

(g) Studies**(1) Continuing studies**

The Director of the Congressional Budget Office shall conduct continuing studies to enhance comparisons of budget outlays, credit authority, and tax expenditures.

(2) Federal mandate studies

(A) At the request of any Chairman or ranking member of the minority of a Committee of the Senate or the House of Representatives, the Director shall, to the extent practicable, conduct a study of a legislative proposal containing a Federal mandate.

(B) In conducting a study on intergovernmental mandates under subparagraph (A), the Director shall—

(i) solicit and consider information or comments from elected officials (including their designated representatives) of State, local, or tribal governments as may provide helpful information or comments;

(ii) consider establishing advisory panels of elected officials or their designated representatives, of State, local, or tribal governments if the Director determines that such advisory panels would be helpful in performing responsibilities of the Director under this section; and

(iii) if, and to the extent that the Director determines that accurate estimates are reasonably feasible, include estimates of—

(I) the future direct cost of the Federal mandate to the extent that such costs significantly differ from or extend beyond the 5-year period after the mandate is first effective; and

(II) any disproportionate budgetary effects of Federal mandates upon particular industries or sectors of the economy, States, regions, and urban or rural or other types of communities, as appropriate.

(C) In conducting a study on private sector mandates under subparagraph (A), the Director shall provide estimates, if and to the extent that the Director determines that such estimates are reasonably feasible, of—

(i) future costs of Federal private sector mandates to the extent that such mandates differ significantly from or extend beyond the 5-year time period referred to in subparagraph (B)(iii)(I);

(ii) any disproportionate financial effects of Federal private sector mandates and of any Federal financial assistance in the bill or joint resolution upon any particular industries or sectors of the economy, States, regions, and urban or rural or other types of communities; and

(iii) the effect of Federal private sector mandates in the bill or joint resolution on the national economy, including the effect on productivity, economic growth, full employment, creation of productive jobs, and international competitiveness of United States goods and services.

(Pub. L. 93-344, title II, §202, July 12, 1974, 88 Stat. 304; Pub. L. 99-177, title II, §221, Dec. 12, 1985, 99 Stat. 1060; Pub. L. 101-508, title XIII,

§13112(a)(3), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388-608; Pub. L. 104-4, title I, §102(1), Mar. 22, 1995, 109 Stat. 60; Pub. L. 104-186, title II, §213, Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1745; Pub. L. 105-33, title X, §10103, Aug. 5, 1997, 111 Stat. 678.)

AMENDMENTS

1997—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 105-33, §10103(a), inserted “primary” before “duty” in first sentence.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 105-33, §10103(b), redesignated subsec. (f) as (e) and struck out heading and text of former subsec. (e). Text of par. (1) of subsec. (e) read as follows: “The duties, functions, and personnel of the Joint Committee on Reduction of Federal Expenditures are transferred to the Office, and the Joint Committee is abolished.” Par. (2) of subsec. (e) repealed section 571 of former Title 31, Money and Finance.

Subsec. (e)(1)(C). Pub. L. 105-33, §10103(c), added subpar. (C).

Subsecs. (f) to (h). Pub. L. 105-33, §10103(b), redesignated subsecs. (g) and (h) as (f) and (g), respectively.

1996—Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 104-186 substituted “House Oversight” for “House Administration”.

1995—Subsec. (c)(2), (3). Pub. L. 104-4, §102(1)(A), added par. (2) and redesignated former par. (2) as (3).

Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 104-4, §102(1)(B), amended heading and text of subsec. (h) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The Director shall conduct continuing studies to enhance comparisons of budget outlays, credit authority, and tax expenditures.”

1990—Subsecs. (a)(1), (f)(1). Pub. L. 101-508 substituted “new budget authority” for “budget authority” in subsec. (a)(1) and second sentence of subsec. (f)(1).

1985—Subsec. (f)(1). Pub. L. 99-177, §221(a), substituted “February 15” for “April 1”.

Subsec. (f)(3). Pub. L. 99-177, §221(b), added par. (3).

Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 99-177, §221(c), added subsec. (h).

CHANGE OF NAME

Committee on House Oversight of House of Representatives changed to Committee on House Administration of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 5, One Hundred Sixth Congress, Jan. 6, 1999.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1995 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 104-4 effective Jan. 1, 1996, or on the date 90 days after appropriations are made available as authorized under section 1516 of this title, whichever is earlier, and applicable to legislation considered on and after such date, see section 110 of Pub. L. 104-4, set out as an Effective Date note under section 1511 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1985 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 99-177 effective Dec. 12, 1985, and applicable with respect to fiscal years beginning after Sept. 30, 1985, see section 275(a)(1) of Pub. L. 99-177, set out as an Effective and Termination Dates note under section 900 of this title.

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.

CREDIT REFORM

Pub. L. 100-119, title II, §212, Sept. 29, 1987, 101 Stat. 787, provided that the Congressional Budget Office, in consultation with the General Accounting Office, was to study and report to Congress, as soon as practicable, on Federal direct loan and loan guarantee programs for fiscal years 1987 and 1988.

§ 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 lim-