year and the actions taken, pursant<sup>3</sup> to subsection (b)(2) of this section, by the agencies upon such recommendations, and may include such recommendations for legislation and administrative action as the Commission deems appropriate.

# (e) Publication and dissemination of reports

The Commission may at any time publish and disseminate to the public reports respecting its activities.

### (f) Definitions

For purposes of this section:

(1) The term "Federal agency" means an authority of the government of the United States, but does not include (A) the Congress, (B) the courts of the United States, and (C) the government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the government of the District of Columbia, or the government of any territory or possession of the United States.

(2) The term "protection of human subjects" includes the protection of the health, safety, and privacy of individuals.

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title XVIII, §1802, as added Pub. L. 95-622, title III, §301, Nov. 9, 1978, 92 Stat. 3439; amended Pub. L. 96-32, §4, July 10, 1979, 93 Stat. 82.)

#### Amendments

1979—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 96-32 redesignated definitions subsection following subsec. (e) as (f), which in original was designated as "(b)".

# § 300v–2. Administrative provisions

#### (a) Hearings

The Commission may for the purpose of carrying out this subchapter hold such hearings, sit and act at such times and places, take such testimony, and receive such evidence, as the Commission may deem advisable.

# (b) Appointment and compensation of staff personnel; procurement and compensation of temporary and intermittent services; detail of personnel from other Federal agencies

(1) The Commission may appoint and fix the pay of such staff personnel as it deems desirable. Such personnel shall be appointed subject to the provisions of title 5 governing appointments in the competitive service, and shall be paid in accordance with the provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of such title relating to classification and General Schedule pay rates.

(2) The Commission may procure temporary and intermittent services to the same extent as is authorized by section 3109(b) of title 5, but at rates for individuals not to exceed the daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay in effect for grade GS-18 of the General Schedule.

(3) Upon request of the Commission, the head of any Federal agency is authorized to detail, on a reimbursable basis, any of the personnel of such agency to the Commission to assist it in carrying out its duties under this subchapter.

## (c) Contracting authority

The Commission, in performing its duties and functions under this subchapter, may enter into contracts with appropriate public or nonprofit private entities. The authority of the Commission to enter into such contracts is effective for any fiscal year only to such extent or in such amounts as are provided in advance in appropriation Acts.

# (d) Informational requirements and prohibitions

(1) The Commission may secure directly from any Federal agency information necessary to enable it to carry out this subchapter. Upon request of the Chairman of the Commission, the head of such agency shall furnish such information to the Commission.

(2) The Commission shall promptly arrange for such security clearances for its members and appropriate staff as are necessary to obtain access to classified information needed to carry out its duties under this subchapter.

(3) The Commission shall not disclose any information reported to or otherwise obtained by the Commission which is exempt from disclosure under subsection (a) of section 552 of title 5 by reason of paragraphs (4) and (6) of subsection (b) of such section.

# (e) Support services from Administrator of General Services

The Administrator of General Services shall provide to the Commission on a reimbursable basis such administrative support services as the Commission may request.

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title XVIII, §1803, as added Pub. L. 95-622, title III, §301, Nov. 9, 1978, 92 Stat. 3440.)

# References in Other Laws to GS-16, 17, or 18 Pay $$\rm Rates$$

References in laws to the rates of pay for GS-16, 17, or 18, or to maximum rates of pay under the General Schedule, to be considered references to rates payable under specified sections of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, see section 529 [title I, 101(c)(1)] of Pub. L. 101-509, set out in a note under section 5376 of Title 5.

## § 300v–3. Authorization of appropriations; termination of Commission

(a) To carry out this subchapter there are authorized to be appropriated \$5,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1979, \$5,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1980, \$5,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1981, and \$5,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1982.

(b) The Commission shall be subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, except that, under section 14(a)(1)(B) of such Act, the Commission shall terminate on December 31, 1982.

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title XVIII, §1804, as added Pub. L. 95–622, title III, §301, Nov. 9, 1978, 92 Stat. 3441.)

#### References in Text

The Federal Advisory Committee Act, referred to in subsec. (b), is Pub. L. 92–463, Oct. 6, 1972, 86 Stat. 770, as amended, which is set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>So in original. Probably should be "pursuant".