

Broadcasting Board of Governors shall initiate a pilot project to transcribe into the English language news and information programming broadcast by Radio Farda, Radio Sawa, the Persian Service of the Voice of America, and Alhurra.

“(b) RANDOM SAMPLING; PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The transcription required under subsection (a) shall consist of a random sampling of such programming. The transcripts shall be available to Congress and the public on the Internet site of the Board.

“(c) REPORT.—Not later than May 1, 2008, the Chairman of the Broadcasting Board of Governors shall submit to the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives and Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate a report on the feasibility and utility of continuing the pilot project required under subsection (a).

“(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the ‘International Broadcasting Operations’ account of the Broadcasting Board of Governors \$2,000,000 for fiscal year 2008 to carry out the pilot project required under subsection (a).”

§ 6205. Role of Secretary of State

(a) Foreign policy guidance

To assist the Board in carrying out its functions, the Secretary of State shall provide information and guidance on foreign policy issues to the Board, as the Secretary may deem appropriate.

(b) Certain Worldnet programming

The Secretary of State is authorized to use Worldnet broadcasts for the purposes of continuing interactive dialogues with foreign media and other similar overseas public diplomacy programs sponsored by the Department of State. The Chairman of the Broadcasting Board of Governors shall provide access to Worldnet for this purpose on a nonreimbursable basis.

(Pub. L. 103-236, title III, § 306, Apr. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 436; Pub. L. 105-277, div. G, subdiv. A, title XIII, § 1323(j), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-780.)

AMENDMENTS

1998—Pub. L. 105-277, § 1323(j)(1), substituted “Role of Secretary of State” for “Foreign policy guidance” in section catchline.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 105-277, § 1323(j)(2)–(4), designated existing provisions as subsec. (a), inserted heading, substituted “State” for “State, acting through the Director of the United States Information Agency,” and inserted before period at end “, as the Secretary may deem appropriate”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 105-277, § 1323(j)(5), added subsec. (b).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 105-277 effective Oct. 1, 1999, see section 1301 of Pub. L. 105-277, set out as an Effective Date note under section 6531 of this title.

§ 6206. International Broadcasting Bureau

(a) Establishment

There is hereby established an International Broadcasting Bureau under the Board (hereafter in this chapter referred to as the “Bureau”), to carry out all nonmilitary international broadcasting activities supported by the United States Government other than those described in sections 6207 and 6208 of this title.

(b) Selection of Director of Bureau

The Director of the Bureau shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and

consent of the Senate. The Director of the Bureau shall be entitled to receive compensation at the rate prescribed by law for level IV of the Executive Schedule.

(c) Responsibilities of Director

The Director shall organize and chair a coordinating committee to examine and make recommendations to the Board on long-term strategies for the future of international broadcasting, including the use of new technologies, further consolidation of broadcast services, and consolidation of currently existing public affairs and legislative relations functions in the various international broadcasting entities. The coordinating committee shall include representatives of Radio Free Asia, RFE/RL, Incorporated, the Broadcasting Board of Governors, and, as appropriate, the Office of Cuba Broadcasting, the Voice of America, and Worldnet.

(Pub. L. 103-236, title III, § 307, Apr. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 436; Pub. L. 105-277, div. G, subdiv. A, title XIII, § 1323(k), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-780.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in subsec. (a), was in the original “this title”, meaning title III of Pub. L. 103-236, Apr. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 432, known as the United States International Broadcasting Act of 1994, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of title III to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 6201 of this title and Tables.

Level IV of the Executive Schedule, referred to in subsec. (b), is set out in section 5315 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

AMENDMENTS

1998—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 105-277, § 1323(k)(1), substituted “under the Board” for “within the United States Information Agency”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 105-277, § 1323(k)(2)–(4), redesignated par. (1) as entire subsec. (b), substituted “President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate” for “Chairman of the Board, in consultation with the Director of the United States Information Agency and with the concurrence of a majority of the Board”, and struck out par. (2) which amended section 5315 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 105-277, § 1323(k)(5), added subsec. (c).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 105-277 effective Oct. 1, 1999, see section 1301 of Pub. L. 105-277, set out as an Effective Date note under section 6531 of this title.

PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACTING PILOT PROGRAM

Pub. L. 107-228, div. A, title V, § 504, Sept. 30, 2002, 116 Stat. 1393, as amended by Pub. L. 109-140, § 6, Dec. 22, 2005, 119 Stat. 2652; Pub. L. 109-472, § 9, Jan. 11, 2007, 120 Stat. 3556; Pub. L. 110-161, div. J, title VI, § 634(r), Dec. 26, 2007, 121 Stat. 2330; Pub. L. 110-321, § 5, Sept. 19, 2008, 122 Stat. 3536, provided that:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the International Broadcasting Bureau (in this section referred to as the ‘Director’) may establish a pilot program (in this section referred to as the ‘program’) for the purpose of hiring United States citizens or aliens as personal services contractors, without regard to Civil Service and classification laws, for service in the United States as broadcasters and other broadcasting specialists in the International Broadcasting Bureau to respond to new or emerging broadcast needs or to augment broadcast services.

“(b) CONDITIONS.—The Director is authorized to use the authority of subsection (a) subject to the following conditions: