The words "for rent in the District of Columbia, printing, binding, telegrams, telephone service, law books, books of reference, periodicals, stationery, furniture, office equipment, other supplies, and" are omitted as covered by titles 5, 40, and 44, and as being included in "necessary expenditures". The words "within the appropriations made therefor" are omitted as unnecessary.

### CHAPTER 7—GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

SUBCHAPTER I—DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL ORGANIZATION

Sec.

- 701. 701. 702. 703.
- 703.
- 705.

SUBCHATITER II—GENERAL DUTIES AND POWERS

- 711.
- 712. 713.
- 714. Audit of Financial Institutions Examination Council, Federal Reserve Board, Federal reserve banks, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and Office of Comptroller of the Currency.
- 715. Audit of accounts and operations of the District of Columbia government.
- 716. Availability of information and inspection of records.
- 717. Evaluating programs and activities of the United States Government.
- 718. Availability of draft reports.
- 719. Comptroller General reports.
- 720. Agency reports.

SUBCHAPTER III—PERSONNEL

- 731. General.
- 732. Personnel management system.
- 732a. Critical positions.
- 733. Senior Executive Service.
- 734. Assignments and details to Congress.
- 735. Relationship to other laws.
- 736. Authorization of appropriations.

## SUBCHAPTER IV—PERSONNEL APPEALS BOARD

- 751. Organization.
- 752. Chairman and General Counsel.
- 753. Duties and powers.
- 754. Action by the Comptroller General.755. Judicial review.
  - SUBCHAPTER V—ANNUITIES
- 771. Definitions.
- 772. Annuity of the Comptroller General.
- 773. Election of survivor benefits.
- 774. Survivor annuities.
- 775. Refunds.
- 776. Payment of survivor benefits.
- 777. Annuity increases.
- 778. Dependency and disability decisions.
- 779. Use of appropriations.

SUBCHAPTER VI—PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

- 781. Authority over the General Accounting Office Building.
  782. Leasing of space in the General Accounting
- Office Building. 783. Bules and regulations.
- 105. Rules and regulations.

#### SUBCHAPTER VII—CENTER FOR AUDIT EXCELLENCE

791. Center for Audit Excellence.

792. Account.

793. Authorization of appropriations.

### Amendments

2014—Pub. L. 113-235, div. H, title I, \$1401(a)(2), Dec. 16, 2014, 128 Stat. 2541, added subchapter VII heading and items 791 to 793.

2008—Pub. L. 110-323, §5(c), Sept. 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 3547, added item 705.

2004—Pub. L. 108–271, §8(b), July 7, 2004, 118 Stat. 814, substituted "GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OF-FICE" for "GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE" in chapter heading and "Government Accountability Of-

fice'' for "General Accounting Office'' in item 702. 2000—Pub. L. 106-303, §4(a)(3), Oct. 13, 2000, 114 Stat.

1069, added item 732a. 1994—Pub. L. 103-272, §4(f)(1)(C), July 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 1362, struck out "Sec." immediately above item 781.

1988—Pub. L. 100–545, §2(a), Oct. 28, 1988, 102 Stat. 2728,

added subchapter VI heading and items 781 to 783.

### SUBCHAPTER I—DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL ORGANIZATION

# §701. Definitions

In this chapter-

(1) "agency" includes the District of Columbia government but does not include the legislative branch or the Supreme Court.

(2) "appropriations" means appropriated amounts and includes, in appropriate context—

(A) funds;

(B) authority to make obligations by contract before appropriations; and

(C) other authority making amounts available for obligation or expenditure.

#### (Pub. L. 97-258, Sept. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 887.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
	31:2(1st-4th pars.). 31:2(1ast par.).	June 10, 1921, ch. 18, §2(1st-5th pars.), 42 Stat. 20; Apr. 3, 1939, ch. 36, §201, 53 Stat. 565; July 31, 1953, ch. 302, §101(1st proviso in par. under heading "Bureau of the Budget"), 67 Stat. 299, June 10, 1921, ch. 18, 42 Stat. 20, §2(1ast par.); added Sept. 12, 1950, ch. 946, §101, 64 Stat. 832.

In clause (1), "agency" (which is defined for purposes of this title in section 101 to mean a department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States) is coextensive with and substituted for the term "department or establishment" which was defined in 31:2 as in part meaning "any executive department, independent commission, board, bureau, office, agency, or other establishment of the Government, including any independent regulatory commission or board". This definition merely restates and continues, and does not in any way change or expand, the definition in 31:2. Under that definition, entities such as the Tennessee Valley Authority that have been interpreted to be outside the purview of the definition will continue to be outside the purview in the same manner and to the same extent that they were under 31:2. The words "includes the District of Columbia government" are used because of ex-isting law but the inclusion of these words is not to be interpreted as construing the extent to which the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganizational Act (Pub. L. 93-198, 87 Stat. 774) su-

 $<sup>^1\,\</sup>rm Section$  catchline amended by Pub. L. 107–296 without corresponding amendment of chapter analysis.