

(Pub. L. 96-254, title I, § 111, May 30, 1980, 94 Stat. 404.)

**ABOLITION OF INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION AND
TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS**

Interstate Commerce Commission abolished and functions of Commission transferred, except as otherwise provided in Pub. L. 104-88, to Surface Transportation Board effective Jan. 1, 1996, by section 702 of Title 49, Transportation, and section 101 of Pub. L. 104-88, set out as a note under section 701 of Title 49. References to Interstate Commerce Commission deemed to refer to Surface Transportation Board, a member or employee of the Board, or Secretary of Transportation, as appropriate, see section 205 of Pub. L. 104-88, set out as a note under section 701 of Title 49.

**§ 1010. Applicability of National Environmental
Policy Act and section 6362(b) of title 42**

The provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act [42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.] and section 6362(b) of title 42 shall not apply to transactions carried out pursuant to this chapter.

(Pub. L. 96-254, title I, § 113, May 30, 1980, 94 Stat. 405.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The National Environmental Policy Act, referred to in text, probably means the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, Pub. L. 91-190, Jan. 1, 1970, 83 Stat. 852, as amended, which is classified generally to chapter 55 (§ 4321 et seq.) of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 4321 of Title 42 and Tables.

This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original “this title”, meaning title I (§ 101 et seq.) of Pub. L. 96-254, May 30, 1980, 94 Stat. 399, as amended, known as the Rock Island Railroad Transition and Employee Assistance Act, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of title I to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1001 of this title and Tables.

§ 1011. Authority of Railroad Retirement Board

(a) The Board may prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to carry out its duties under this chapter.

(b) In carrying out its duties under this chapter, the Board may exercise such of the powers, duties, and remedies provided in subsections (a), (b), and (d) of section 362 of this title as are not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter.

(Pub. L. 96-254, title I, § 114, May 30, 1980, 94 Stat. 405.)

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§ 1012. Publications and reports

Within 45 days after May 30, 1980, the Board shall publish, and make available for distribution by the Rock Island Railroad to all eligible employees, a document which describes in detail the rights of such employees under sections 1005, 1006,¹ 1007, and 1014 of this title.

¹ See References in Text note below.

(Pub. L. 96-254, title I, § 115, May 30, 1980, 94 Stat. 405.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 1006 of this title, referred to in text, was repealed by Pub. L. 97-35, title XI, § 1144(b), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 669.

**§ 1013. Repealed. Pub. L. 103-272, § 7(b), July 5,
1994, 108 Stat. 1379**

Section, Pub. L. 96-254, title I, § 117, May 30, 1980, 94 Stat. 406, authorized Secretary of Transportation to exempt from requirements of the Safety Appliance Acts any railroad equipment when such requirements preclude development or implementation of more efficient railroad transportation equipment or other transportation innovations. See section 20306 of Title 49, Transportation.

§ 1014. New career training assistance

(a) Eligible employees

An employee who elects to receive a separation allowance under an employee protection agreement entered into or a benefit schedule prescribed under section 1005 of this title may, if so provided under such agreement or benefit schedule, receive from the Board reasonable expenses for training in qualified institutions for new career opportunities.

(b) Conditions for assistance

To be eligible for assistance under this section, an employee—

(1) must first exhaust any Federal educational benefits available to such employee under any existing program; and

(2) must begin his course of training within 2 years following the date of such employee's separation from employment with the Rock Island Railroad.

**(c) Determination of reasonable expenses by
Board**

Reasonable expenses for assistance under this section shall be determined by the Board on the basis of an application therefor filed by an employee with the Board.

(d) Assistance prohibited after April 1, 1984

No assistance may be provided under this section after April 1, 1984.

(e) Definitions

As used in this section—

(1) the term “expenses” means actual, reasonable expenses paid for room, board, tuition, fees, or educational material in an amount not to exceed \$3,000; and

(2) the term “qualified institution” means an educational institution accredited for payment by the Veterans' Administration under chapter 36 of title 38, or a State-accredited institution which has been in existence for not less than 2 years.

(Pub. L. 96-254, title I, § 119(a)–(e), May 30, 1980, 94 Stat. 408; Pub. L. 97-468, title II, § 233, Jan. 14, 1983, 96 Stat. 2547.)

CODIFICATION

Section is comprised of subsecs. (a) to (e) of section 119 of Pub. L. 96-254. Subsec. (f) of section 119 amended section 911 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

1983—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 97-468 substituted “under an employee protection agreement entered into or a benefit schedule prescribed under section 1005 of this title may, if so provided under such agreement or benefit schedule,” for “from the Rock Island Railroad under an employee protection agreement or arrangement entered into under section 1005 of this title may”.

CHANGE OF NAME

Reference to Veterans’ Administration deemed to refer to Department of Veterans Affairs pursuant to section 10 of Pub. L. 100-527, set out as a Department of Veterans Affairs Act note under section 301 of Title 38, Veterans’ Benefits.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 1007, 1012 of this title.

§ 1015. Repealed. Pub. L. 104-88, title III, § 329(2), Dec. 29, 1995, 109 Stat. 952

Section, Pub. L. 96-254, title I, § 120, May 30, 1980, 94 Stat. 408; Pub. L. 97-216, title I, § 101, July 18, 1982, 96 Stat. 188, related to Interstate Commerce Commission ordering directed service over passenger commuter railroad lines that were in operation on Mar. 1, 1980, and had ceased to be in operation.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal by Pub. L. 104-88 effective Jan. 1, 1996, see section 2 of Pub. L. 104-88, set out as an Effective Date note under section 701 of Title 49, Transportation.

§ 1016. Temporary rail banking

During the 180-day period beginning on May 30, 1980, no rail line or facility of the Rock Island Railroad which has been approved for abandonment by the Commission or the bankruptcy court may be downgraded, scrapped, or otherwise disposed of without the approval of the Secretary under this section. In no case before abandonment has been approved and before the 180-day period has elapsed shall the Secretary approve a disposition of such portion of the rail line or related facility to any carrier or other entity not engaged in providing railroad services or not formed for the purpose of providing railroad services. The Secretary, upon application by the Rock Island Railroad, shall grant such approval unless he finds that—

(1) a rail carrier, shipper, State, or other interested party has expressed in writing an interest in purchasing, leasing or rehabilitating the particular rail line or facility for purposes of providing rail service; and

(2) there is a reasonable expectation that such purchase transaction will be consummated.

(Pub. L. 96-254, title I, § 121, May 30, 1980, 94 Stat. 409.)

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priate, see section 205 of Pub. L. 104-88, set out as a note under section 701 of Title 49.

§ 1017. Temporary operating approval

(a) Use of tracks and facilities by other rail carriers; terms of compensation; continuation of service

The Commission may authorize any rail carrier willing to do so voluntarily to use the tracks and facilities of a carrier which, on January 14, 1983, was the subject of a proceeding pending under section 77 of the Bankruptcy Act or under subchapter IV of chapter 11 of title 11. The use of such tracks and facilities shall be under such terms of compensation as the carriers establish between themselves, or if the carriers are unable to agree, under such terms of compensation as the Commission finds to be reasonable. The Commission shall have authority to authorize continued rail service under this section over the lines of any such carrier which has been ordered by the court having jurisdiction over such a carrier to liquidate its properties until the disposition of the properties of the estate of such carrier.

(b) Use of employees

In carrying out the provisions of this section, the Commission shall require, to the maximum extent practicable, the use of the employees who would normally have performed work in connection with the traffic subject to the action of the Commission.

(Pub. L. 96-254, title I, § 122, May 30, 1980, 94 Stat. 409; Pub. L. 97-130, § 5(a), Dec. 29, 1981, 95 Stat. 1690; Pub. L. 97-468, title II, § 214, Jan. 14, 1983, 96 Stat. 2545.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 77 of the Bankruptcy Act, referred to in subsec. (a), was classified to section 205 of former Title 11, Bankruptcy. The Bankruptcy Act (act July 1, 1898, ch. 541, 30 Stat. 544, as amended) was repealed effective Oct. 1, 1979, by Pub. L. 95-598, §§ 401(a), 402(a), Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2682, section 101 of which enacted revised Title 11. For current provisions relating to railroad reorganization, see subchapter IV (§1161 et seq.) of chapter 11 of Title 11.

AMENDMENTS

1983—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 97-468, § 214(a), substituted “a carrier which, on January 14, 1983, was the subject of a proceeding pending under section 77 of the Bankruptcy Act or under subchapter IV of chapter 11 of title 11” for “the Rock Island Railroad or the Milwaukee Railroad”, and in last sentence substituted “any such carrier which has been ordered by the court having jurisdiction over such a carrier to liquidate its properties until the disposition of the properties of the estate of such carrier” for “the Rock Island Railroad until the disposition of the properties of the estate of the Rock Island Railroad”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 97-468, § 214(b), struck out subsec. (c) which defined “Milwaukee Railroad”.

1981—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 97-130 gave the Commission authority to authorize continued rail service under this section over the lines of the Rock Island Railroad until the disposition of the properties of the estate of the Rock Island Railroad.

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