

§ 2501a. Voluntary service programs**(a) Congressional declaration of policy of encouragement**

The Congress declares that it is the policy of the United States and a further purpose of this chapter (1) to encourage countries and areas to establish programs under which their citizens and nationals would volunteer to serve in order to help meet the needs of less developed countries or areas for trained manpower; (2) to encourage less developed countries or areas to establish programs under which their citizens and nationals would volunteer to serve in order to meet their needs for trained manpower; and (3) to encourage the development of, and participation in, international voluntary service programs and activities.

(b) Limitations on executive activities and use of funds

(1) Activities carried out by the President in furtherance of the purposes of clauses (1) and (2) of subsection (a) of this section shall be limited to—

(A) furnishing technical assistance, materials, tools, supplies, and training appropriate to the support of volunteer programs in such countries or areas; and

(B) conducting demonstration projects in such countries or areas.

None of the funds made available to carry out the purposes of clauses (1) and (2) of subsection (a) of this section may be used to pay the administrative costs of any program or project, other than a demonstration project, or to assist any program or project of a paramilitary or military nature. Funds allocated for activities set forth in this paragraph should be kept to a minimum so that such allocation will not be detrimental to other Peace Corps programs and activities.

(2) Not more than 2 per centum of the amount appropriated to the Peace Corps for a fiscal year may be used in such fiscal year to carry out the provisions of clause (3) of subsection (a) of this section. Such funds may be contributed to educational institutions, private voluntary organizations, international organizations, and foreign governments or agencies thereof, to pay a fair and proportionate share of the costs of encouraging the development of, and participation in, international voluntary programs and activities.

(c) Compromise of national character

Such activities shall not compromise the national character of the Peace Corps.

(Pub. L. 87-293, title III, § 301, as added Pub. L. 88-200, § 8, Dec. 13, 1963, 77 Stat. 360; amended Pub. L. 91-99, § 3, Oct. 29, 1969, 83 Stat. 166; Pub. L. 91-352, § 9, July 24, 1970, 84 Stat. 465; Pub. L. 92-352, title IV, § 402, July 13, 1972, 86 Stat. 495; Pub. L. 95-331, §§ 7, 8(a), Aug. 2, 1978, 92 Stat. 415, 416.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in subsec. (a), was in the original “this Act”, meaning Pub. L. 87-293, Sept. 22, 1961, 75 Stat. 612, as amended, known as the Peace Corps Act. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 2501 of this title and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

1978—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 95-331, § 7, substituted provisions limiting activities to furnishing technical assistance, etc., in support of volunteer programs, and conducting demonstration projects and provisions relating to payment of costs of any program or project for provisions limiting activities to furnishing of knowledge and skills relating to the selection, training, and programming of voluntary manpower and provisions relating to use of available funds.

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 95-331, § 8(a), substituted provisions authorizing use of 2 per centum of amount appropriated in a fiscal year for provisions authorizing use of \$350,000 in a fiscal year.

1972—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 92-352 substituted “\$350,000” for “\$300,000” and “in any fiscal year to carry” for “in fiscal year 1971 to carry”.

1970—Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 91-352, § 9(a), changed the policy objective from encouragement of participation in any international register which seeks to provide volunteers to serve in less developed countries or areas, training, or other assistance in order to help such countries or areas to meet their needs for trained manpower to encouragement of participation in international voluntary service programs and activities.

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 91-352, § 9(b), substituted fiscal year 1971 for fiscal year 1970 and changed the authorization of the contribution of funds from a fair and proportionate share of the costs of the international registers to a fair and proportionate share of the costs of encouraging the development of and participation in international voluntary programs and activities.

1969—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 91-99, § 3(1), redesignated existing provisions as cls. (1) and (2), and added cl. (3).

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 91-99, § 3(2), redesignated existing provisions as cl. (1), struck out the provision which authorized the use of not more than \$300,000 in carrying out the purposes of this section in fiscal year 1964 and inserted references to cls. (1) and (2) of subsec. (a) of this section, and added cl. (2).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1978 AMENDMENT

Section 8(b) of Pub. L. 95-331 provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall take effect on October 1, 1978.”

DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS

Functions of President under this section delegated to Director of Peace Corps by section 1-103 of Ex. Ord. No. 12137, May 16, 1979, 44 F.R. 29023, eff. May 16, 1979, set out as a note under section 2501 of this title.

§ 2502. Presidential authorization; appropriations and financial readjustments**(a) Terms and conditions of authorization**

The President is authorized to carry out programs in furtherance of the purposes of this chapter, on such terms and conditions as he may determine.

(b) Authorization of appropriations

(1) There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out the purposes of this chapter \$270,000,000 for fiscal year 2000, \$298,000,000 for fiscal year 2001, \$327,000,000 for fiscal year 2002, and \$365,000,000 for fiscal year 2003.

(2) Amounts authorized to be appropriated under paragraph (1) for a fiscal year are authorized to remain available for that fiscal year and the subsequent fiscal year.

(c) Appropriations for increases in salary, pay, etc.

In addition to the amount authorized to be appropriated by subsection (b) of this section to carry out the purposes of this chapter, there are

authorized to be appropriated for increases in salary, pay, retirement, or other employee benefits authorized by law, for each fiscal year, such sums as may be necessary.

(d) Integration of women into national economies

In recognition of the fact that women in developing countries play a significant role in economic production, family support, and the overall development process, the Peace Corps shall be administered so as to give particular attention to those programs, projects, and activities which tend to integrate women into the national economies of developing countries, thus improving their status and assisting the total development effort.

(e), (f) Repealed. Pub. L. 97-113, title VI, § 601(e)(1), Dec. 29, 1981, 95 Stat. 1542

(g) Redesignated (d)

(h) Integration of disabled people

In recognition of the fact that there are over 400,000,000 disabled people in the world, 95 percent of whom are among the poorest of the poor, the Peace Corps shall be administered so as to give particular attention to programs, projects, and activities which tend to integrate disabled people into the national economies of developing countries, thus improving their status and assisting the total development effort.

(Pub. L. 87-293, title I, § 3, Sept. 22, 1961, 75 Stat. 612; Pub. L. 87-442, Apr. 27, 1962, 76 Stat. 62; Pub. L. 88-200, § 1, Dec. 13, 1963, 77 Stat. 359; Pub. L. 88-285, Mar. 17, 1964, 78 Stat. 166; Pub. L. 89-134, § 1, Aug. 24, 1965, 79 Stat. 549; Pub. L. 89-572, § 1, Sept. 13, 1966, 80 Stat. 764; Pub. L. 90-175, Dec. 5, 1967, 81 Stat. 542; Pub. L. 90-362, June 27, 1968, 82 Stat. 250; Pub. L. 91-99, § 1, Oct. 29, 1969, 83 Stat. 166; Pub. L. 91-352, § 1, July 24, 1970, 84 Stat. 464; Pub. L. 92-135, Oct. 8, 1971, 85 Stat. 376; Pub. L. 92-352, title IV, § 401, July 13, 1972, 86 Stat. 495; Pub. L. 93-49, § 1, June 25, 1973, 87 Stat. 99; Pub. L. 93-302, §§ 1, 2, June 1, 1974, 88 Stat. 191; Pub. L. 94-130, §§ 1-3, Nov. 14, 1975, 89 Stat. 684; Pub. L. 94-281, §§ 1, 2, May 7, 1976, 90 Stat. 458; Pub. L. 95-102, §§ 1, 2, Aug. 15, 1977, 91 Stat. 841; Pub. L. 95-331, § 3, Aug. 2, 1978, 92 Stat. 414; Pub. L. 96-53, title III, § 301, Aug. 14, 1979, 93 Stat. 370; Pub. L. 96-533, title VI, § 601(a), (b), Dec. 16, 1980, 94 Stat. 3155; Pub. L. 97-113, title VI, §§ 601(e)(1), 602, 603, Dec. 29, 1981, 95 Stat. 1542; Pub. L. 99-83, title XI, § 1101, Aug. 8, 1985, 99 Stat. 272; Pub. L. 99-399, title XIII, § 1301, Aug. 27, 1986, 100 Stat. 897; Pub. L. 102-565, § 1, Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 4265; Pub. L. 106-30, § 1, May 21, 1999, 113 Stat. 55.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in subsecs. (a) to (c), was in the original "this Act", meaning Pub. L. 87-293, Sept. 22, 1961, 75 Stat. 612, as amended, known as the Peace Corps Act. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 2501 of this title and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

1999—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 106-30 amended subsec. (b) generally. Prior to amendment, subsec. (b) read as follows: "There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out the purposes of this chapter \$218,146,000 for fiscal year 1993, which are authorized to remain available until September 30, 1994."

1992—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 102-565 amended subsec. (b) generally. Prior to amendment, subsec. (b) read as follows: "There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out the purposes of this chapter \$130,000,000 for the fiscal year 1986 and \$137,200,000 for the fiscal year 1987."

1986—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 99-399 in amending subsec. (b) generally, substituted provision authorizing appropriations of \$130,000,000 for fiscal year 1986 and \$137,200,000 for fiscal year 1987 for provision authorizing appropriations of \$130,000,000 for fiscal years 1986 and 1987, providing that unobligated balances continue to be made available for the general purposes for which appropriated, and prohibiting the use of funds to carry out this chapter for the Volunteers to America Program or any similar program involving the service or training of foreign nationals in the United States.

1985—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 99-83 substituted provisions authorizing appropriations of \$130,000,000 for fiscal years 1986 and 1987 for provisions authorizing appropriations of not to exceed \$105,000,000 for fiscal years 1982 and 1983, and struck out provisos limiting use of funds in fiscal year 1967, and limiting contracts and agreements for research.

1981—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 97-113, § 602(a), substituted "the fiscal year 1982 not to exceed \$105,000,000 and for the fiscal year 1983 not to exceed \$105,000,000" for "fiscal year 1981 not to exceed \$118,000,000".

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 97-113, § 602(b), substituted "each fiscal year" for "fiscal year 1981".

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 97-113, § 601(e)(1), redesignated subsec. (g) as (d) and struck out former subsec. (d) which provided for rectification of imbalance in readjustment allowance for the period Mar. 1, 1961, to Feb. 28, 1973.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 97-113, § 601(e)(1), struck out subsec. (e) which related to waiver of claims resulting from erroneous payments to volunteers who terminated their volunteer service between Mar. 1, 1961, and Feb. 28, 1973.

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 97-113, § 601(e)(1), struck out subsec. (f) which related to relief from liability for improper payment of readjustment allowances made to volunteers between Mar. 1, 1961, and Feb. 28, 1973.

Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 97-113, § 601(e)(1), redesignated subsec. (g) as (d).

Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 97-113, § 603, added subsec. (h).

1980—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 96-533, § 601(a), substituted appropriations authorization of \$118,000,000 for fiscal year 1981 for such authorization of \$105,404,000 for fiscal year 1980.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 96-533, § 601(b), substituted "1981" for "1980".

1979—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 96-53, § 301(1), substituted provisions authorizing to be appropriated for fiscal year 1980 not to exceed \$105,404,000, for provisions authorizing to be appropriated for fiscal year 1978 not to exceed \$86,544,000, and for fiscal year 1979 not to exceed \$112,424,000, and setting forth availability of funds for the United Nations contributions by the Corps.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 96-53, § 301(2), substituted "1980" for "1978, \$1,069,000, and for fiscal year 1979".

1978—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 95-331, § 3(1), substituted provisions authorizing to be appropriated for fiscal year 1978 not to exceed \$86,544,000 and for fiscal year 1979 not to exceed \$112,424,000 and limitation with respect to volunteer program, for provisions authorizing to be appropriated for fiscal year 1978 not to exceed \$82,900,000.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 95-331, § 3(2), inserted provisions increasing 1978 appropriation from \$1,000,000 to \$1,069,000, and provisions authorizing to be appropriated such sums as necessary for fiscal year 1979.

Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 95-331, § 3(3), added subsec. (g).

1977—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 95-102, § 1, substituted provisions authorizing appropriations for fiscal year 1978 not to exceed \$82,900,000 for provisions authorizing appropriations for fiscal year 1976 not to exceed \$88,468,000, for the period July 1, 1976, through Sept. 30, 1976, not to exceed \$27,887,800, for fiscal year 1977 not to exceed \$81,000,000.