

(vi) A certification of the results of the audit of the financial statements of the Department performed for the preceding fiscal year, and a statement summarizing, based on such results, the current condition of the financial statements of the Department.

(2) SEMIANNUAL BRIEFINGS.—Not later than January 31 and June 30 each year, the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) and the comptrollers of the military departments shall provide a briefing to the congressional defense committees on the status of the corrective action plan.

(3) CRITICAL CAPABILITIES DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term “critical capabilities” means the critical capabilities described in the Department of Defense report titled “Financial Improvement and Audit Readiness (FIAR) Plan Status Report” and dated May 2016.

(Added and amended Pub. L. 115–91, div. A, title X, §1002(c)(1)–(3), Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1538.)

CODIFICATION

Subsec. (a) of this section, as added by Pub. L. 115–91, is based on text of subsec. (a) of section 1003 of Pub. L. 111–84, div. A, title X, Oct. 28, 2009, 123 Stat. 2439, which was formerly set out as a note under section 2222 of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 115–91, div. A, title X, §1002(c)(4), Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1540.

AMENDMENTS

2017—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 115–91, §1002(c)(3)(A), which directed substitution of “Financial Improvement and Audit Remediation Plan” for “Financial Improvement and Audit Readiness Plan” in heading, was executed by making the substitution for “Financial Improvement Audit Readiness Plan” to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 115–91, §1002(c)(3)(B)(i), substituted “Financial Improvement and Audit Remediation Plan” for “Financial Improvement and Audit Readiness Plan”.

Pub. L. 115–91, §1002(c)(2)(A), struck out “develop and” before “maintain”.

Subsec. (a)(2)(A). Pub. L. 115–91, §1002(c)(3)(B)(ii)(I)(aa), in introductory provisions, substituted “describe specific actions to be taken, including interim milestones with a detailed description of the subordinate activities required, and estimate the costs associated with” for “describe specific actions to be taken and the costs associated with”.

Subsec. (a)(2)(A)(ii). Pub. L. 115–91, §1002(c)(3)(B)(ii)(I)(bb), substituted “go under full financial statement audit, and that the Department leadership makes every effort to reach an unmodified opinion as soon as possible;” for “are validated as ready for audit by not later than September 30, 2017, and the statement of budgetary resources of the Department of Defense is validated as ready for audit by not later than September 30, 2014; and”.

Subsec. (a)(2)(A)(iii), (iv). Pub. L. 115–91, §1002(c)(3)(B)(ii)(I)(cc), added cl. (iii), related to unqualified audit opinion, and cl. (iv).

Subsec. (a)(2)(B). Pub. L. 115–91, §1002(c)(3)(B)(ii)(II), inserted “business” before “process and control”, struck out “the business enterprise architecture and transition plan required by” before “section 2222” and substituted period for semicolon at end.

Pub. L. 115–91, §1002(c)(2)(B), substituted “of this title” for “of title 10, United States Code”.

Subsec. (a)(2)(C), (D). Pub. L. 115–91, §1002(c)(3)(B)(ii)(III), struck out subpars. (C) and (D) which read as follows:

“(C) prioritize—

“(i) improving the budgetary information of the Department of Defense, in order to achieve an unqualified audit opinion on the Department’s statements of budgetary resources; and

“(ii) as a secondary goal, improving the accuracy and reliability of management information on the Department’s mission-critical assets (military and general equipment, real property, inventory, and operating materials and supplies) and validating its accuracy through existence and completeness audits; and

“(D) include interim goals, including—

“(i) the objective of ensuring that the financial statement of each of the Department of the Army, the Department of the Navy, the Department of the Air Force, and the Defense Logistics Agency is validated as ready for audit; and

“(ii) a schedule setting forth milestones for elements of the military departments and financial statements of the military departments to be made ready for audit as part of the progress required to meet the objectives established pursuant to clause (i) of this subparagraph and clause (ii) of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph.”

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 115–91, §1002(c)(3)(C), added subsec. (b).

§ 253.1 Audit: consolidated corrective action plan; centralized reporting system

The Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) shall—

(1) on a bimonthly basis, prepare a consolidated corrective action plan management summary on the status of key corrective actions plans related to critical capabilities for the armed forces and for the components of the Department of Defense that support the armed forces; and

(2) develop and maintain a centralized monitoring and reporting process that captures and maintains up-to-date information, including the standard data elements recommended in the implementation guide for Office of Management and Budget Circular A–123, for key corrective action plans and findings and recommendations Department-wide that pertain to critical capabilities.

(Added Pub. L. 115–91, div. A, title X, §1002(d), Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1540.)

§ 254.1 Audits: audit of financial statements of Department of Defense components by independent external auditors

(a) AUDITS REQUIRED.—For purposes of satisfying the requirement under section 3521(e) of title 31 for audits of financial statements of Department of Defense components identified by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget under section 3515(c) of such title, the Inspector General of the Department of Defense shall obtain each year audits of the financial statements of each such component by an independent external auditor.

(b) SELECTION OF AUDITORS.—The selection of independent external auditors for purposes of subsection (a) shall be based, among other appropriate criteria, on their qualifications, independence, and capacity to conduct audits described in subsection (a) in accordance with ap-

¹ Another section 253 is set out in chapter 13 of this title.

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