

**§ 2541b. Administration**

(a) AGREEMENTS REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Defense may enter into one or more agreements, each with an appropriate Federal or private entity, under which such entity may, under this subchapter—

- (1) process applications for loan guarantees;
- (2) administer repayment of loans; and
- (3) provide any other services to the Secretary to administer this subchapter.

(b) TREATMENT OF COSTS.—The costs of such agreements shall be considered, for purposes of the special account established under section 2541a(c), to be costs of administrative expenses of the Department of Defense that are attributable to the loan guarantee program under this subchapter.

(Added Pub. L. 106–398, §1 [[div. A], title X, §1033(a)(1)], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A–259.)

**§ 2541c. Transferability, additional limitations, and definition**

The following provisions of subchapter VI of this chapter apply to guarantees issued under this subchapter:

- (1) Section 2540a, relating to transferability of guarantees.
- (2) Subsections (b) and (c) of section 2540b, providing limitations.
- (3) Section 2540d(2), providing a definition of the term “cost”.

(Added Pub. L. 106–398, §1 [[div. A], title X, §1033(a)(1)], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A–260; amended Pub. L. 107–107, div. A, title X, §1048(a)(24), Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1224.)

AMENDMENTS

2001—Pub. L. 107–107 substituted “subchapter” for “subtitle” in two places in introductory provisions.

**§ 2541d. Reports**

The Secretary of Defense shall require each qualified commercial firm for which a loan is guaranteed under this subchapter to submit to the Secretary a report on the improvements financed or refinanced with the loan. The report shall include an assessment of the value of the improvements for the protection of the critical infrastructure of that commercial firm. The Secretary shall prescribe the time for submitting the report.

(Added Pub. L. 106–398, §1 [[div. A], title X, §1033(a)(1)], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A–260; amended Pub. L. 108–136, div. A, title X, §1031(a)(25), Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1598.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Prior sections 2542 to 2550 were renumbered sections 2552 to 2560 of this title, respectively.

AMENDMENTS

2003—Pub. L. 108–136 struck out subsec. (a) designation and heading and struck out subsec. (b) which directed that the Secretary of Defense annually submit to Congress a report on the loan guarantee program under this subchapter.

**CHAPTER 149—DEFENSE ACQUISITION SYSTEM**

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PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior chapter 149, comprised of sections 2511 to 2518, relating to manufacturing technology, was repealed, except for sections 2517 and 2518, by Pub. L. 102–484, div. D, title XLII, §4202(a), Oct. 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 2659. Sections 2517 and 2518 of that chapter were renumbered sections 2523 and 2522, respectively, of this chapter by Pub. L. 102–484, div. D, title XLII, §§4232(a), 4233(a), Oct. 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 2687, and were subsequently repealed.

Another prior chapter 149, comprised of section 2511, was successively renumbered chapter 150 of this title, comprised of section 2521, then chapter 152 of this title, comprised of section 2540 et seq.

A prior chapter 150, comprised of sections 2521 to 2526, relating to development of dual-use critical technologies, was repealed, except for sections 2524 to 2526, by Pub. L. 102–484, div. D, title XLII, §4202(a), Oct. 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 2659. Sections 2524, 2525, and 2526 of that chapter were renumbered sections 2513, 2517, and 2518, respectively, of this chapter by Pub. L. 102–484, div. D, title XLII, §§4223(a), 4227(a), 4228, Oct. 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 2681, 2685. Section 2513 of this chapter was subsequently repealed.

Another prior chapter 150, comprised of section 2521, was renumbered chapter 152 of this title, comprised of section 2540 et seq.

AMENDMENTS

2015—Pub. L. 114–92, div. A, title VIII, §802(a)(2), Nov. 25, 2015, 129 Stat. 879, added item 2546a.

**§ 2545. Definitions**

In this chapter:

- (1) The term “acquisition” has the meaning provided in section 131 of title 41.
- (2) The term “defense acquisition system” means the workforce engaged in carrying out the acquisition of property and services for the Department of Defense; the management structure responsible for directing and overseeing the acquisition of property and services for the Department of Defense; and the statutory, regulatory, and policy framework that guides the acquisition of property and services for the Department of Defense.
- (3) The term “element of the defense acquisition system” means an organization that employs members of the acquisition workforce, carries out acquisition functions, and focuses primarily on acquisition.
- (4) The term “acquisition workforce” has the meaning provided in section 101(a)(18) of this title.

(Added Pub. L. 111–383, div. A, title VIII, §861(a), Jan. 7, 2011, 124 Stat. 4288; amended Pub. L. 113–291, div. A, title X, §1071(a)(11), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3505.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2545 was renumbered section 2555 of this title.