

PAUL D. COVERDELL FELLOWS PROGRAM

Pub. L. 106-309, title IV, § 408, Oct. 17, 2000, 114 Stat. 1100, provided that:

“(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the ‘Paul D. Coverdell Fellows Program Act of 2000’.

“(b) **FINDINGS.**—Congress makes the following findings:

“(1) Paul D. Coverdell was elected to the George [sic] State Senate in 1970 and later became Minority Leader of the Georgia State Senate, a post he held for 15 years.

“(2) Paul D. Coverdell served with distinction as the 11th Director of the Peace Corps from 1989 to 1991, where he promoted a fellowship program that was composed of returning Peace Corps volunteers who agreed to work in underserved American communities while they pursued educational degrees.

“(3) Paul D. Coverdell served in the United States Senate from the State of Georgia from 1993 until his sudden death on July 18, 2000.

“(4) Senator Paul D. Coverdell was beloved by his colleagues for his civility, bipartisan efforts, and his dedication to public service.

“(c) **DESIGNATION OF PAUL D. COVERDELL FELLOWS PROGRAM.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Effective on the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 17, 2000], the program under section 18 of the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2517) referred to before such date as the ‘Peace Corps Fellows/USA Program’ is redesignated as the ‘Paul D. Coverdell Fellows Program’.

“(2) **REFERENCES.**—Any reference before the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 17, 2000] in any law, regulation, order, document, record, or other paper of the United States to the Peace Corps Fellows/USA Program shall, on and after such date, be considered to refer to the Paul D. Coverdell Fellows Program.”

§ 2518. Seal and name**(a) Judicial notice**

The President may adopt, alter, and use an official seal or emblem of the Peace Corps of such design as he shall determine, which shall be judicially noticed.

(b) Exclusiveness of use; penalties for violations; injunctions

(1) The use of the official seal or emblem and the use of the name “Peace Corps” shall be restricted exclusively to designate programs authorized under this chapter.

(2) Whoever, whether an individual, partnership, corporation, or association, uses the seal for which provision is made in this section, or any sign, insignia, or symbol in colorable imitation thereof, or the words “Peace Corps” or any combination of these or other words or characters in colorable imitation thereof, other than to designate programs authorized under this chapter, shall be fined not more than \$500 or imprisoned not more than six months, or both. A violation of this subsection may be enjoined at the suit of the Attorney General, United States attorneys, or other persons duly authorized to represent the United States.

(Pub. L. 87-293, title I, § 19, Sept. 22, 1961, 75 Stat. 623; Pub. L. 88-200, § 7, Dec. 13, 1963, 77 Stat. 360.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in subsec. (b), was in the original “this Act”, meaning Pub. L. 87-293, Sept. 22, 1961, 75 Stat. 612, as amended, known as the Peace Corps Act. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 2501 of this title and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

1963—Pub. L. 88-200 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a) and added subsec. (b).

DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS

Functions of President under this section, except authority to adopt and alter an official seal or emblem, delegated to Director of Peace Corps by section 1-103 of Ex. Ord. No. 12137, May 16, 1979, 44 F.R. 29023, eff. May 16, 1979, set out as a note under section 2501 of this title.

§ 2519. Security investigations

All persons employed or assigned to duties under this chapter shall be investigated to insure that the employment or assignment is consistent with the national interest in accordance with standards and procedures established by the President. If an investigation made pursuant to this section develops any data reflecting that the person who is the subject of the investigation is of questionable loyalty or is a questionable security risk, the investigating agency shall refer the matter to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the conduct of a full field investigation. The results of that full field investigation shall be furnished to the initial investigating agency, and to the agency by which the subject person is employed, for information and appropriate action. Volunteers shall be deemed employees of the United States Government for the purpose of this section.

(Pub. L. 87-293, title I, § 22, Sept. 22, 1961, 75 Stat. 624.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

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§ 2520. Military training and service exemption

Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law or regulation, service in the Peace Corps as a volunteer shall not in any way exempt such volunteer from the performance of any obligations or duties under the provisions of the Universal Military Training and Service Act [50 U.S.C. 3801 et seq.].

(Pub. L. 87-293, title I, § 23, Sept. 22, 1961, 75 Stat. 624.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Universal Military Training and Service Act, referred to in text, subsequently renamed the Military Selective Service Act, is act June 24, 1948, ch. 625, 62 Stat. 604, which is classified principally to chapter 49 (§ 3801 et seq.) of Title 50, War and National Defense. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

§ 2521. Foreign language proficiency

No person shall be assigned to duty as a volunteer under this chapter in any foreign country

or area unless at the time of such assignment he possesses such reasonable proficiency as his assignment requires in speaking the language of the country or area to which he is assigned.

(Pub. L. 87-293, title I, §24, Sept. 22, 1961, 75 Stat. 624.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

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§ 2521a. Nonpartisan appointments

In carrying out this chapter, no political test or political qualification may be used in—

(1) selecting any person for enrollment as a volunteer or for appointment to a position at, or for assignment to (or for employment for assignment to), a duty station located abroad, or

(2) promoting or taking any other action with respect to any volunteer or any person assigned to such a duty station.

(Pub. L. 87-293, title I, §25, as added Pub. L. 99-83, title XI, §1105(a)(2), Aug. 8, 1985, 99 Stat. 276.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original “this Act”, meaning Pub. L. 87-293, Sept. 22, 1961, 75 Stat. 612, as amended, known as the Peace Corps Act. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 2501 of this title and Tables.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 25 of Pub. L. 87-293 was renumbered section 26 and is classified to section 2522 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Oct. 1, 1985, see section 1301 of Pub. L. 99-83, set out as an Effective Date of 1985 Amendment note under section 2151-1 of this title.

§ 2522. Definitions

(a) The term “abroad” means any area outside the United States.

(b) The term “United States” means the several States and the District of Columbia.

(c) The term “function” includes any duty, obligation, right, power, authority, responsibility, privilege, discretion, activity, and program.

(d) The term “health care” includes all appropriate examinations, preventive, curative and restorative health and medical care, and supplementary services when necessary.

(e) For the purposes of this chapter or any other Act, the period of any individual’s service as a volunteer under this chapter shall include—

(i) except for the purposes of section 2504(f) of this title, any period of training under section 2507(a) of this title prior to enrollment as a volunteer under this chapter; and

(ii) the period between enrollment as a volunteer and the termination of service as such volunteer by the President or by death or resignation.

(f) The term “United States Government agency” includes any department, board, wholly or

partly owned corporation, or instrumentality, commission, or establishment of the United States Government.

(g) The word “transportation” in sections 2504(b), 2504(m), and 2505(2) of this title includes transportation of not to exceed three hundred pounds per person of unaccompanied necessary personal and household effects.

(Pub. L. 87-293, title I, §26, formerly §25, Sept. 22, 1961, 75 Stat. 624; Pub. L. 89-572, §4, Sept. 13, 1966, 80 Stat. 765; Pub. L. 91-352, §8, July 24, 1970, 84 Stat. 465; renumbered §26, Pub. L. 99-83, title XI, §1105(a)(1), Aug. 8, 1985, 99 Stat. 276.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in subsec. (e), was in the original “this Act”, meaning Pub. L. 87-293, Sept. 22, 1961, 75 Stat. 612, as amended, known as the Peace Corps Act. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 2501 of this title and Tables.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 26 of Pub. L. 87-293 was renumbered section 27 and is classified to section 2523 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

1970—Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 91-352 inserted reference to section 2504(m) of this title.

1966—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 89-572 struck out territories from definition of “United States”.

§ 2523. Separability

If any provision of this chapter or the application of any provision to any circumstances or persons shall be held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this chapter and the applicability of such provision to other circumstances or persons shall not be affected thereby.

(Pub. L. 87-293, title I, §27, formerly §26, Sept. 22, 1961, 75 Stat. 625; renumbered §27, Pub. L. 99-83, title XI, §1105(a)(1), Aug. 8, 1985, 99 Stat. 276.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

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PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 27 of Pub. L. 87-293 was renumbered section 28 and is set out as an Effective Date note under section 2501 of this title.

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