

given access to all safety data that the Director determines necessary to carry out that subsection that is held by the Department or any other Federal agency upon written request and subject to any statutory or regulatory restrictions.

(d) INDEPENDENCE OF BUREAU.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall not be required—

(A) to obtain the approval of any other officer or employee of the Department with respect to the collection or analysis of any information; or

(B) prior to publication, to obtain the approval of any other officer or employee of the United States Government with respect to the substance of any statistical technical reports or press releases lawfully prepared by the Director.

(2) BUDGET AUTHORITY.—The Director shall have a significant role in the disposition and allocation of the authorized budget of the Bureau, including—

(A) all hiring, grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts awarded by the Bureau to carry out this section; and

(B) the disposition and allocation of amounts paid to the Bureau for cost-reimbursable projects.

(3) EXCEPTIONS.—The Secretary shall direct external support functions, such as the coordination of activities involving multiple modal administrations.

(4) INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.—The Department Chief Information Officer shall consult with the Director to ensure decisions related to information technology guarantee the protection of the confidentiality of information provided solely for statistical purposes, in accordance with the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002 (44 U.S.C. 3501 note; Public Law 107-347).

(Added Pub. L. 112-141, div. E, title II, §52011(a), July 6, 2012, 126 Stat. 887; amended Pub. L. 114-94, div. A, title I, §1446(b), title VI, §§6011(d)(2), 6017, Dec. 4, 2015, 129 Stat. 1438, 1570, 1575.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

Executive Order 12906, referred to in subsec. (b)(3)(B)(vii), is Ex. Ord. No. 12906, Apr. 11, 1994, 59 F.R. 17671, which is set out as a note under section 1457 of Title 43, Public Lands.

The Government Performance and Results Act of 1993, referred to in subsec. (b)(3)(B)(ix)(I), is Pub. L. 103-62, Aug. 3, 1993, 107 Stat. 285, which enacted section 306 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, sections 1115 to 1119, 9703, and 9704 of Title 31, Money and Finance, and sections 2801 to 2805 of Title 39, Postal Service, amended section 1105 of Title 31, and enacted provisions set out as notes under sections 1101 and 1115 of Title 31. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title of 1993 Amendment note set out under section 1101 of Title 31 and Tables.

The Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002, referred to in subsec. (d)(4), is title V of Pub. L. 107-347, Dec. 17, 2002, 116 Stat. 2962, which enacted section 402 of Title 13, Census, amended section 176a of Title 15, Commerce and Trade, and enacted provisions set out as a note under section 3501 of Title 44, Public Printing and Documents.

#### AMENDMENTS

2015—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 114-94, §6011(d)(2), added subsec. (a) and struck out former subsec. (a) which related to establishment of the Bureau of Transportation Statistics.

Subsec. (b)(3)(B)(vi)(III). Pub. L. 114-94, §1446(b), substituted “6309” for “6310”.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 114-94, §6017, added subsec. (d).

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2015 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 114-94 effective Oct. 1, 2015, see section 1003 of Pub. L. 114-94, set out as a note under section 5313 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Oct. 1, 2012, see section 3(a) of Pub. L. 112-141, set out as an Effective and Termination Dates of 2012 Amendment note under section 101 of Title 23, Highways.

#### OFFICE OF AIRLINE INFORMATION

Pub. L. 106-181, title I, §103(b), Apr. 5, 2000, 114 Stat. 67, provided that: “There is authorized to be appropriated from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund to the Secretary [of Transportation] \$4,000,000 for fiscal years beginning after September 30, 2000, to fund the activities of the Office of Airline Information in the Bureau of Transportation Statistics of the Department of Transportation.”

#### § 6303. Intermodal transportation database

(a) IN GENERAL.—In consultation with the Under Secretary Transportation for Policy, the Assistant Secretaries of the Department, and the heads of the operating administrations of the Department, the Director shall establish and maintain a transportation database for all modes of transportation.

(b) USE.—The database established under this section shall be suitable for analyses carried out by the Federal Government, the States, and metropolitan planning organizations.

(c) CONTENTS.—The database established under this section shall include—

(1) information on the volumes and patterns of movement of goods, including local, inter-regional, and international movement, by all modes of transportation, intermodal combinations, and relevant classification;

(2) information on the volumes and patterns of movement of people, including local, inter-regional, and international movements, by all modes of transportation (including bicycle and pedestrian modes), intermodal combinations, and relevant classification;

(3) information on the location and connectivity of transportation facilities and services; and

(4) a national accounting of expenditures and capital stocks on each mode of transportation and intermodal combination.

(Added Pub. L. 112-141, div. E, title II, §52011(a), July 6, 2012, 126 Stat. 890.)

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Oct. 1, 2012, see section 3(a) of Pub. L. 112-141, set out as an Effective and Termination Dates of 2012 Amendment note under section 101 of Title 23, Highways.

#### § 6304. National Transportation Library

(a) PURPOSE AND ESTABLISHMENT.—To support the information management and decision-

making needs of transportation officials at the Federal, State, and local levels, there is established in the Bureau a National Transportation Library which shall—

- (1) be headed by an individual who is highly qualified in library and information science;
- (2) acquire, preserve, and manage transportation information and information products and services for use by the Department, other Federal agencies, and the general public;
- (3) provide reference and research assistance;
- (4) serve as a central depository for research results and technical publications of the Department;
- (5) provide a central clearinghouse for transportation data and information of the Federal Government;
- (6) serve as coordinator and policy lead for transportation information access;
- (7) provide transportation information and information products and services to—
  - (A) the Department;
  - (B) other Federal agencies;
  - (C) public and private organizations; and
  - (D) individuals, within the United States and internationally;
- (8) coordinate efforts among, and cooperate with, transportation libraries, information providers, and technical assistance centers, in conjunction with private industry and other transportation library and information centers, with the goal of developing a comprehensive transportation information and knowledge network that supports the activities described in section 6302(b)(3)(B)(vi); and
- (9) engage in such other activities as the Director determines to be necessary and as the resources of the Library permit.

(b) ACCESS.—The Director shall publicize, facilitate, and promote access to the information products and services described in subsection (a), to improve the ability of the transportation community to share information and the ability of the Director to make statistics and other information readily accessible as required under section 6302(b)(3)(B)(x).

(c) AGREEMENTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—To carry out this section, the Director may enter into agreements with, award grants to, and receive amounts from, any—

- (A) State or local government;
- (B) organization;
- (C) business; or
- (D) individual.

(2) CONTRACTS, GRANTS, AND AGREEMENTS.—The Library may initiate and support specific information and data management, access, and exchange activities in connection with matters relating to the Department's strategic goals, knowledge networking, and national and international cooperation, by entering into contracts or other agreements or awarding grants for the conduct of such activities.

(3) AMOUNTS.—Any amounts received by the Library as payment for library products and services or other activities shall be made available to the Director to carry out this section, deposited in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology of the

Department of Transportation's general fund account, and remain available until expended.

(Added Pub. L. 112-141, div. E, title II, §52011(a), July 6, 2012, 126 Stat. 890; amended Pub. L. 113-76, div. L, title I, Jan. 17, 2014, 128 Stat. 574.)

#### CHANGE OF NAME

“Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology of the Department of Transportation’s” substituted for “Research and Innovative Technology Administration’s” in subsec. (c)(3) on authority of title I of div. L of Pub. L. 113-76, set out in part as a Transfer of Duties and Powers note under former section 112 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Oct. 1, 2012, see section 3(a) of Pub. L. 112-141, set out as an Effective and Termination Dates of 2012 Amendment note under section 101 of Title 23, Highways.

### § 6305. Advisory council on transportation statistics

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall establish and consult with an advisory council on transportation statistics.

(b) FUNCTION.—The advisory council established under this section shall advise the Director on—

(1) the quality, reliability, consistency, objectivity, and relevance of transportation statistics and analyses collected, supported, or disseminated by the Bureau and the Department; and

(2) methods to encourage cooperation and interoperability of transportation data collected by the Bureau, the operating administrations of the Department, States, local governments, metropolitan planning organizations, and private sector entities.

(c) MEMBERSHIP.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The advisory council shall be composed of not fewer than 9 and not more than 11 members appointed by the Director.

(2) SELECTION.—In selecting members for the advisory council, the Director shall appoint individuals who—

(A) are not officers or employees of the United States;

(B) possess expertise in—

- (i) transportation data collection, analysis, or application;
- (ii) economics; or
- (iii) transportation safety; and

(C) represent a cross section of transportation stakeholders, to the greatest extent possible.

(d) TERMS OF APPOINTMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), members of the advisory council shall be appointed to staggered terms not to exceed 3 years.

(2) ADDITIONAL TERMS.—A member may be renominated for 1 additional 3-year term.

(3) CURRENT MEMBERS.—A member serving on an advisory council on transportation statistics on the day before the date of enactment of the Transportation Research and Innovative Technology Act of 2012 shall serve until the end of the appointed term of the member.