

tation's data collection resources, needs, and requirements and an assessment and evaluation of the systems, capabilities, and procedures established by the Department to meet such needs and requirements, including the following:

- “(1) Data collection procedures and capabilities.
- “(2) Data analysis procedures and capabilities.
- “(3) Ability of data bases to integrate with one another.
- “(4) Computer hardware and software capabilities.
- “(5) Information management systems, including the ability of information management systems to integrate with one another.
- “(6) Availability and training of the personnel of the Department.
- “(7) Budgetary needs and resources of the Department for data collection.
- “(d) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after the date of the agreement under subsection (a), the National Academy of Sciences shall transmit to Congress a report on the results of the study under this section, including recommendations for improving the Department of Transportation's data collection systems, capabilities, procedures, and analytical hardware and software and recommendations for improving the Department's management information systems.”

§ 112. Research and Special Programs Administration

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the Department of Transportation a Research and Special Programs Administration.

(b) ADMINISTRATOR.—

(1) APPOINTMENT.—The Administration shall be headed by an Administrator who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

(2) REPORTING.—The Administrator shall report directly to the Secretary.

(c) DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR.—The Administration shall have a Deputy Administrator who shall be appointed by the Secretary of Transportation. The Deputy Administrator shall carry out duties and powers prescribed by the Administrator.

(d) RESPONSIBILITIES OF ADMINISTRATOR.—The Administrator of the Administration shall be responsible for carrying out the following:

(1) HAZMAT TRANSPORTATION SAFETY.—Duties and powers vested in the Secretary of Transportation with respect to hazardous materials transportation safety, except as otherwise delegated by the Secretary.

(2) PIPELINE SAFETY.—Duties and powers vested in the Secretary with respect to pipeline safety.

(3) ACTIVITIES OF VOLPE NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS CENTER.—Duties and powers vested in the Secretary with respect to activities of the Volpe National Transportation Systems Center.

(4) OTHER.—Such other duties and powers as the Secretary shall prescribe, including such multimodal and intermodal duties as are appropriate.

(e) LIMITATION ON STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall affect any delegation of authority, regulation, order, approval, exemption, waiver, contract, or other administrative act of the Secretary with respect to laws administered through the Research and Special Programs Administration of the Department of Transportation on October 24, 1992.

(Added Pub. L. 102-508, title IV, § 401(a), Oct. 24, 1992, 106 Stat. 3310; amended Pub. L. 103-429, § 6(1), Oct. 31, 1994, 108 Stat. 4378.)

AMENDMENTS

1994—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 103-429 substituted “October 24, 1992” for “the date of the enactment of this section”.

DEVELOPMENT OF UNDERGROUND UTILITY LOCATION TECHNOLOGIES

Section 306 of Pub. L. 102-508 provided that:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transportation shall carry out a research and development program on underground utility location technologies.

“(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$500,000 for fiscal years beginning after September 30, 1992. Such sums shall remain available until expended.”

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AMENDMENTS

1994—Pub. L. 103-272, § 4(j)(6)(B), (9)(B), (10)(B), July 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 1366-1368, added item 303a, struck out items 334 “Limit on aviation charges” and 335 “Authorization of appropriations”, and added item 337, subchapter III heading, and items 351 to 353.

1991—Pub. L. 102-240, title I, § 1036(c)(2), Dec. 18, 1991, 105 Stat. 1985, added item 309.