

which is currently available. Such funds shall be available only for maintenance and other expenses of Blair House.

**(b) Compliance with Budget Act**

The authority of this section may be exercised only to such extent or in such amounts as are provided in advance in an appropriation Act.

(Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 841, title I, § 46, as added Pub. L. 101-246, title I, § 119(2), Feb. 16, 1990, 104 Stat. 26; amended Pub. L. 102-138, title I, § 123, Oct. 28, 1991, 105 Stat. 659.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Budget Act, referred to in subsec. (b) heading, probably means the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, titles I through IX of Pub. L. 93-344, July 12, 1974, 88 Stat. 297, as amended. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 621 of Title 2, The Congress, and Tables.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 46 of act Aug. 1, 1956, was renumbered section 47 by section 119(1) of Pub. L. 101-246, and subsequently renumbered, and set out as a Short Title of 1956 Amendment note under section 2651 of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 102-138, title I, § 111(1), Oct. 28, 1991, 105 Stat. 654.

AMENDMENTS

1991—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 102-138 struck out “for the fiscal years 1990 and 1991,” after “provision of law,”.

**§ 2719. Grants for training and education in international affairs**

The Secretary of State may make grants to postsecondary educational institutions or students for the purpose of increasing the level of knowledge and awareness of and interest in employment with the Foreign Service, consistent with section 3905 of this title. To the extent possible, the Secretary shall give special emphasis to promoting such knowledge and awareness of, and interest in employment with, the Foreign Service among minority students. Any grants awarded shall be made pursuant to regulations to be established by the Secretary of State, which shall provide for a limit on the size of any specific grant and, regarding any grants to individuals, shall ensure that no grant recipient receives an amount of grants from one or more Federal programs which in the aggregate would exceed the cost of his or her education, and shall require satisfactory educational progress by grantees as a condition of eligibility for continued receipt of grant funds.

(Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 841, title I, § 47, as added Pub. L. 101-246, title I, § 150(2), Feb. 16, 1990, 104 Stat. 42.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 47 of act Aug. 1, 1956, was renumbered section 48 by section 150(1) of Pub. L. 101-246, and set out as a Short Title of 1956 Amendment note under section 2651 of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 102-138, title I, § 111(1), Oct. 28, 1991, 105 Stat. 654.

**§ 2720. Closing of consular and diplomatic posts abroad**

**(a) Prohibited uses of funds**

Except as provided under subsection (d) of this section or in accordance with the procedures under subsections (b) and (c) of this section—

(1) no funds authorized to be appropriated to the Department of State shall be available to pay any expense related to the closing of any United States consular or diplomatic post abroad; and

(2) no funds authorized to be appropriated to the Department of State may be used to pay for any expense related to the Bureau of Administration of the Department of State (or to carrying out any of its functions) if any United States consular or diplomatic post is closed.

**(b) Post closing notification**

Not less than 45 days before the closing of any United States consular or diplomatic post abroad, the Secretary of State shall notify the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate.

**(c) Reprogramming treatment**

Amounts made available to pay any expense related to the closing of a consular or diplomatic post abroad shall be treated as a reprogramming of funds under section 2706 of this title and shall not be available for obligation or expenditure except in compliance with the procedures applicable to such reprogramming.

**(d) Exceptions**

The provisions of this section do not apply with respect to—

(1) any post closed because of a break or downgrading of diplomatic relations between the United States and the country in which the post is located; or

(2) any post closed because there is a real and present threat to United States diplomatic or consular personnel in the city where the post is located, and a travel advisory warning against travel by United States citizens to that city has been issued by the Department of State.

**(e) “Consular or diplomatic post” defined**

As used in this section, the term “consular or diplomatic post” does not include a post to which only personnel of agencies other than the Department of State are assigned.

(Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 841, title I, § 48, as added Pub. L. 102-138, title I, § 112(a)(1), Oct. 28, 1991, 105 Stat. 654.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 48 of act Aug. 1, 1956, was set out as a Short Title of 1956 Amendment note under section 2651 of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 102-138, title I, § 111(1), Oct. 28, 1991, 105 Stat. 654.

Provisions similar to this section were contained in Pub. L. 100-204, title I, § 122, Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1339, and set out as a note under section 2656 of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 102-138, title I, § 112(b), Oct. 28, 1991, 105 Stat. 655.

AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY OF STATE

Except as otherwise provided, Secretary of State to have and exercise any authority vested by law in any official or office of Department of State and references to such officials or offices deemed to refer to Secretary of State or Department of State, as appropriate, see section 2651a of this title and section 161(d) of Pub. L. 103-236, set out as a note under section 2651a of this title.

**§ 2721. Impermissible basis for denial of passports**

A passport may not be denied issuance, revoked, restricted, or otherwise limited because of any speech, activity, belief, affiliation, or membership, within or outside the United States, which, if held or conducted within the United States, would be protected by the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

(Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 841, title I, § 49, as added Pub. L. 102-138, title I, § 113, Oct. 28, 1991, 105 Stat. 655.)

**§ 2722. International meetings**

**(a) Authority to pay expenses**

If the United States Government hosts an international meeting or conference in the United States, the Secretary of State is authorized to pay all reasonable expenses of such meeting or conference. Such expenses may include rental of quarters (by contract or otherwise) and personal services.

**(b) Retention of reimbursements**

To the extent provided in an appropriation Act, transfers of funds or other reimbursements for payments under subsection (a) of this section are authorized to be retained and credited to the appropriate appropriation account of the Department of State which is available.

(Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 841, title I, § 50, as added Pub. L. 102-138, title I, § 119, Oct. 28, 1991, 105 Stat. 658.)

**§ 2723. Denial of visas**

**(a) Report to Congress**

**(1) Denial of visas**

The Secretary shall report, on a timely basis, to the appropriate committees of the Congress each time a consular post denies a visa on the grounds of terrorist activities or foreign policy. Such report shall set forth the name and nationality of each such person and a factual statement of the basis for such denial.

**(2) Visa issuance to inadmissible aliens**

The Secretary shall, on a semiannual basis, submit to the appropriate committees of the Congress a report describing every instance during the period covered by the report in which a consular post or the Visa Office of the Department of State issued an immigrant or nonimmigrant visa to an alien who is inadmissible to the United States based upon terrorist activity or failed to object to the issuance of an immigrant or nonimmigrant visa to an alien notwithstanding any such ground of inadmissibility. The report shall set forth the name and nationality of the alien, the issuing post, and a brief factual statement of the basis for issuance of the visa or the failure to object. The report may be submitted in classified or unclassified form.

**(b) Limitation**

Information contained in such report may be classified to the extent necessary and shall protect intelligence sources and methods.

**(c) Appropriate committees**

For the purposes of this section the term “appropriate committees of the Congress” means the Committee on the Judiciary and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives and the Committee on the Judiciary and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate.

(Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 841, title I, § 51, as added Pub. L. 102-138, title I, § 127(a), Oct. 28, 1991, 105 Stat. 660; amended Pub. L. 107-228, div. A, title II, § 231, Sept. 30, 2002, 116 Stat. 1372.)

AMENDMENTS

2002—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 107-228 designated existing provisions as par. (1), inserted par. (1) heading, and added par. (2).

**§ 2724. Fees for commercial services**

**(a) Authority to charge fee**

(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the Secretary of State is authorized to charge a fee to cover the actual or estimated cost of providing any person, firm or organization (other than agencies of the United States Government) with commercial services at posts abroad on matters within the authority of the Department of State.

(2) The authority of this section may be exercised only in countries where the Department of Commerce does not perform commercial services for which it collects fees.

**(b) Use of fees**

Funds collected under the authority of subsection (a) of this section shall be deposited as an offsetting collection to any Department of State appropriation to recover the costs of providing commercial services. Funds deposited under this subsection shall remain available for obligation through September 30 of the fiscal year following the fiscal year in which the funds were deposited.

(Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 841, title I, § 52, as added Pub. L. 103-236, title I, § 136, Apr. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 396; amended Pub. L. 105-277, div. G, subdiv. B, title XXII, § 2204, Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-808.)

AMENDMENTS

1998—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 105-277 inserted at end “Funds deposited under this subsection shall remain available for obligation through September 30 of the fiscal year following the fiscal year in which the funds were deposited.”

**§ 2725. Fees for use of the George P. Shultz National Foreign Affairs Training Center**

The Secretary is authorized to charge a fee for use of the George P. Shultz National Foreign Affairs Training Center of the Department of State. Amounts collected under this section (including reimbursements and surcharges) shall be deposited as an offsetting collection to any Department of State appropriation to recover the costs of such use and shall remain available for obligation until expended.

(Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 841, title I, § 53, as added Pub. L. 105-277, div. G, subdiv. B, title XXII, § 2205(b), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-809; amended Pub. L. 107-132, § 2(a), Jan. 16, 2002, 115 Stat. 2412.)