

of the Chief Administrative Officer, and providing that as of Oct. 1, 2002, the Chief Administrative Officer would cease to be an employee of the General Accounting Office, would become an employee of the Capitol Police, and the Capitol Police Board would assume all responsibilities of the Comptroller General under this section.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2005 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 109-55 effective Aug. 2, 2005, see section 1909(f) of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2003 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 108-7 applicable with respect to the first pay period beginning on or after Feb. 20, 2003, see section 1013(d) of Pub. L. 108-7, set out as a note under section 1902 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2001 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 107-68, title I, §122(b), Nov. 12, 2001, 115 Stat. 576, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall apply with respect to pay periods beginning on or after October 1, 2001.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2000 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 106-346, §101(a) [title V, §507(b)], Oct. 23, 2000, 114 Stat. 1356, 1356A-57, provided that: “The amendments made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall take effect as if included in the enactment of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2001 [H.R. 5657, as enacted by section 1(a)(2) of Pub. L. 106-554].”

CONSTRUCTION OF 2010 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 111-145, §2(a)(6), Mar. 4, 2010, 124 Stat. 50, provided that: “Nothing in the amendments made by this subsection [amending this section and sections 1301, 1904, and 1907 of this title and repealing sections 1928 and 1929 of this title] may be construed to affect the status of any individual serving as an officer or employee of the United States Capitol Police as of the date of the enactment of this Act [Mar. 4, 2010].”

§ 1904. Certifying officers

(a) Appointment of certifying officers of the Capitol Police

The Chief Administrative Officer of the United States Capitol Police, or when there is not a Chief Administrative Officer, the Chief of the Capitol Police, shall appoint certifying officers to certify all vouchers for payment from funds made available to the United States Capitol Police.

(b) Responsibility and accountability of certifying officers

(1) In general

Each officer or employee of the Capitol Police who has been duly authorized in writing by the Chief Administrative Officer, or the Chief of the Capitol Police if there is not a Chief Administrative Officer, to certify vouchers pursuant to subsection (a) shall—

(A) be held responsible for the existence and correctness of the facts recited in the certificate or otherwise stated on the voucher or its supporting papers and for the legality of the proposed payment under the appropriation or fund involved;

(B) be held responsible and accountable for the correctness of the computations of certified vouchers; and

(C) be held accountable for and required to make good to the United States the amount

of any illegal, improper, or incorrect payment resulting from any false, inaccurate, or misleading certificate made by such officer or employee, as well as for any payment prohibited by law or which did not represent a legal obligation under the appropriation or fund involved.

(2) Relief by Comptroller General

The Comptroller General may, at the Comptroller General’s discretion, relieve such certifying officer or employee of liability for any payment otherwise proper if the Comptroller General finds—

(A) that the certification was based on official records and that the certifying officer or employee did not know, and by reasonable diligence and inquiry could not have ascertained, the actual facts; or

(B) that the obligation was incurred in good faith, that the payment was not contrary to any statutory provision specifically prohibiting payments of the character involved, and the United States has received value for such payment.

(c) Enforcement of liability

The liability of the certifying officers of the United States Capitol Police shall be enforced in the same manner and to the same extent as currently provided with respect to the enforcement of the liability of disbursing and other accountable officers, and such officers shall have the right to apply for and obtain a decision by the Comptroller General on any question of law involved in a payment on any vouchers presented to them for certification.

(Pub. L. 106-554, §1(a)(2) [title I, §107], Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2763, 2763A-103; Pub. L. 111-145, §2(a)(3), Mar. 4, 2010, 124 Stat. 49.)

CODIFICATION

Section was classified to section 207d of former Title 40, prior to the enactment of Title 40, Public Buildings, Property, and Works, by Pub. L. 107-217, §1, Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1062.

AMENDMENTS

2010—Subsecs. (a), (b)(1). Pub. L. 111-145 substituted “the Chief of the Capitol Police” for “the Capitol Police Board”.

§ 1905. Deposit and use of reimbursements for law enforcement assistance

(a)(1) Any funds received by the Capitol Police as reimbursement for law enforcement assistance from any Federal, State, or local government agency (including any agency of the District of Columbia), and from any other source in the case of assistance provided in connection with an activity that was not sponsored by Congress shall be deposited in the United States Treasury for credit to the appropriation for “general expenses” under the heading “United States Capitol Police”, or “security enhancements” under the heading “United States Capitol Police”.

(2) Funds deposited under this subsection may be expended by the Chief of the United States Capitol Police for any authorized purpose, including overtime pay expenditures relating to any law enforcement assistance for which reim-