

§ 49. United States Employment Service established

In order to promote the establishment and maintenance of a national system of public employment offices, the United States Employment Service shall be established and maintained within the Department of Labor.

(June 6, 1933, ch. 49, § 1, 48 Stat. 113; Pub. L. 97-300, title VI, § 601(a), formerly title V, § 501(a), Oct. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 1392; renumbered title VI, § 601(a), Pub. L. 100-628, title VII, § 712(a)(1), (2), Nov. 7, 1988, 102 Stat. 3248.)

AMENDMENTS

1982—Pub. L. 97-300 substituted “the United States Employment Service shall be established and maintained within the Department of Labor” for “there is created in the Department of Labor a bureau to be known as the United States Employment Service”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1982 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 97-300 effective Oct. 1, 1983, but with Secretary authorized to use funds appropriated for fiscal 1983 to plan for orderly implementation of amendment, see section 181(i) of Pub. L. 97-300, which was formerly classified to section 1591(i) of this title.

SHORT TITLE

Act June 6, 1933, ch. 49, § 16, formerly § 15, as added by Pub. L. 97-300, title VI, § 601(h), formerly title V, § 501(h), Oct. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 1397; renumbered title VI, § 601(h), Pub. L. 100-628, title VII, § 712(a)(1), (2), Nov. 7, 1988, 102 Stat. 3248; renumbered § 16, Pub. L. 105-220, title III, § 309(1), Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1082, provided that: “This Act [enacting this chapter] may be cited as the ‘Wagner-Peyser Act’.”

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Functions, powers, and duties of Secretary of Labor under this chapter, insofar as relates to prescription of personnel standards on a merit basis, transferred to Office of Personnel Management, see section 4728(a)(2)(A) of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare.

Functions of all other officers of Department of Labor and functions of all agencies and employees of that Department were, with exception of functions vested by Administrative Procedure Act (see sections 551 et seq. and 701 et seq. of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees) in hearing examiners employed by such Department, transferred to Secretary of Labor, with power vested in him to authorize their performance or performance of any of his functions by any of those officers, agencies, and employees, by Reorg. Plan No. 6 of 1950, §§ 1, 2, 15 F.R. 3174, 64 Stat. 1263, set out in the Appendix to Title 5.

United States Employment Service transferred to Department of Labor, functions of Federal Security Administrator with respect to employment services, and Bureau of Employment Security transferred to Secretary of Labor by Reorg. Plan No. 2 of 1949, § 1, eff. Aug. 20, 1949, 14 F.R. 5225, 63 Stat. 1065, set out in the Appendix to Title 5.

Section 1 of Reorg. Plan No. 2 of 1949, also provided that functions transferred by this section shall be performed by Secretary of Labor or, subject to his direction and control, by such officers, agencies, and employees of Department of Labor as he shall designate.

Act June 16, 1948, ch. 472, title I, 62 Stat. 446, provided in part that: “Effective July 1, 1948, the United States Employment Service, including its functions under title IV of the Servicemen’s Readjustment Act of 1944, is transferred to the Federal Security Agency, and on and after such date the functions of the Secretary of Labor with respect to the United States Employment Service are transferred to the Federal Security Admin-

istrator and shall be performed by him or, under his direction and control, by such officers and employees of the Federal Security Agency as he may designate. There are transferred to the Federal Security Agency, for use in connection with the functions transferred by the provisions of this paragraph, the personnel, property, and records of the Department of Labor related to the United States Employment Service, and the balances of such prior appropriations, allocations, and other funds available to the United States Employment Service as the Director of the Bureau of the Budget may determine. The provisions of section 9 of the Reorganization Act of 1945 (Public Law 263, Seventy-ninth Congress) shall apply to the transfer effected by this paragraph in like manner as if such transfer were a reorganization of the agencies and functions concerned under the provisions of that Act.”

United States Employment Service and all functions of Social Security Board in Federal Security Agency relating to employment service transferred to War Manpower Commission by Ex. Ord. No. 9247, Sept. 17, 1942, 7 F.R. 7379. That Commission was terminated by Ex. Ord. No. 9617, Sept. 19, 1945, 10 F.R. 11929, and the United States Employment Service transferred to the Department of Labor.

Reorg. Plan No. I of 1939, § 201, eff. July 1, 1939, 4 F.R. 2728, 53 Stat. 1424, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, consolidated United States Employment Service in Department of Labor and its functions and personnel, with other offices and agencies, under one agency to be known as Federal Security Agency with a Federal Security Administrator at head thereof.

Section 203 of Reorg. Plan No. I of 1939, provided that functions of United States Employment Service should be consolidated with unemployment compensation functions of Social Security Board and should be administered in Social Security Board in connection with unemployment compensation functions under direction and supervision of Federal Security Administrator.

Section 203 of Reorg. Plan No. I of 1939, further, abolished office of Director of United States Employment Service and transferred all functions of that office to Social Security Board, to be exercised by Board, and provided that functions of Secretary of Labor relating to administration of United States Employment Service should be transferred to, and exercised by, Federal Security Administrator.

ADMINISTRATION OF MANPOWER IN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Pub. L. 93-198, title II, § 204(a), Dec. 24, 1973, 87 Stat. 783, provided that: “All functions of the Secretary of Labor (hereafter in this section referred to as the Secretary) under section 3 of the Act [section 49b of this title] entitled ‘An Act to provide for the establishment of a national employment system and for cooperation with the States in the promotion of such system, and for other purposes’, approved June 6, 1933 (29 U.S.C. 49-49k), with respect to the maintenance of a public employment service for the District [of Columbia], are transferred [effective July 1, 1974] to the Commissioner [of the District of Columbia established under Reorg. Plan No. 3 of 1967 (now the Mayor)]. After the effective date of this transfer [July 1, 1974], the Secretary shall maintain with the District the same relationship with respect to a public employment service in the District, including the financing of such service, as he has with the States (with respect to a public employment service in the States) generally.”

RECRUITMENT AND DISTRIBUTION OF FARM LABOR

Act July 3, 1948, ch. 823, § 1, 62 Stat. 1238, authorized the Federal Security Administrator to recruit foreign workers within the Western Hemisphere and workers in Puerto Rico for temporary agricultural employment in the continental United States and to direct, supervise, coordinate, and provide for the transportation of those workers from such places of recruitment to and be-

tween places of employment within the continental United States and return to the places of recruitment not later than June 30, 1949.

Section 2 of act July 3, 1948, appropriated \$2,500,000, for fiscal year ending June 30, 1949, to carry out the purposes of section 1 of act July 3, 1948.

FARM PLACEMENT SERVICE

Act Apr. 28, 1947, ch. 43, § 2, 61 Stat. 55, provided:

“(a) The provisions of the Farm Labor Supply Appropriation Act, 1944 (Public Law 229, Seventy-eighth Congress, second session, title I [sections 1351 to 1355 of Appendix to Title 50, War and National Defense]), as amended and supplemented, and as extended by this Act, shall not be construed to limit or interfere with any of the functions of the United States Employment Service or State public employment services with respect to maintaining a farm placement service as authorized under the Act of June 6, 1933 (48 Stat. 113) [this chapter].

“(b) The Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Labor shall take such action as may be necessary to assure maximum cooperation between the agricultural extension services of the land-grant colleges and the State public employment agencies in the recruitment and placement of domestic farm labor and in the keeping of such records and information with respect thereto as may be necessary for the proper and efficient administration of the State unemployment compensation laws and of title V of the Servicemen’s Readjustment Act of 1944, as amended (58 Stat. 295).”

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in title 39 section 3202; title 42 section 655a.

§ 49a. Definitions

For purposes of this chapter—

(1) the term “chief elected official” has the same meaning given that term under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998;

(2) the term “local workforce investment board” means a local workforce investment board established under section 117 of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 [29 U.S.C. 2832];

(3) the term “one-stop delivery system” means a one-stop delivery system described in section 134(c) of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 [29 U.S.C. 2864(c)];

(4) the term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Labor; and

(5) the term “State” means any of the several States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands.

(June 6, 1933, ch. 49, § 2, 48 Stat. 114; Pub. L. 97-300, title VI, § 601(a), formerly title V, § 501(a), Oct. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 1392; renumbered title VI, § 601(a), Pub. L. 100-628, title VII, § 712(a)(1), (2), Nov. 7, 1988, 102 Stat. 3248; Pub. L. 105-220, title III, § 301, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1080.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original “this Act”, meaning act June 6, 1933, ch. 49, 48 Stat. 113, as amended, which was classified to this chapter and section 338 of former Title 39, The Postal Service. Section 338 of former title 39 was repealed and reenacted as section 4152 of former Title 39, The Postal Service, by Pub. L. 86-682, Sept. 2, 1960, 74 Stat. 578. Section 4152 of former title 39 was repealed and reenacted as section 3202 of Title 39, Postal Service, by Pub. L. 91-375, Aug. 12, 1970, 84 Stat. 719.

The Workforce Investment Act of 1998, referred to in par. (1), is Pub. L. 105-220, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 936, as

amended. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 9201 of Title 20, Education, and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

1998—Par. (1). Pub. L. 105-220, § 301(1), struck out “or officials” after “elected official” and substituted “Workforce Investment Act of 1998” for “Job Training Partnership Act”.

Par. (2). Pub. L. 105-220, § 301(2), (4), added par. (2) and struck out former par. (2) which read as follows: “the term ‘private industry council’ has the same meaning given that term under the Job Training Partnership Act;”.

Par. (3). Pub. L. 105-220, § 301(4), added par. (3). Former par. (3) redesignated (4).

Par. (4). Pub. L. 105-220, § 301(2), (3), (5), redesignated par. (3) as (4), substituted “Labor; and” for “Labor;”, and struck out former par. (4) which read as follows: “the term ‘service delivery area’ has the same meaning given that term under the Job Training Partnership Act; and”.

1982—Pub. L. 97-300 amended section generally, substituting provisions relating to definitions for provisions which authorized appointment of personnel and payment of office expenses.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 105-220, title III, § 311, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1086, provided that: “The amendments made by this subtitle [subtitle A (§§ 301-311) of title III of Pub. L. 105-220, enacting section 491-2 of this title and amending this section, sections 49b, 49c, 49d, 49e to 49g, 49j, and 49k of this title, and section 655a of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare] shall take effect on July 1, 1999.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1982 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 97-300 effective Oct. 1, 1983, but with Secretary authorized to use funds appropriated for fiscal 1983 to plan for orderly implementation of amendment, see section 181(i) of Pub. L. 97-300, which was formerly classified to section 1591(i) of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in title 39 section 3202.

§ 49b. Duties of Secretary

(a) Assistance to State public employment services

The Secretary shall assist in coordinating the State public employment services throughout the country and in increasing their usefulness by developing and prescribing minimum standards of efficiency, assisting them in meeting problems peculiar to their localities, promoting uniformity in their administrative and statistical procedure, furnishing and publishing information as to opportunities for employment and other information of value in the operation of the system, and maintaining a system for clearing labor between the States.

(b) Provision of unemployment compensation information

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to assure that unemployment insurance and employment service offices in each State, as appropriate, upon request of a public agency administering or supervising the administration of a State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.], of a public agency charged with any duty or responsibility under any program or activity authorized or