

**§ 603. Public access to budget data****(a) Right to copy**

Except as provided in subsections (c), (d), and (e) of this section, the Director shall make all information, data, estimates, and statistics obtained under section 601(d) and (e) of this title available for public copying during normal business hours, subject to reasonable rules and regulations, and shall to the extent practicable, at the request of any person, furnish a copy of any such information, data, estimates, or statistics upon payment by such person of the cost of making and furnishing such copy.

**(b) Index**

The Director shall develop and maintain filing, coding, and indexing systems that identify the information, data, estimates, and statistics to which subsection (a) of this section applies and shall make such systems available for public use during normal business hours.

**(c) Exceptions**

Subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to information, data, estimates, and statistics—

- (1) which are specifically exempted from disclosure by law; or
- (2) which the Director determines will disclose—

(A) matters necessary to be kept secret in the interests of national defense or the confidential conduct of the foreign relations of the United States;

(B) information relating to trade secrets or financial or commercial information pertaining specifically to a given person if the information has been obtained by the Government on a confidential basis, other than through an application by such person for a specific financial or other benefit, and is required to be kept secret in order to prevent undue injury to the competitive position of such person; or

(C) personnel or medical data or similar data the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;

unless the portions containing such matters, information, or data have been excised.

**(d) Information obtained for committees and Members**

Subsection (a) of this section shall apply to any information, data, estimates, and statistics obtained at the request of any committee, joint committee, or Member unless such committee, joint committee, or Member has instructed the Director not to make such information, data, estimates, or statistics available for public copying.

**(e) Level of confidentiality**

With respect to information, data, estimates, and statistics obtained under sections 601(d) and 601(e) of this title, the Director shall maintain the same level of confidentiality as is required by law of the department, agency, establishment, or regulatory agency or commission from which it is obtained. Officers and employees of the Congressional Budget Office shall be subject to the same statutory penalties for unauthorized

disclosure or use as officers or employees of the department, agency, establishment, or regulatory agency or commission from which it is obtained.

(Pub. L. 93-344, title II, §203, July 12, 1974, 88 Stat. 305; Pub. L. 106-554, §1(a)(7) [title III, §310(b)], Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2763, 2763A-639.)

## AMENDMENTS

2000—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 106-554, §1(a)(7) [title III, §310(b)(2)], substituted “subsections (c), (d), and (e)” for “subsections (c) and (d)”.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 106-554, §1(a)(7) [title III, §310(b)(1)], added subsec. (e).

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective on day on which first Director of Congressional Budget Office is appointed under section 601(a) of this title, see section 905(b) of Pub. L. 93-344, formerly set out as a note under section 621 of this title.

**§ 604. Omitted**

## CODIFICATION

Section, Pub. L. 94-440, title V, §500, Oct. 1, 1976, 90 Stat. 1452, the Legislative Appropriation Act, 1977, which authorized the Congressional Budget Office to contract without regard to section 5 of Title 41, Public Contracts, applied to fiscal year 1977 and was not repeated in subsequent appropriation acts. Similar provisions were contained in the following prior appropriation act:

Pub. L. 94-157, title I, Dec. 18, 1975, 89 Stat. 834.

**§ 605. Sale or lease of property, supplies, or services**

(a) Any sale or lease of property, supplies, or services to the Congressional Budget Office shall be deemed to be a sale or lease to the Congress subject to section 111b of this title.

(b) Subsection (a) of this section shall apply with respect to fiscal years beginning after September 30, 1996.

(Pub. L. 104-197, title I, §104, Sept. 16, 1996, 110 Stat. 2404.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 111b of this title, referred to in subsec. (a), was in the original a reference to section 903 of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1983, Pub. L. 98-63, title I, July 30, 1983, 97 Stat. 336, which is classified to section 111b of this title and in part as a note set out under section 111b of this title.

## CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the appropriation act cited as the credit to this section, and not as part of title II of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 which comprises this chapter.

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

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

Pub. L. 104-53, title I, Nov. 19, 1995, 109 Stat. 527.  
 Pub. L. 103-283, title I, July 22, 1994, 108 Stat. 1433.  
 Pub. L. 103-69, title I, Aug. 11, 1993, 107 Stat. 701.  
 Pub. L. 102-392, title I, Oct. 6, 1992, 106 Stat. 1713.  
 Pub. L. 102-90, title I, Aug. 14, 1991, 105 Stat. 458.  
 Pub. L. 101-520, title I, Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 2266.  
 Pub. L. 101-163, title I, Nov. 21, 1989, 103 Stat. 1054.  
 Pub. L. 100-458, title I, Oct. 1, 1988, 102 Stat. 2169.  
 Pub. L. 100-202, §101(i) [title I], Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1329-290, 1329-300.  
 Pub. L. 99-500, §101(j) [H.R. 5203, title I], Oct. 18, 1986, 100 Stat. 1783-287, and Pub. L. 99-591, §101(j), Oct. 30, 1986, 100 Stat. 3341-287.

Pub. L. 99-151, title I, Nov. 13, 1985, 99 Stat. 800.  
 Pub. L. 98-367, title I, July 17, 1984, 98 Stat. 482.

#### § 606. Disposition of surplus or obsolete property

(a) The Director of the Congressional Budget Office shall have the authority, within the limits of available appropriations, to dispose of surplus or obsolete personal property by inter-agency transfer, donation, sale, trade-in, or discarding. Amounts received for the sale or trade-in of personal property shall be credited to funds available for the operations of the Congressional Budget Office and be available for the costs of acquiring the same or similar property. Such funds shall be available for such purposes during the fiscal year in which received and the following fiscal year.

(b) Subsection (a) of this section shall apply with respect to fiscal years beginning after September 30, 1996.

(Pub. L. 104-197, title I, §105, Sept. 16, 1996, 110 Stat. 2404; Pub. L. 107-68, title I, §126, Nov. 12, 2001, 115 Stat. 577.)

##### CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the appropriation act cited as the credit to this section, and not as part of title II of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 which comprises this chapter.

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##### AMENDMENTS

2001—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 107-68 substituted “sale, trade-in, or discarding” for “or discarding” and inserted at end “Amounts received for the sale or trade-in of personal property shall be credited to funds available for the operations of the Congressional Budget Office and be available for the costs of acquiring the same or similar property. Such funds shall be available for such purposes during the fiscal year in which received and the following fiscal year.”

#### § 607. Lump-sum payments for annual leave to separated employees

(a) The Director of the Congressional Budget Office shall have the authority to make lump-sum payments to separated employees of the Congressional Budget Office for unused annual leave.

(b) Subsection (a) of this section shall apply with respect to fiscal years beginning after September 30, 1996.

(Pub. L. 104-197, title I, §106, Sept. 16, 1996, 110 Stat. 2404.)

##### CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Congressional Operations Appropriations Act, 1997, which is title I of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1997, and not as part of title II of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 which comprises this chapter.

#### § 608. Lump-sum payments to enhance staff recruitment and to reward exceptional performance

(a) The Director of the Congressional Budget Office shall have the authority to make lump-

sum payments to enhance staff recruitment and to reward exceptional performance by an employee or a group of employees.

(b) Subsection (a) of this section shall apply with respect to fiscal years beginning after September 30, 1999.

(Pub. L. 106-57, title I, §106, Sept. 29, 1999, 113 Stat. 418.)

##### CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Congressional Operations Appropriations Act, 2000, which is title I of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2000, and not as part of title II of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 which comprises this chapter.

#### § 609. Employee training

##### (a) In general

The Director of the Congressional Budget Office may, by regulation, make applicable such provisions of chapter 41 of title 5 as the Director determines necessary to provide on and after November 12, 2001, for training of individuals employed by the Congressional Budget Office.

##### (b) Regulations

The implementing regulations shall provide for training that, in the determination of the Director, is consistent with the training provided by agencies subject to chapter 41 of title 5.

##### (c) Recovery of debt

Any recovery of debt owed to the Congressional Budget Office under this section and its implementing regulations shall be credited to the appropriations account available for salaries and expenses of the Office at the time of recovery.

##### (d) Applicability

This section shall apply to fiscal year 2002 and each fiscal year thereafter.

(Pub. L. 107-68, title I, §125, Nov. 12, 2001, 115 Stat. 577.)

##### CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Congressional Operations Appropriations Act, 2002, which is title I of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2002, and not as part of title II of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 which comprises this chapter.

#### § 610. Repayment of student loan on behalf of employee

##### (a) Authorization

The Director of the Congressional Budget Office may, in order to recruit or retain qualified personnel, establish and maintain on and after November 12, 2001, a program under which the Office may agree to repay (by direct payments on behalf of the employee) all or a portion of any student loan previously taken out by such employee.

##### (b) Regulations

The Director may, by regulation, make applicable such provisions of section 5379 of title 5 as the Director determines necessary to provide for such program.