

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(e), (f) Repealed.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.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 95-102, §2, substituted provisions authorizing additional appropriations for fiscal year 1978 of \$1,000,000 for increases in salary, pay, etc., for provisions authorizing additional appropriations for fiscal year 1976 and the period July 1, 1976, through Sept. 30, 1976, not in excess of \$1,000,000, and for fiscal year 1977 such sums as may be necessary for increases in salary, pay, etc.

1976—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 94-281, §1, authorized appropriation of not to exceed \$81,000,000 for fiscal year 1977.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 94-281, §2, inserted provisions relating to fiscal year 1977 and authorization of such sums as may be necessary for such year.

1975—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 94-130, §1, authorized appropriation of \$88,468,000 for fiscal year 1976, and \$27,887,800 for period July 1, 1976, through Sept. 30, 1976, and struck out appropriation authorization of \$82,256,000 for fiscal year 1975.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 94-130, §2, authorized appropriation of \$1,000,000 for fiscal year 1976, for increase in employee benefits, in addition to amounts authorized for fiscal year 1976, and for period July 1, 1976, through Sept. 30, 1976, and deleted prior appropriation authorization of \$1,000,000 for fiscal year 1975, for increase in employee benefits, in addition to amounts authorized for fiscal year 1975.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 94-130, §3, substituted “shall transfer”, “no later than December 31, 1975, not to exceed \$315,000 from any sums available to carry out the purposes of this chapter in fiscal year 1976” for “is authorized to transfer” and “from any sums appropriated to carry out the purposes of this chapter in fiscal year 1975 not to exceed \$315,000”.

1974—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 93-302, §1, substituted “There are authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 1975 not to exceed \$82,256,000 to carry out the purposes of this chapter” for “There are authorized to be appropriated to the President for the fiscal year 1974 not to exceed \$77,001,000 to carry out the purposes of this chapter”.

Subsecs. (c) to (f). Pub. L. 93-302, §2, added subsecs. (c) to (f).

1973—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 93-49 substituted “1974” for “1973” and “\$77,001,000” for “\$88,027,000”.

1972—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 92-352 substituted “1973” for “1972” and “\$88,027,000” for “\$77,200,000”.

1971—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 92-135 substituted “1972” for “1971” and “\$77,200,000” for “\$98,800,000”.

1970—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 91-352 substituted “1971” for “1970” and “\$98,800,000” for “\$98,450,000”.

1969—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 91-99 substituted “1970” for “1969” and “\$98,450,000” for “\$112,800,000”, and inserted provision prohibiting funds authorized to carry out the purposes of this chapter to be used to carry out the Volunteers to America Program conducted under the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, or any similar program.

1968—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 90-362 substituted “1969” for “1968” and “\$112,800,000” for “\$115,700,000”.

1967—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 90-175 substituted “1968” for “1967” and “\$115,700,000” for “\$110,000,000”.

1966—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 89-572 authorized an appropriation of \$110,000,000 for the fiscal year 1967 and provided for obligation of limited amount of funds under contracts or agreements to carry out research relating to the basic responsibilities of the Peace Corps and for continuing availability of unobligated balances of funds.

1965—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 89-134 substituted “1966” for “1965” and inserted \$500,000 limit on funds available for research.

1964—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 88-285 authorized an appropriation of \$115,000,000 for fiscal year 1965.

1963—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 88-200 substituted “1964” and “\$102,000,000” for “1963” and “\$63,750,000”, respectively.

1962—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 87-442 authorized an appropriation of \$63,750,000 for the fiscal year 1963.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1985 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 99-83 effective Oct. 1, 1985, see section 1301 of Pub. L. 99-83, set out as a note under section 2151-1 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1979 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 96-53 effective Oct. 1, 1979, see section 512(a) of Pub. L. 96-53, set out as a note under section 2151 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1977 AMENDMENT

Section 3 of Pub. L. 95-102 provided that: “The amendments made by this Act [amending this section] shall take effect on October 1, 1977.”

DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS; ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

Functions of President under this section delegated to and funds available to President under this chapter allocated to Director of Peace Corps by sections 1-103 and 1-108 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.

APPLICABILITY OF PUB. L. 97-113 TO ACTIONS PRIOR TO DECEMBER 29, 1981

Section 601(e)(2) of Pub. L. 97-113 provided that: “The amendment made by paragraph (1) of this subsection [redesignating former subsec. (g) as (d) and striking out subsecs. (d) to (f) of this section] shall not alter or affect (A) the validity of any action taken before the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 29, 1981] under those provisions of law repealed by that amendment, or (B) the liability of any person for any payment described in section 3(f) of the Peace Corps Act [former subsec. (f) of this section] as in effect immediately before the date of the enactment of this Act.”

PAYMENT OF READJUSTMENT ALLOWANCES FROM AMOUNT APPROPRIATED FOR FISCAL YEAR 1977; LIMITATION ON AMOUNT AVAILABLE

Section 3 of Pub. L. 94-281 provided that: “Of the amount appropriated for fiscal year 1977 to carry out the purposes of the Peace Corps Act [see Short Title note set out under section 2501 of this title], \$10,100,000 shall be available only for payment of the readjustment allowances authorized by sections 5(c) and 6(1) of such Act [sections 2504(c) and 2505(1) of this title].”

§ 2503. Director and Deputy Director; delegation of functions

(a) Appointment

The President may appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, a Director of the Peace Corps and a Deputy Director of the Peace Corps.

(b) Exercise of functions by Director

The President may exercise any functions vested in him by this chapter through the Director of the Peace Corps. The Director of the Peace Corps may promulgate such rules and regulations as he may deem necessary or appropriate to carry out such functions, and may delegate to any of his subordinates authority to perform any of such functions.

(c) Powers and functions of Secretary of State; coordination of activities; responsibility for supervision and direction of programs

(1) Nothing contained in this chapter shall be construed to infringe upon the powers or functions of the Secretary of State.

(2) The President shall prescribe appropriate procedures to assure coordination of Peace Corps activities with other activities of the

United States Government in each country, under the leadership of the chief of the United States diplomatic mission.

(3) Under the direction of the President, the Secretary of State shall be responsible for the continuous supervision and general direction of the programs authorized by this chapter, to the end that such programs are effectively integrated both at home and abroad and the foreign policy of the United States is best served thereby.

(4) The Director of the Peace Corps may prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to assure that no individual performing service for the Peace Corps under any authority contained in this chapter shall engage in any activity determined by the Director to be detrimental to the best interests of the United States.

(d) Prohibition on performance of services more usefully performed by other agencies

Except with the approval of the Secretary of State, the Peace Corps shall not be assigned to perform services which could more usefully be performed by other available agencies of the United States Government in the country concerned.

(Pub. L. 87-293, title I, § 4, Sept. 22, 1961, 75 Stat. 612; Pub. L. 88-426, title III, § 305(27), Aug. 14, 1964, 78 Stat. 426; Pub. L. 91-352, § 2, July 24, 1970, 84 Stat. 464; Pub. L. 97-113, title VI, § 601(d)(1), Dec. 29, 1981, 95 Stat. 1541.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in subsecs. (b) and (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

1981—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 97-113 substituted provision authorizing the President to exercise functions vested in him under this chapter through the Director of the Peace Corps and the Director of the Peace Corps to promulgate rules and regulations as deemed appropriate for provision authorizing the President to exercise functions vested in him under this chapter through such agency or officer of the United States Government as he directs and the head of such agency or such officer to promulgate rules and regulations as deemed appropriate.

1970—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 91-352 added par. (4).

1964—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 88-426 repealed provisions which prescribed the compensation of the Director and Deputy Director. See sections 5314 and 5315 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1964 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 88-426 effective on first day of first pay period which begins on or after July 1, 1964, except to extent provided in section 501(c) of Pub. L. 88-426, see section 501 of Pub. L. 88-426.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Transfer to President of the United States of functions conferred upon Director of Peace Corps by subsec. (c)(4) of this section, see section 2(b) of Reorg. Plan No. 1 of 1971, eff. July 1, 1971, 36 F.R. 11181, 85 Stat. 819, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS

Functions of President under subsecs. (c)(1), (4), (d) delegated to Director of Peace Corps by sections 1-103

and 1-301(a), (b) 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.

CONTINUING FUNCTIONS OF DIRECTOR OF PEACE CORPS
FROM DECEMBER 14, 1981

Section 601(d)(2) of Pub. L. 97-113 provided: “The Director of the Peace Corps shall continue to exercise all the functions under the Peace Corps Act [this chapter] or any other law or authority which the Director was performing on December 14, 1981.”

§ 2504. Peace Corps volunteers

(a) Persons eligible; terms and conditions of service; Federal employee status; racial, sex, religious, or color discrimination

The President may enroll in the Peace Corps for service abroad qualified citizens and nationals of the United States (referred to in this chapter as “volunteers”). The terms and conditions of the enrollment, training, compensation, hours of work, benefits, leave, termination, and all other terms and conditions of the service of volunteers shall be exclusively those set forth in this chapter and those consistent therewith which the President may prescribe; and, except as provided in this chapter, volunteers shall not be deemed officers or employees or otherwise in the service or employment of, or holding office under, the United States for any purpose. In carrying out this subsection, there shall be no discrimination against any person on account of race, sex, creed, or color.

(b) Living allowances, travel, leave and related items; transfers of supplies and equipment

Volunteers shall be provided with such living, travel, and leave allowances, and such housing, transportation, supplies, equipment, subsistence, and clothing as the President may determine to be necessary for their maintenance and to insure their health and their capacity to serve effectively. Supplies or equipment provided volunteers to insure their capacity to serve effectively may be transferred to the government or to other entities of the country or area with which they have been serving, when no longer necessary for such purpose, and when such transfers would further the purposes of this chapter. Transportation and travel allowances may also be provided, in such circumstances as the President may determine, for applicants for enrollment to or from places of training and places of enrollment, and for former volunteers from places of termination to their homes in the United States.

(c) Readjustment allowances

Volunteers shall be entitled to receive a readjustment allowance at a rate not less than \$125 for each month of satisfactory service as determined by the President. The readjustment allowance of each volunteer shall be payable on his return to the United States: *Provided, however*, That, under such circumstances as the President may determine, the accrued readjustment allowance, or any part thereof, may be paid to the volunteer, members of his family or others, during the period of his service, or prior to his return to the United States. In the event of the volunteer's death during the period of his service, the amount of any unpaid readjustment