their duties and functions.

(3) On or before January 15 of each year, the Director, after consultation with the appropriate committees of the House of Representatives and Senate, shall submit to the Congress a report listing (A) all programs and activities funded during the fiscal year ending September 30 of that calendar year for which authorizations for appropriations have not been enacted for that fiscal year, and (B) all programs and activities for which authorizations for appropriations have been enacted for the fiscal year ending September 30 of that calendar year, but for which no authorizations for appropriations have been enacted for the fiscal year beginning October 1 of that calendar year.

### **(f) Use of computers and other techniques**

The Director may equip the Office with up-to-date computer capability (upon approval of the Committee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate), obtain the services of experts and consultants in computer technology, and develop techniques for the evaluation of budgetary requirements.

### **(g) Studies**

#### **(1) Continuing studies**

The Director of the Congressional Budget Office shall conduct continuing studies to en-

hance comparisons of budget outlays, credit authority, and tax expenditures.

**(2) Federal mandate studies**

(A) At the request of any Chairman or ranking member of the minority of a Committee of the Senate or the House of Representatives, the Director shall, to the extent practicable, conduct a study of a legislative proposal containing a Federal mandate.

(B) In conducting a study on intergovernmental mandates under subparagraph (A), the Director shall—

(i) solicit and consider information or comments from elected officials (including their designated representatives) of State, local, or tribal governments as may provide helpful information or comments;

(ii) consider establishing advisory panels of elected officials or their designated representatives, of State, local, or tribal governments if the Director determines that such advisory panels would be helpful in performing responsibilities of the Director under this section; and

(iii) if, and to the extent that the Director determines that accurate estimates are reasonably feasible, include estimates of—

(I) the future direct cost of the Federal mandate to the extent that such costs significantly differ from or extend beyond the 5-year period after the mandate is first effective; and

(II) any disproportionate budgetary effects of Federal mandates upon particular industries or sectors of the economy, States, regions, and urban or rural or other types of communities, as appropriate.

(C) In conducting a study on private sector mandates under subparagraph (A), the Director shall provide estimates, if and to the extent that the Director determines that such estimates are reasonably feasible, of—

(i) future costs of Federal private sector mandates to the extent that such mandates differ significantly from or extend beyond the 5-year time period referred to in subparagraph (B)(iii)(I);

(ii) any disproportionate financial effects of Federal private sector mandates and of any Federal financial assistance in the bill or joint resolution upon any particular industries or sectors of the economy, States, regions, and urban or rural or other types of communities; and

(iii) the effect of Federal private sector mandates in the bill or joint resolution on the national economy, including the effect on productivity, economic growth, full employment, creation of productive jobs, and international competitiveness of United States goods and services.

(Pub. L. 93-344, title II, §202, July 12, 1974, 88 Stat. 304; Pub. L. 99-177, title II, §221, Dec. 12, 1985, 99 Stat. 1060; Pub. L. 101-508, title XIII, §13112(a)(3), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388-608; Pub. L. 104-4, title I, §102(1), Mar. 22, 1995, 109 Stat. 60; Pub. L. 104-186, title II, §213, Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1745; Pub. L. 105-33, title X, §10103, Aug. 5, 1997, 111 Stat. 678.)

**Editorial Notes**

**AMENDMENTS**

1997—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 105-33, §10103(a), inserted “primary” before “duty” in first sentence.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 105-33, §10103(b), redesignated subsec. (f) as (e) and struck out heading and text of former subsec. (e). Text of par. (1) of subsec. (e) read as follows: “The duties, functions, and personnel of the Joint Committee on Reduction of Federal Expenditures are transferred to the Office, and the Joint Committee is abolished.” Par. (2) of subsec. (e) repealed section 571 of former Title 31, Money and Finance.

Subsec. (e)(1)(C). Pub. L. 105-33, §10103(c), added subpar. (C).

Subsecs. (f) to (h). Pub. L. 105-33, §10103(b), redesignated subsecs. (g) and (h) as (f) and (g), respectively.

1996—Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 104-186 substituted “House Oversight” for “House Administration”.

1995—Subsec. (c)(2), (3). Pub. L. 104-4, §102(1)(A), added par. (2) and redesignated former par. (2) as (3).

Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 104-4, §102(1)(B), amended heading and text of subsec. (h) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The Director shall conduct continuing studies to enhance comparisons of budget outlays, credit authority, and tax expenditures.”

1990—Subsecs. (a)(1), (f)(1). Pub. L. 101-508 substituted “new budget authority” for “budget authority” in subsec. (a)(1) and second sentence of subsec. (f)(1).

1985—Subsec. (f)(1). Pub. L. 99-177, §221(a), substituted “February 15” for “April 1”.

Subsec. (f)(3). Pub. L. 99-177, §221(b), added par. (3).

Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 99-177, §221(c), added subsec. (h).

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

**CHANGE OF NAME**

Committee on House Oversight of House of Representatives changed to Committee on House Administration of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 5, One Hundred Sixth Congress, Jan. 6, 1999.

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1995 AMENDMENT**

Amendment by Pub. L. 104-4 effective Jan. 1, 1996, or on the date 90 days after appropriations are made available as authorized under section 1516 of this title, whichever is earlier, and applicable to legislation considered on and after such date, see section 110 of Pub. L. 104-4, set out as an Effective Date note under section 1511 of this title.

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1985 AMENDMENT**

Amendment by Pub. L. 99-177 effective Dec. 12, 1985, and applicable with respect to fiscal years beginning after Sept. 30, 1985, see section 275(a)(1) of Pub. L. 99-177, formerly set out as an Effective and Termination Dates note under section 900 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 112-25, title I, §104(a), Aug. 2, 2011, 125 Stat. 246.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

Section effective on day on which first Director of Congressional Budget Office is appointed under section 601(a) of this title, see section 905(b) of Pub. L. 93-344, formerly set out as a note under section 621 of this title.

**CREDIT REFORM**

Pub. L. 100-119, title II, §212, Sept. 29, 1987, 101 Stat. 787, provided that the Congressional Budget Office, in consultation with the General Accounting Office, was to study and report to Congress, as soon as practicable, on Federal direct loan and loan guarantee programs for fiscal years 1987 and 1988.

**§ 603. Public access to budget data**

**(a) Right to copy**

Except as provided in subsections (c), (d), and (e), the Director shall make all information,

data, estimates, and statistics obtained under section 601(d) and (e) of this title available for public copying during normal business hours, subject to reasonable rules and regulations, and shall to the extent practicable, at the request of any person, furnish a copy of any such information, data, estimates, or statistics upon payment by such person of the cost of making and furnishing such copy.

**(b) Index**

The Director shall develop and maintain filing, coding, and indexing systems that identify the information, data, estimates, and statistics to which subsection (a) applies and shall make such systems available for public use during normal business hours.

**(c) Exceptions**

Subsection (a) shall not apply to information, data, estimates, and statistics—

(1) which are specifically exempted from disclosure by law; or

(2) which the Director determines will disclose—

(A) matters necessary to be kept secret in the interests of national defense or the confidential conduct of the foreign relations of the United States;

(B) information relating to trade secrets or financial or commercial information pertaining specifically to a given person if the information has been obtained by the Government on a confidential basis, other than through an application by such person for a specific financial or other benefit, and is required to be kept secret in order to prevent undue injury to the competitive position of such person; or

(C) personnel or medical data or similar data the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;

unless the portions containing such matters, information, or data have been excised.

**(d) Information obtained for committees and Members**

Subsection (a) shall apply to any information, data, estimates, and statistics obtained at the request of any committee, joint committee, or Member unless such committee, joint committee, or Member has instructed the Director not to make such information, data, estimates, or statistics available for public copying.

**(e) Level of confidentiality**

With respect to information, data, estimates, and statistics obtained under sections 601(d) and 601(e) of this title, the Director shall maintain the same level of confidentiality as is required by law of the department, agency, establishment, or regulatory agency or commission from which it is obtained. Officers and employees of the Congressional Budget Office shall be subject to the same statutory penalties for unauthorized disclosure or use as officers or employees of the department, agency, establishment, or regulatory agency or commission from which it is obtained.

(Pub. L. 93-344, title II, §203, July 12, 1974, 88 Stat. 305; Pub. L. 106-554, §1(a)(7) [title III, §310(b)], Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2763, 2763A-639.)

**Editorial Notes**

**AMENDMENTS**

2000—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 106-554, §1(a)(7) [title III, §310(b)(2)], substituted “subsections (c), (d), and (e)” for “subsections (c) and (d)”.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 106-554, §1(a)(7) [title III, §310(b)(1)], added subsec. (e).

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

Section effective on day on which first Director of Congressional Budget Office is appointed under section 601(a) of this title, see section 905(b) of Pub. L. 93-344, formerly set out as a note under section 621 of this title.

**§ 604. Omitted**

**Editorial Notes**

**CODIFICATION**

Section, Pub. L. 94-440, title V, §500, Oct. 1, 1976, 90 Stat. 1452, the Legislative Appropriation Act, 1977, which authorized the Congressional Budget Office to contract without regard to section 5 of former Title 41, Public Contracts, applied to fiscal year 1977 and was not repeated in subsequent appropriation acts. Similar provisions were contained in the following prior appropriation act:

Pub. L. 94-157, title I, Dec. 18, 1975, 89 Stat. 834.

**§ 605. Sale or lease of property, supplies, or services**

(a) Any sale or lease of property, supplies, or services to the Congressional Budget Office shall be deemed to be a sale or lease to the Congress subject to section 4103 of this title.

(b) Subsection (a) shall apply with respect to fiscal years beginning after September 30, 1996.

(Pub. L. 104-197, title I, §104, Sept. 16, 1996, 110 Stat. 2404.)

**Editorial Notes**

**REFERENCES IN TEXT**

Section 4103 of this title, referred to in subsec. (a), was in the original a reference to section 903 of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1983, Pub. L. 98-63, title I, July 30, 1983, 97 Stat. 336, which is classified to section 4103 of this title and in part as a note set out under section 4103 of this title.

**CODIFICATION**

Section was enacted as part of the appropriation act cited as the credit to this section, and not as part of title II of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 which comprises this chapter.

**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

Pub. L. 104-53, title I, Nov. 19, 1995, 109 Stat. 527.

Pub. L. 103-283, title I, July 22, 1994, 108 Stat. 1433.

Pub. L. 103-69, title I, Aug. 11, 1993, 107 Stat. 701.

Pub. L. 102-392, title I, Oct. 6, 1992, 106 Stat. 1713.

Pub. L. 102-90, title I, Aug. 14, 1991, 105 Stat. 458.

Pub. L. 101-520, title I, Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 2266.

Pub. L. 101-163, title I, Nov. 21, 1989, 103 Stat. 1054.

Pub. L. 100-458, title I, Oct. 1, 1988, 102 Stat. 2169.

Pub. L. 100-202, §101(i) [title I], Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1329-290, 1329-300.

Pub. L. 99-500, §101(j) [H.R. 5203, title I], Oct. 18, 1986, 100 Stat. 1783-287, and Pub. L. 99-591, §101(j), Oct. 30, 1986, 100 Stat. 3341-287.

Pub. L. 99-151, title I, Nov. 13, 1985, 99 Stat. 800.  
 Pub. L. 98-367, title I, July 17, 1984, 98 Stat. 482.

### § 605a. Contracting parity

In fiscal year 2018 and thereafter, for all contracts for goods and services to which the Congressional Budget Office is a party, the following Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) clauses will apply: FAR 52.232-39 and FAR 52.233-4.

(Pub. L. 115-141, div. I, title I, § 130, Mar. 23, 2018, 132 Stat. 779.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the appropriation act cited as the credit to this section, and not as part of title II of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 which comprises this chapter.

### § 606. Disposition of surplus or obsolete property

(a) The Director of the Congressional Budget Office shall have the authority, within the limits of available appropriations, to dispose of surplus or obsolete personal property by inter-agency transfer, donation, sale, trade-in, or discarding. Amounts received for the sale or trade-in of personal property shall be credited to funds available for the operations of the Congressional Budget Office and be available for the costs of acquiring the same or similar property. Such funds shall be available for such purposes during the fiscal year in which received and the following fiscal year.

(b) Subsection (a) shall apply with respect to fiscal years beginning after September 30, 1996.

(Pub. L. 104-197, title I, § 105, Sept. 16, 1996, 110 Stat. 2404; Pub. L. 107-68, title I, § 126, Nov. 12, 2001, 115 Stat. 577.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the appropriation act cited as the credit to this section, and not as part of title II of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 which comprises this chapter.

##### PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

Pub. L. 104-53, title I, Nov. 19, 1995, 109 Stat. 527.  
 Pub. L. 103-283, title I, July 22, 1994, 108 Stat. 1433.  
 Pub. L. 103-69, title I, Aug. 11, 1993, 107 Stat. 701.

##### AMENDMENTS

2001—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 107-68 substituted “sale, trade-in, or discarding” for “or discarding” and inserted at end “Amounts received for the sale or trade-in of personal property shall be credited to funds available for the operations of the Congressional Budget Office and be available for the costs of acquiring the same or similar property. Such funds shall be available for such purposes during the fiscal year in which received and the following fiscal year.”

### § 607. Lump-sum payments for annual leave to separated employees

(a) The Director of the Congressional Budget Office shall have the authority to make lump-sum payments to separated employees of the

Congressional Budget Office for unused annual leave.

(b) Subsection (a) shall apply with respect to fiscal years beginning after September 30, 1996.

(Pub. L. 104-197, title I, § 106, Sept. 16, 1996, 110 Stat. 2404.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Congressional Operations Appropriations Act, 1997, which is title I of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1997, and not as part of title II of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 which comprises this chapter.

### § 608. Lump-sum payments to enhance staff recruitment and to reward exceptional performance

(a) The Director of the Congressional Budget Office shall have the authority to make lump-sum payments to enhance staff recruitment and to reward exceptional performance by an employee or a group of employees.

(b) Subsection (a) shall apply with respect to fiscal years beginning after September 30, 1999.

(Pub. L. 106-57, title I, § 106, Sept. 29, 1999, 113 Stat. 418.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Congressional Operations Appropriations Act, 2000, which is title I of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2000, and not as part of title II of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 which comprises this chapter.

### § 609. Employee training

#### (a) In general

The Director of the Congressional Budget Office may, by regulation, make applicable such provisions of chapter 41 of title 5 as the Director determines necessary to provide on and after November 12, 2001, for training of individuals employed by the Congressional Budget Office.

#### (b) Regulations

The implementing regulations shall provide for training that, in the determination of the Director, is consistent with the training provided by agencies subject to chapter 41 of title 5.

#### (c) Recovery of debt

Any recovery of debt owed to the Congressional Budget Office under this section and its implementing regulations shall be credited to the appropriations account available for salaries and expenses of the Office at the time of recovery.

#### (d) Applicability

This section shall apply to fiscal year 2002 and each fiscal year thereafter.

(Pub. L. 107-68, title I, § 125, Nov. 12, 2001, 115 Stat. 577.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Congressional Operations Appropriations Act, 2002, which is title I of the

Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2002, and not as part of title II of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 which comprises this chapter.

**§ 610. Repayment of student loan on behalf of employee**

**(a) Authorization**

The Director of the Congressional Budget Office may, in order to recruit or retain qualified personnel, establish and maintain on and after November 12, 2001, a program under which the Office may agree to repay (by direct payments on behalf of the employee) all or a portion of any student loan previously taken out by such employee.

**(b) Regulations**

The Director may, by regulation, make applicable such provisions of section 5379 of title 5 as the Director determines necessary to provide for such program.

**(c) Maximum amount**

The regulations shall provide the amount paid by the Office may not exceed—

- (1) \$6,000 for any employee in any calendar year; or
- (2) a total of \$40,000 in the case of any employee.

**(d) Limitation**

The Office may not reimburse an employee for any repayments made by such employee prior to the Office entering into an agreement under this section with such employee.

**(e) Accounting**

Any amount repaid by, or recovered from, an individual under this section and its implementing regulations shall be credited to the appropriation account available for salaries and expenses of the Office at the time of repayment or recovery.

**(f) Applicability**

This section shall apply to fiscal year 2002 and each fiscal year thereafter.

(Pub. L. 107-68, title I, §127, Nov. 12, 2001, 115 Stat. 577.)

**Editorial Notes**

**CODIFICATION**

Section was enacted as part of the Congressional Operations Appropriations Act, 2002, which is title I of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2002, and not as part of title II of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 which comprises this chapter.

**§ 611. Employee development program**

**(a) Establishment**

The Director of the Congressional Budget Office may, by regulation, make applicable such provisions of section 3396 of title 5 as the Director determines necessary to establish a program providing opportunities for employees of the Office to engage in details or other temporary assignments in other agencies, study, or uncompensated work experience which will contribute to the employees' development and effectiveness.

**(b) Effective date**

This section shall apply to fiscal year 2003 and each fiscal year thereafter.

(Pub. L. 108-7, div. H, title I, §1101, Feb. 20, 2003, 117 Stat. 370.)

**Editorial Notes**

**CODIFICATION**

Section was enacted as part of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2003, which is div. H of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003, and not as part of title II of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 which comprises this chapter.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

**EXECUTIVE EXCHANGE PROGRAM FOR THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE**

Pub. L. 110-161, div. H, title I, §1201, Dec. 26, 2007, 121 Stat. 2238, as amended by Pub. L. 111-68, div. A, title I, §1201, Oct. 1, 2009, 123 Stat. 2032, which established an executive exchange program and was formerly set out as a note under this section, was transferred to section 612 of this title.

**§ 612. Executive exchange program**

**(a) In general**

The Director of the Congressional Budget Office may establish and conduct an executive exchange program under which employees of the Office may be assigned to private sector organizations, and employees of private sector organizations may be assigned to the Office, for 1-year periods to further the institutional interests of the Office or Congress, including for the purpose of providing training to officers and employees of the Office.

**(b) Limitations and conditions**

The Director of the Congressional Budget Office shall—

- (1) limit the number of officers and employees who are assigned to private sector organizations at any one time to not more than 5;
- (2) limit the number of employees from private sector organizations who are assigned to the Office at any one time to not more than 5;
- (3) require that an employee of a private sector organization assigned to the Office may not have access to any trade secrets or to any other nonpublic information which is of commercial value to the private sector organization from which such employee is assigned; and
- (4) approve employees to be detailed from the private sector without regard to political affiliation and solely on the basis of their fitness to perform their assigned duties.

**(c) Treatment of private employees**

An employee of a private sector organization assigned to the Office under the executive exchange program shall be considered to be an employee of the Office for purposes of—

- (1) chapter 73 of title 5;
- (2) sections 201, 203, 205, 207, 208, 209, 603, 606, 607, 643, 654, 1905, and 1913 of title 18;
- (3) sections 1343, 1344, and 1349(b) of title 31;
- (4) chapter 171 of title 28 (commonly referred to as the "Federal Tort Claims Act") and any other Federal tort liability statute;



- (5) chapter 131 of title 5; and  
(6) section 1043 of title 26.

**(d) Effective date**

This section shall apply to fiscal year 2008 and each fiscal year thereafter.

(Pub. L. 110–161, div. H, title I, § 1201, Dec. 26, 2007, 121 Stat. 2238; Pub. L. 111–68, div. A, title I, § 1201, Oct. 1, 2009, 123 Stat. 2032; Pub. L. 117–286, § 4(c)(1), Dec. 27, 2022, 136 Stat. 4353.)

**Editorial Notes**

**CODIFICATION**

Section was enacted as part of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2008, which is div. H of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008, and not as part of title II of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 which comprises this chapter.

Section was formerly set out as a note under section 611 of this title.

**AMENDMENTS**

2022—Subsec. (c)(5). Pub. L. 117–286 substituted “chapter 131 of title 5;” for “the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.);”.

2009—Subsec. (b)(1), (2). Pub. L. 111–68, § 1201(1), substituted “5” for “3”.

Subsecs. (d), (e). Pub. L. 111–68, § 1201(2), (3), redesignated subsec. (e) as (d), substituted “This” for “Subject to subsection (d), this”, and struck out former subsec. (d). Prior to amendment, text of subsec. (d) read as follows: “No assignment under this section shall commence after the end of the 2-year period beginning on December 26, 2007.”

**§ 613. Establishment of senior level positions**

**(a) In general**

Notwithstanding the fourth sentence of section 601(b) of this title, the Director of the Congressional Budget Office may establish and fix the compensation of senior level positions in the Congressional Budget Office to meet critical scientific, technical, professional, or executive needs of the Office.

**(b) Limitation on compensation**

The annual rate of pay for any position established under this section may not exceed the annual rate of pay for level II of the Executive Schedule.

**(c) Effective date**

This section shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2017 and each succeeding fiscal year.

(Pub. L. 115–31, div. I, title I, § 1101, May 5, 2017, 131 Stat. 578.)

**Editorial Notes**

**REFERENCES IN TEXT**

Level II of the Executive Schedule, referred to in subsec. (b), is set out in section 5313 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

**CODIFICATION**

Section was enacted as part of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2017, which is div. I of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, and not as part of title II of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 which comprises this chapter.

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