

to such Senator's Administrative, Clerical, and Legislative Assistance Allowance, with respect to each pay period of such employee, an amount which bears the same ratio to such employee's salary (but not more than one-half of such salary) for such period, as the portion of the time spent (or to be spent) by such employee in performing services for such Committee during such period bears to the total time for which such employee worked (or will work) during such period (as determined by the Chairman of such Committee) for such Committee and in such Senator's office. Any funds transferred under authority of the preceding sentence to a Senator's Administrative, Clerical, and Legislative Assistance¹ shall be available for the same purposes and in like manner as funds therein which were not transferred thereto under such authority. For purposes of any law of the United States, a State, a territory, or a political subdivision thereof, an employee designated by a Senator pursuant to this section shall be considered to be an employee of such Senator's Senate office and not an employee of the Senate Select Committee on Ethics.

(Pub. L. 98-367, title I, §10, July 17, 1984, 98 Stat. 476.)

CODIFICATION

Section is from the Congressional Operations Appropriation Act, 1985, which is title I of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1985.

§ 72a-1g. Referral of ethics violations by Senate Ethics Committee to Government Accountability Office for investigation

If the Committee on Ethics of the Senate determines that there is a reasonable basis to believe that a Member, officer, or employee of the Senate may have committed an ethics violation, the committee may request the Office of Special Investigations of the Government Accountability Office to conduct factfinding and an investigation into the matter. The Office of Special Investigations shall promptly investigate the matter as directed by the committee.

(Pub. L. 101-194, title V, §501, Nov. 30, 1989, 103 Stat. 1753; Pub. L. 108-271, §8(b), July 7, 2004, 118 Stat. 814.)

AMENDMENTS

2004—Pub. L. 108-271 substituted "Government Accountability Office" for "General Accounting Office" in section catchline and text.

§ 72a-1h. Mandatory Senate ethics training for Members and staff

(a) Training program

The Select Committee on Ethics shall conduct ongoing ethics training and awareness programs for Members of the Senate and Senate staff.

(b) Requirements

The ethics training program conducted by the Select Committee on Ethics shall be completed by—

- (1) new Senators or staff not later than 60 days after commencing service or employment; and

- (2) Senators and Senate staff serving or employed on September 14, 2007, not later than 165 days after September 14, 2007.

(Pub. L. 110-81, title V, §553, Sept. 14, 2007, 121 Stat. 773.)

§ 72a-1i. Annual report by Select Committee on Ethics

The Select Committee on Ethics of the Senate shall issue an annual report due no later than January 31, describing the following:

- (1) The number of alleged violations of Senate rules received from any source, including the number raised by a Senator or staff of the committee.

- (2) A list of the number of alleged violations that were dismissed—

(A) for lack of subject matter jurisdiction or, in which, even if the allegations in the complaint are true, no violation of Senate rules would exist; or

(B) because they failed to provide sufficient facts as to any material violation of the Senate rules beyond mere allegation or assertion.

- (3) The number of alleged violations in which the committee staff conducted a preliminary inquiry.

- (4) The number of alleged violations that resulted in an adjudicatory review.

- (5) The number of alleged violations that the committee dismissed for lack of substantial merit.

- (6) The number of private letters of admonition or public letters of admonition issued.

- (7) The number of matters resulting in a disciplinary sanction.

- (8) Any other information deemed by the committee to be appropriate to describe its activities in the preceding year.

(Pub. L. 110-81, title V, §554, Sept. 14, 2007, 121 Stat. 773.)

§§ 72a-2, 72a-3. Omitted

CODIFICATION

Section 72a-2, acts July 20, 1951, ch. 237, §§1-3, 65 Stat. 123; Aug. 5, 1955, ch. 568, §§1, 8, 69 Stat. 501, 509; Feb. 14, 1956, ch. 34, Ch. IV, 70 Stat. 13; June 27, 1956, ch. 453, 70 Stat. 357; July 28, 1967, Pub. L. 90-57, §103, 81 Stat. 141; Aug. 18, 1970, Pub. L. 91-382, §103, 84 Stat. 825, prescribed basic compensation of employees of House and Senate press, periodical, and radio galleries, and was omitted for lack of general applicability.

Section 72a-3, Pub. L. 91-382, Aug. 18, 1970, 84 Stat. 814, which related to computation of salaries and wages paid out of House appropriation items, was from the Legislative Branch Appropriation Act, 1971, and was not repeated in subsequent appropriation acts. See section 331 et seq. of this title. Similar provisions were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

- Pub. L. 91-145, Dec. 12, 1969, 83 Stat. 347.
- Pub. L. 90-417, July 23, 1968, 82 Stat. 404.
- Pub. L. 90-57, July 28, 1967, 81 Stat. 133.
- Pub. L. 89-545, Aug. 27, 1966, 80 Stat. 361.
- Pub. L. 89-90, July 27, 1965, 79 Stat. 273.
- Pub. L. 88-454, Aug. 20, 1964, 78 Stat. 542.
- Pub. L. 88-248, Dec. 30, 1963, 77 Stat. 809.
- Pub. L. 87-730, Oct. 2, 1962, 76 Stat. 686.
- Pub. L. 87-130, Aug. 10, 1961, 75 Stat. 327.
- Pub. L. 86-628, July 12, 1960, 74 Stat. 453.
- Pub. L. 86-176, Aug. 21, 1959, 73 Stat. 405.

¹ So in original. Probably should be "Assistance Allowance".

Pub. L. 85-570, July 31, 1958, 72 Stat. 446.
 Pub. L. 85-75, July 1, 1957, 71 Stat. 249.
 June 27, 1956, ch. 453, 70 Stat. 363.
 Aug. 5, 1955, ch. 568, 69 Stat. 513.
 July 2, 1954, ch. 455, title I, 68 Stat. 403.

§ 72a-4. Repealed. Pub. L. 90-57, § 105(i)(1), July 28, 1967, 81 Stat. 144

Section, Pub. L. 85-75, July 1, 1957, 71 Stat. 246, provided for computation of salaries and wages paid out of Senate contingent-expense items. See section 61-1(b), (c) of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective Aug. 1, 1967, see section 105(k) of Pub. L. 90-57, set out as an Effective Date note under section 61-1 of this title.

§ 72b. Regulations governing availability of appropriations for House committee employees

Appropriations for committee employees shall be available in such amounts and under such regulations as may be approved by the Committee on House Oversight for compensation of employees of the standing committees of the House of Representatives, except the Committee on Appropriations.

(July 17, 1947, ch. 262, 61 Stat. 367; Pub. L. 104-186, title II, § 204(12), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1731.)

AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104-186 substituted “House Oversight” for “House Administration”.

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.

§ 72b-1. Omitted

CODIFICATION

Section, act Aug. 2, 1946, ch. 753, title I, § 134(b), 60 Stat. 832, related to reports of committees and subcommittees of the Senate and House of Representatives on employed personnel. See section 72c of this title and the Standing Rules of the Senate. Section 2(a) of Senate Resolution No. 274, Ninety-sixth Congress, Nov. 14, 1979, provided in part that this section, insofar as it relates to the Senate, is repealed.

§ 72c. Repealed. Pub. L. 104-186, title II, § 204(13), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1732

Section, act July 17, 1947, ch. 262, 61 Stat. 367, related to House committee reports on employed personnel.

§ 72d. Discretionary authority of Senate Committee on Appropriations

(a) In general

The Committee on Appropriations is authorized in its discretion—

- (1) to hold hearings, report such hearings, and make investigations as authorized by paragraph 1 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate;
- (2) to make expenditures from the contingent fund of the Senate;
- (3) to employ personnel;
- (4) with the prior consent of the Government department or agency concerned and the Com-

mittee on Rules and Administration to use, on a reimbursable or nonreimbursable basis, the services of personnel of any such department or agency;

(5) to procure the services of individual consultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by section 72a(i) of this title and Senate Resolution 140, agreed to May 14, 1975, except that any approval (and related reporting requirement) shall not apply); and

(6) to provide for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 72a(j) of this title).

(b) Omitted

(c) Effective date

This section shall be effective on and after October 1, 1998, or the date of enactment of this Act [October 21, 1998], whichever is later.

(Pub. L. 105-275, title I, § 10, Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2435; Pub. L. 109-55, title I, § 6, Aug. 2, 2005, 119 Stat. 568.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Senate Resolution 140, agreed to May 14, 1975, referred to in subsec. (a)(5), is Senate Resolution 140, 94th Congress, which is not classified to the Code.

CODIFICATION

Section is comprised of section 10 of Pub. L. 105-275. Subsec. (b) of section 10 of Pub. L. 105-275 amended section 4 of Senate Resolution 54, 105th Congress, which is not classified to the Code.

Section is from the Congressional Operations Appropriations Act, 1999, which is title I of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1999.

AMENDMENTS

2005—Subsec. (a)(5). Pub. L. 109-55 inserted “, except that any approval (and related reporting requirement) shall not apply” after “May 14, 1975”.

§ 72d-1. Transfer of funds by Chairman of Senate Committee on Appropriations

(a) In general

(1) The Chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the Senate may, during any fiscal year, at his or her election transfer funds from the appropriation account for salaries for the Appropriations Committee of the Senate, to the account, within the contingent fund of the Senate, from which expenses are payable for such committee.

(2) The Chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the Senate may, during any fiscal year, at his or her election transfer funds from the appropriation account for expenses, within the contingent fund of the Senate, for the Appropriations Committee of the Senate, to the account from which salaries are payable for such committee.

(b) Availability of funds; times of transfer

Any funds transferred under this section shall be—

- (1) available for expenditure by such committee in like manner and for the same purposes as are other moneys which are available for expenditure by such committee from the account to which the funds were transferred; and