

propriated to the President \$5,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2013 through 2017 to carry out this section.

**(2) Availability**

Amounts appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropriations under paragraph (1) are authorized to remain available until expended.

(Pub. L. 108-333, title II, §203, Oct. 18, 2004, 118 Stat. 1294; Pub. L. 110-346, §10, Oct. 7, 2008, 122 Stat. 3942; Pub. L. 112-172, §9, Aug. 16, 2012, 126 Stat. 1309; Pub. L. 113-4, title XII, §1212(b)(2)(B), Mar. 7, 2013, 127 Stat. 144.)

AMENDMENTS

2013—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 113-4 substituted “section 7102(15)” for “section 7102(14)”.

2012—Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 112-172 substituted “\$5,000,000” for “\$20,000,000” and “2013 through 2017” for “2005 through 2012”.

2008—Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 110-346 substituted “2012” for “2008”.

**§ 7834. Briefings on the welfare of North Korean children**

**(a) In general**

The Secretary of State shall designate a representative to regularly brief the appropriate congressional committees in an unclassified setting on United States Government efforts to advocate for the best interests of North Korean children and children of one North Korean parent, including efforts to address, when appropriate, the adoption of such children living outside North Korea without parental care.

**(b) Contents**

The Secretary’s designee shall be prepared to address in each briefing the following topics:

(1) The analysis of the Department of State of the challenges facing North Korean children residing outside North Korea and challenges facing children of one North Korean parent in other countries who are fleeing persecution or are living as de jure or de facto stateless persons.

(2) Department of State efforts to advocate for the best interest of North Korean children residing outside North Korea or children of one North Korean parent living in other countries who are fleeing persecution or are living as de jure or de facto stateless persons, including, when possible, efforts to address the immediate care and family reunification of these children, and, in individual cases where appropriate, the adoption of eligible North Korean children living outside North Korea and children of one North Korean parent living outside North Korea.

(3) Department of State efforts to develop a comprehensive strategy to address challenges that United States citizens would encounter in attempting to adopt, via intercountry adoption, North Korean-origin children residing in other countries or children of one North Korean parent residing outside North Korea who are fleeing persecution or are living as de jure or de facto stateless persons, including efforts to overcome the complexities involved in determining jurisdiction for best interest deter-

minations and adoption processing, if appropriate, of those who habitually reside in a Hague country or a non-Hague country.

(4) Department of State diplomatic efforts to encourage countries in which North Korean children or children of one North Korean parent are fleeing persecution or reside as de jure or de facto stateless persons to resolve issues of statelessness of North Koreans residing in that country.

(5) Department of State efforts to work with the Government of the Republic of Korea to establish pilot programs that identify, provide for the immediate care of, and assist in the family reunification of North Korean children and children of one North Korean parent living within South Korea and other countries who are fleeing persecution or are living as de jure or de facto stateless persons.

(Pub. L. 112-264, §4, Jan. 14, 2013, 126 Stat. 2432.)

CODIFICATION

This section was enacted as part of the North Korean Child Welfare Act of 2012, and not as part of the North Korean Human Rights Act of 2004 which comprises this chapter.

DEFINITIONS

Pub. L. 112-264, §3, Jan. 14, 2013, 126 Stat. 2432, provided that: “In this Act [enacting this section and provisions set out as a note under section 7801 of this title]:

“(1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—The term ‘appropriate congressional committees’ means the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives.

“(2) HAGUE COUNTRY.—The term ‘Hague country’ means a country where the Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption, done at The Hague May 29, 1993, has entered into force and is fully implemented.

“(3) NON-HAGUE COUNTRY.—The term ‘non-Hague country’ means a country where the Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption, done at The Hague May 29, 1993, has not entered into force.”

SUBCHAPTER III—PROTECTING NORTH KOREAN REFUGEES

**§ 7841. United States policy toward refugees and defectors**

**(a) Report**

Not later than 120 days after October 18, 2004, the Secretary of State, in consultation with the heads of other appropriate Federal departments and agencies, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees and the Committees on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives and the Senate a report that describes the situation of North Korean refugees and explains United States Government policy toward North Korean nationals outside of North Korea.

**(b) Contents**

The report shall include—

(1) an assessment of the circumstances facing North Korean refugees and migrants in hiding, particularly in China, and of the circumstances they face if forcibly returned to North Korea;

(2) an assessment of whether North Koreans in China have effective access to personnel of