

(E) consult with the Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties regarding—

- (i) alleged abuses of civil rights or civil liberties; and
- (ii) any policy recommendations regarding civil rights and civil liberties that may be founded upon an investigation by the Office of Inspector General;

(F) provide the Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties with information regarding the outcome of investigations of alleged abuses of civil rights and civil liberties;

(G) refer civil rights and civil liberties matters that the Inspector General decides not to investigate to the Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties;

(H) ensure that the Office of the Inspector General publicizes and provides convenient public access to information regarding—

- (i) the procedure to file complaints or comments concerning civil rights and civil liberties matters; and
- (ii) the status of corrective actions taken by the Department in response to Office of the Inspector General reports; and

(I) inform the Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties of any weaknesses, problems, and deficiencies within the Department relating to civil rights or civil liberties.

(Pub. L. 95-452, § 8I, as added Pub. L. 108-7, div. L, § 104(b)(3), Feb. 20, 2003, 117 Stat. 529; amended Pub. L. 108-458, title VIII, § 8304, Dec. 17, 2004, 118 Stat. 3868; Pub. L. 109-177, title VI, § 605(e)(4), Mar. 9, 2006, 120 Stat. 255.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Presidential Protection Assistance Act of 1976, referred to in subsec. (a)(1)(E), is Pub. L. 94-524, Oct. 17, 1976, 90 Stat. 2475, as amended, which enacted and amended provisions set out as notes under section 3056 of Title 18, Crimes and Criminal Procedure. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

GS-15, referred to in subsec. (f)(1), is contained in the General Schedule, which is set out under section 5332 of this title.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 8I of the Inspector General Act of 1978 was renumbered section 8J by Pub. L. 108-7.

AMENDMENTS

- 2006—Subsec. (a)(1)(E). Pub. L. 109-177 substituted “section 3056A of title 18” for “section 202 of title 3”.
- 2004—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 108-458 added subsec. (f).

REPORT ON DATA COLLECTION

Pub. L. 110-329, div. D, title V, § 518(b), Sept. 30, 2008, 122 Stat. 3684, provided that: “The Inspector General shall provide to the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives, starting six months after the date of enactment of this Act [Sept. 30, 2008], and quarterly thereafter, a classified report containing a review of the data collected by the National Applications Office, including a description of the collection purposes and the legal authority under which the collection activities were authorized: *Provided*, That the report shall also include a listing of all data collection activities carried out on behalf of the National Applications Office by any component of the National Guard.”

§ 8J. Rule of construction of special provisions

The special provisions under section 8, 8A, 8B, 8C, 8D, 8E, 8F, or 8H of this Act relate only to

the establishment named in such section and no inference shall be drawn from the presence or absence of a provision in any such section with respect to an establishment not named in such section or with respect to a designated Federal entity as defined under section 8G(a).

(Pub. L. 95-452, § 8J, formerly § 8F, as added Pub. L. 100-504, title I, § 105, Oct. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 2525; renumbered § 8G and amended Pub. L. 103-82, title II, § 202(g)(1), (5)(B), Sept. 21, 1993, 107 Stat. 889, 890; renumbered § 8H, Pub. L. 104-208, div. A, title I, § 101(f) [title VI, § 662(b)(3)], Sept. 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 3009-314, 3009-380; Pub. L. 105-206, title I, § 1103(e)(3), July 22, 1998, 112 Stat. 709; renumbered § 8I and amended Pub. L. 105-272, title VII, § 702(b), Oct. 20, 1998, 112 Stat. 2415; renumbered § 8J, Pub. L. 108-7, div. L, § 104(b)(2), Feb. 20, 2003, 117 Stat. 529.)

CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 105-206, § 1103(e)(3)(A), which directed that this section be renumbered as 8H, could not be executed because of a prior renumbering by Pub. L. 104-208.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 8J of the Inspector General Act of 1978, Pub. L. 95-452, § 8J, as added Pub. L. 107-296, title VIII, § 811(e), Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2221, related to special provisions concerning the Department of Homeland Security, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 108-7, div. L, § 104(b)(1), Feb. 20, 2003, 117 Stat. 529.

AMENDMENTS

1998—Pub. L. 105-272, § 702(b)(2), which directed the amendment of this section by substituting “8E, or 8H” for “or 8E”, was executed by substituting “, 8F, or 8H” for “or 8F”, to reflect the probable intent of Congress and the amendment by Pub. L. 105-206, § 1103(e)(3)(B). See below.

Pub. L. 105-206, § 1103(e)(3)(C), substituted “section 8G(a)” for “section 8F(a)”.

Pub. L. 105-206, § 1103(e)(3)(B), substituted “8E or 8F” for “or 8E”.

1993—Pub. L. 103-82, § 202(g)(5)(B), substituted “8D, or 8E” for “or 8D” and “section 8F(a)” for “section 8E(a)”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1993 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 202(g)(5)(B) of Pub. L. 103-82 effective Oct. 1, 1993, see section 202(i) of Pub. L. 103-82, set out as an Effective Date note under section 12651 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective 180 days after Oct. 18, 1988, see section 113 of Pub. L. 100-504, set out as an Effective Date of 1988 Amendment note under section 5 of Pub. L. 95-452 in this Appendix.

[§ 8K. Repealed. Pub. L. 111-259, title IV, § 405(d), Oct. 7, 2010, 124 Stat. 2719]

Section, Pub. L. 95-452, § 8K, as added Pub. L. 108-458, title I, § 1078, Dec. 17, 2004, 118 Stat. 3695, authorized the Director of National Intelligence to establish an Office of Inspector General of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Pub. L. 111-259, title IV, § 405(d), Oct. 7, 2010, 124 Stat. 2719, provided that this section is repealed on the date that the President appoints, with the advice and consent of the Senate, the first individual to serve as Inspector General for the Intelligence Community pursuant to section 403-3h of Title 50, War and National Defense, as added by section 405(a) of Pub. L. 111-259, and such individual assumes the duties of the Inspector

General. The First Inspector General of the Intelligence Community was confirmed by the Senate on Nov. 7, 2011.

§ 8L. Information on websites of Offices of Inspectors General

(a) DIRECT LINKS TO INSPECTORS GENERAL OFFICES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Each agency shall establish and maintain on the homepage of the website of that agency, a direct link to the website of the Office of the Inspector General of that agency.

(2) ACCESSIBILITY.—The direct link under paragraph (1) shall be obvious and facilitate accessibility to the website of the Office of the Inspector General.

(b) REQUIREMENTS FOR INSPECTORS GENERAL WEBSITES.—

(1) POSTING OF REPORTS AND AUDITS.—The Inspector General of each agency shall—

(A) not later than 3 days after any report or audit (or portion of any report or audit) is made publicly available, post that report or audit (or portion of that report or audit) on the website of the Office of Inspector General; and

(B) ensure that any posted report or audit (or portion of that report or audit) described under subparagraph (A)—

(i) is easily accessible from a direct link on the homepage of the website of the Office of the Inspector General;

(ii) includes a summary of the findings of the Inspector General; and

(iii) is in a format that—

(I) is searchable and downloadable; and

(II) facilitates printing by individuals of the public accessing the website.

(2) REPORTING OF FRAUD, WASTE, AND ABUSE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Inspector General of each agency shall establish and maintain a direct link on the homepage of the website of the Office of the Inspector General for individuals to report fraud, waste, and abuse. Individuals reporting fraud, waste, or abuse using the direct link established under this paragraph shall not be required to provide personally identifying information relating to that individual.

(B) ANONYMITY.—The Inspector General of each agency shall not disclose the identity of any individual making a report under this paragraph without the consent of the individual unless the Inspector General determines that such a disclosure is unavoidable during the course of the investigation.

(Pub. L. 95-452, § 8L, as added Pub. L. 110-409, § 13(a), Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4315.)

IMPLEMENTATION

Pub. L. 110-409, § 13(c), Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4316, provided that: “Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act [Oct. 14, 2008], the head of each agency and the Inspector General of each agency shall implement the amendment made by this section [enacting this section and amending provisions set out as a note under section 6 of Pub. L. 95-452, set out in this Appendix].”

LINKS TO WEBSITES OF OFFICES OF INSPECTORS GENERAL

Pub. L. 111-8, div. D, title VII, § 744, Mar. 11, 2009, 123 Stat. 693, provided that:

“(a) Each executive department and agency shall establish and maintain on the homepage of its website, an obvious, direct link to the website of its respective Inspector General.

“(b) Each Office of Inspector General shall: (1) post on its website any public report or audit or portion of any report or audit issued within one day of its release; (2) provide a service on its website to allow an individual to request automatic receipt of information relating to any public report or audit or portion of that report or audit and which permits electronic transmittal of the information, or notice of the availability of the information without further request; and (3) establish and maintain a direct link on its website for individuals to anonymously report waste, fraud and abuse.”

Similar provisions requiring certain departments, agencies, and commissions to establish and maintain on the homepages of their websites links to the offices of their inspectors general and/or mechanisms for anonymous reporting of waste, fraud, and abuse were contained in the following appropriation acts:

Pub. L. 112-55, div. B, title V, § 526, Nov. 18, 2011, 125 Stat. 636.

Pub. L. 111-117, div. B, title V, § 526, Dec. 16, 2009, 123 Stat. 3154.

Pub. L. 111-8, div. B, title V, § 526, Mar. 11, 2009, 123 Stat. 599.

Pub. L. 110-161, div. B, title V, § 534, Dec. 26, 2007, 121 Stat. 1932.

Pub. L. 110-161, div. D, title VII, § 746, Dec. 26, 2007, 121 Stat. 2034, as amended by Pub. L. 110-409, § 13(b), Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4316.

Pub. L. 110-161, div. E, title V, § 555, Dec. 26, 2007, 121 Stat. 2082.

Pub. L. 110-161, div. G, title V, § 522, Dec. 26, 2007, 121 Stat. 2211.

Pub. L. 110-161, div. I, title II, § 226, Dec. 26, 2007, 121 Stat. 2272.

Pub. L. 110-161, div. J, title I, § 115, Dec. 26, 2007, 121 Stat. 2288.

Pub. L. 110-161, div. K, title I, § 195, Dec. 26, 2007, 121 Stat. 2408.

Pub. L. 110-161, div. K, title II, § 234, Dec. 26, 2007, 121 Stat. 2439.

Pub. L. 110-116, div. A, title VIII, § 8121, Nov. 13, 2007, 121 Stat. 1341.

§ 9. Transfer of functions

(a) There shall be transferred—

(1) to the Office of Inspector General—

(A) of the Department of Agriculture, the offices of that department referred to as the “Office of Investigation” and the “Office of Audit”;

(B) of the Department of Commerce, the offices of that department referred to as the “Office of Audits” and the “Investigations and Inspections Staff” and that portion of the office referred to as the “Office of Investigations and Security” which has responsibility for investigation of alleged criminal violations and program abuse;

(C) of the Department of Defense, the offices of that department referred to as the “Defense Audit Service” and the “Office of Inspector General, Defense Logistics Agency”, and that portion of the office of that department referred to as the “Defense Investigative Service” which has responsibility for the investigation of alleged criminal violations;

(D) of the Department of Education, all functions of the Inspector General of Health,