

(c) Authorization of appropriations

There is hereby authorized to be appropriated \$7,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1980, and such sums as may be necessary for each succeeding fiscal year for carrying out the purposes of this section.

(June 30, 1949, ch. 288, title I, § 112, as added Pub. L. 95-491, § 2(a), Oct. 20, 1978, 92 Stat. 1641.)

SHORT TITLE OF 1978 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 95-491, § 1, Oct. 20, 1978, 92 Stat. 1641, provided: "That this Act [enacting this section] may be cited as the 'Federal Information Centers Act'."

§ 761. Consumer Information Center Fund, General Services Administration

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there is hereby established in the Treasury of the United States a Consumer Information Center Fund, General Services Administration, for the purpose of disseminating Federal Government consumer information to the public and for other related purposes. There shall be deposited into the fund for fiscal year 1983 and subsequent fiscal years: (A) Appropriations from the general funds of the Treasury for Consumer Information Center activities; (B) User fees from the public; (C) Reimbursements from other Federal agencies for costs of distributing publications; and (D) Any other income incident to Consumer Information Center activities. Moneys deposited into the fund shall be available for expenditure for Consumer Information Center activities in such amounts as are specified in appropriation Acts. Any unobligated balances at the end of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund and shall be available for authorization in appropriation Acts for subsequent fiscal years. This fund shall assume all the liabilities, obligations, and commitments of the said Consumer Information Center account. The revenues and collections deposited into the fund shall be available for necessary expenses of Consumer Information Center activities in the amount of \$5,415,000 during fiscal year 1983. Administrative expenses of the Consumer Information Center in fiscal year 1983 shall not exceed \$1,382,000. For the purposes of the fund, administrative expenses shall be defined as those expenses previously paid from appropriations to the Consumer Information Center. Revenues and collections accruing to this fund during fiscal year 1983 in excess of \$6,797,000 shall remain in the fund and shall not be available for expenditure except as authorized in appropriation Acts.

(Pub. L. 98-63, title I, § 101, July 30, 1983, 97 Stat. 321.)

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1983, and not as part of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, a part of which comprises this chapter.

§ 761a. Consumer Information Center Fund; acceptance and expenditure of gifts

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Consumer Information Center may accept and deposit to this account, during fiscal year 1998 and hereafter, gifts for the purpose of de-

fraying its costs of printing, publishing, and distributing consumer information and educational materials and undertaking other consumer information activities; may expend those gifts for those purposes, in addition to amounts appropriated or otherwise made available; and the balance shall remain available for expenditure for such purpose.

(Pub. L. 105-65, title III, Oct. 27, 1997, 111 Stat. 1377.)

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 1998, and not as part of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, part of which comprises this chapter.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

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

Pub. L. 104-204, title III, Sept. 26, 1996, 110 Stat. 2916.

§ 762. Definitions

As used in sections 762 to 762d of this title—

(1) The term "TDD" means a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf, a machine which employs graphic communications in the transmission of coded signals through the nationwide telecommunications system.

(2) The term "Federal agency" has the meaning given such term by section 472(b) of this title.

(Pub. L. 100-542, § 2, Oct. 28, 1988, 102 Stat. 2721.)

SHORT TITLE

Section 1 of Pub. L. 100-542 provided that: "This Act [enacting this section and sections 762a to 762d of this title] may be cited as the 'Telecommunications Accessibility Enhancement Act of 1988'."

§ 762a. Federal telecommunications system requirements**(a) Accessibility of telecommunications systems**

The Administrator of General Services, after consultation with the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, the Interagency Committee on Computer Support of Handicapped Employees, the Federal Communications Commission, and affected Federal agencies, shall, by regulation, take such actions in accordance with this section as may be necessary to assure that the Federal telecommunications system is fully accessible to hearing-impaired and speech-impaired individuals, including Federal employees, for communications with and within Federal agencies.

(b) Specific requirement

In carrying out subsection (a) of this section, the Administrator shall—

(1) provide for the continuation of the existing Federal relay system for users of TDD's;

(2) within 90 days after October 28, 1988, expand such relay system by employing at least one additional operator;

(3) within 180 days after October 28, 1988—

(A) conduct, as part of the rulemaking proceeding required by subsection (a) of this section, an analysis of modifications to the

Federal telecommunications system that the Administrator, in his discretion, determines to be necessary to achieve the objectives of subsection (a) of this section; and

(B) submit a report on the results of such analysis to each House of the Congress;

(4) within 180 days after completion of such analysis, prescribe the regulations required by subsection (a) of this section;

(5) assemble, publish, and maintain a directory of TDD and other devices used by Federal agencies to comply with such regulations, and publish, in Federal agency directories, access numbers of TDD's and such other devices; and

(6) after consultation with the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, adopt the design of a standard logo to signify the presence of a TDD or other device used by a Federal agency to comply with such regulations.

(c) Congressional oversight

The Administrator shall not prescribe the regulation required by subsection (a) of this section before the end of the 90-day period beginning on the date the Administrator submits the report required by subsection (b)(3)(B) of this section.

(Pub. L. 100-542, § 3, Oct. 28, 1988, 102 Stat. 2721.)

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 762, 762b of this title.

§ 762b. Additional requirements

(a) Support for research

The Administrator shall, in consultation with the Federal Communications Commission, seek to promote research by Federal agencies, State agencies, and private entities to reduce the cost and improve the capabilities of telecommunications devices and systems that provide accessibility to hearing-impaired and speech-impaired individuals.

(b) Planning to assimilate technological developments

The Administrator, in planning future alterations to and modifications of the Federal telecommunications system, shall take into account results of the analysis required by section 762a(b)(3) of this title and any technological improvements in telecommunications devices and systems that provide accessibility to hearing-impaired and speech-impaired individuals.

(Pub. L. 100-542, § 4, Oct. 28, 1988, 102 Stat. 2722.)

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 762 of this title.

§ 762c. Inquiry regarding interstate TDD relay system

The Federal Communications Commission shall, within 9 months after October 28, 1988, complete its existing inquiry regarding an interstate relay system for users of TDD's.

(Pub. L. 100-542, § 5, Oct. 28, 1988, 102 Stat. 2722.)

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 762 of this title.

§ 762d. TDD installation by Congress

As soon as practicable, each House of the Congress shall establish a policy under which Members of the House of Representatives and the Senate, as the case may be, may obtain TDD's for use in communicating with hearing-impaired and speech-impaired individuals, and for the use of hearing-impaired and speech-impaired employees.

(Pub. L. 100-542, § 6, Oct. 28, 1988, 102 Stat. 2722.)

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 762 of this title.

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In this chapter—

(1) "Transfer" means the conveyance by the United States of any element of ownership, including but not restricted to any estate or interest in property, and franchise rights, by sale, exchange, lease, easement, or permit, for cash, credit, or other property with or without warranty.

(2) "Long-lines communication facilities" means the transmission systems connecting points inside the State with each other and with points outside the State by radio or wire, and includes all kinds of property and rights-of-way necessary to accomplish this interconnection.