

taken, or entered into under authority of the provisions of law repealed by subsection (a) shall continue in full force and effect until modified by appropriate authority.’

§ 2516. Use of foreign currencies

Whenever possible, expenditures incurred in carrying out functions under this chapter shall be paid for in such currency of the country or area where the expense is incurred as may be available to the United States.

(Pub. L. 87–293, title I, §17, Sept. 22, 1961, 75 Stat. 623.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original “this Act”, meaning Pub. L. 87–293, Sept. 22, 1961, 75 Stat. 612, as amended, known as the Peace Corps Act. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 2501 of this title and Tables.

§ 2517. Activities promoting Americans’ understanding of other peoples

In order to further the goal of the Peace Corps, as set forth in section 2501 of this title, relating to the promotion of a better understanding of other peoples on the part of the American people, the Director, utilizing the authorities under section 2509(a)(1) of this title and other provisions of law, shall, as appropriate, encourage, facilitate, and assist activities carried out by former volunteers in furtherance of such goal and the efforts of agencies, organizations, and other individuals to support or assist in former volunteers’ carrying out such activities.

(Pub. L. 87–293, title I, §18, as added Pub. L. 100–202, §101(e) [title II, §201], Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1329–131, 1329–145.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2517, Pub. L. 87–293, title I, §18, Sept. 22, 1961, 75 Stat. 623, provided that Mutual Defense Assistance Control Act of 1951 (22 U.S.C. 1611 et seq.) applied, subject to an exception, to functions carried out under this chapter, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 97–113, title VI, §605(b), Dec. 29, 1981, 95 Stat. 1543. The 1951 Act was superseded by the Export Administration Act of 1979 (50 U.S.C. 4601 et seq.).

PAUL D. COVERDELL WORLD WISE SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Pub. L. 106–570, title VI, Dec. 27, 2000, 114 Stat. 3051, as amended by Pub. L. 107–21, §2, July 26, 2001, 115 Stat. 194, provided that:

“SEC. 601. SHORT TITLE.

“This title may be cited as the ‘Paul D. Coverdell World Wise Schools Act of 2000’.

“SEC. 602. FINDINGS.

“Congress makes the following findings:

“(1) Paul D. Coverdell was elected to the Georgia State Senate in 1970 and later became Minority Leader of the Georgia State Senate, a post he held for 15 years.

“(2) As the 11th Director of the Peace Corps from 1989 to 1991, Paul Coverdell’s dedication to the ideals of peace and understanding helped to shape today’s Peace Corps.

“(3) Paul D. Coverdell believed that Peace Corps volunteers could not only make a difference in the countries where they served but that the greatest benefit could be felt at home.

“(4) In 1989, Paul D. Coverdell founded the Peace Corps World Wise Schools Program to help fulfill the

Third Goal of the Peace Corps, ‘to promote a better understanding of the people served among people of the United States’.

“(5) The World Wise Schools Program is an innovative education program that seeks to engage learners in an inquiry about the world, themselves, and others in order to broaden perspectives; promote cultural awareness; appreciate global connections; and encourage service.

“(6) In a world that is increasingly interdependent and ever changing, the World Wise Schools Program pays tribute to Paul D. Coverdell’s foresight and leadership. In the words of one World Wise Schools teacher, ‘It’s a teacher’s job to touch the future of a child; it’s the Peace Corps’ job to touch the future of the world. What more perfect partnership.’

“(7) Paul D. Coverdell served in the United States Senate from the State of Georgia from 1993 until his sudden death on July 18, 2000.

“(8) Senator Paul D. Coverdell was beloved by his colleagues for his civility, bipartisan efforts, and his dedication to public service.

“SEC. 603. DESIGNATION OF PAUL D. COVERDELL WORLD WISE SCHOOLS PROGRAM.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Effective on the date of enactment of this Act [Dec. 27, 2000], the program under section 18 of the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2517) referred to before such date as the ‘World Wise Schools Program’ is redesignated as the ‘Paul D. Coverdell World Wise Schools Program’.

“(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference before the date of enactment of this Act [Dec. 27, 2000] in any law, regulation, order, document, record, or other paper of the United States to the Peace Corps World Wise Schools Program shall, on and after such date, be considered to refer to the Paul D. Coverdell World Wise Schools Program.

“(c) NEW REFERENCES IN PEACE CORPS DOCUMENTS.—The Director of the Peace Corps shall ensure that any reference in any public document, record, or other paper of the Peace Corps, including any promotional material, produced on or after the date of enactment of this subsection [July 26, 2001], to the program described in subsection (a) be a reference to the ‘Paul D. Coverdell World Wise Schools Program’.”

PAUL D. COVERDELL FELLOWS PROGRAM

Pub. L. 106–309, title IV, §408, Oct. 17, 2000, 114 Stat. 1100, provided that:

“(a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the ‘Paul D. Coverdell Fellows Program Act of 2000’.

“(b) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:

“(1) Paul D. Coverdell was elected to the George [sic] State Senate in 1970 and later became Minority Leader of the Georgia State Senate, a post he held for 15 years.

“(2) Paul D. Coverdell served with distinction as the 11th Director of the Peace Corps from 1989 to 1991, where he promoted a fellowship program that was composed of returning Peace Corps volunteers who agreed to work in underserved American communities while they pursued educational degrees.

“(3) Paul D. Coverdell served in the United States Senate from the State of Georgia from 1993 until his sudden death on July 18, 2000.

“(4) Senator Paul D. Coverdell was beloved by his colleagues for his civility, bipartisan efforts, and his dedication to public service.

“(c) DESIGNATION OF PAUL D. COVERDELL FELLOWS PROGRAM.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Effective on the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 17, 2000], the program under section 18 of the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2517) referred to before such date as the ‘Peace Corps Fellows/USA Program’ is redesignated as the ‘Paul D. Coverdell Fellows Program’.

“(2) REFERENCES.—Any reference before the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 17, 2000] in any law,

regulation, order, document, record, or other paper of the United States to the Peace Corps Fellows/USA Program shall, on and after such date, be considered to refer to the Paul D. Coverdell Fellows Program.”

§ 2518. Seal and name

(a) Judicial notice

The President may adopt, alter, and use an official seal or emblem of the Peace Corps of such design as he shall determine, which shall be judicially noticed.

(b) Exclusiveness of use; penalties for violations; injunctions

(1) The use of the official seal or emblem and the use of the name “Peace Corps” shall be restricted exclusively to designate programs authorized under this chapter.

(2) Whoever, whether an individual, partnership, corporation, or association, uses the seal for which provision is made in this section, or any sign, insignia, or symbol in colorable imitation thereof, or the words “Peace Corps” or any combination of these or other words or characters in colorable imitation thereof, other than to designate programs authorized under this chapter, shall be fined not more than \$500 or imprisoned not more than six months, or both. A violation of this subsection may be enjoined at the suit of the Attorney General, United States attorneys, or other persons duly authorized to represent the United States.

(Pub. L. 87–293, title I, § 19, Sept. 22, 1961, 75 Stat. 623; Pub. L. 88–200, § 7, Dec. 13, 1963, 77 Stat. 360.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in subsec. (b), was in the original “this Act”, meaning Pub. L. 87–293, Sept. 22, 1961, 75 Stat. 612, as amended, known as the Peace Corps Act. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 2501 of this title and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

1963—Pub. L. 88–200 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a) and added subsec. (b).

DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS

Functions of President under this section, except authority to adopt and alter an official seal or emblem, delegated to Director of Peace Corps by section 1–103 of Ex. Ord. No. 12137, May 16, 1979, 44 F.R. 29023, eff. May 16, 1979, set out as a note under section 2501 of this title.

§ 2519. Security investigations

All persons employed or assigned to duties under this chapter shall be investigated to insure that the employment or assignment is consistent with the national interest in accordance with standards and procedures established by the President. If an investigation made pursuant to this section develops any data reflecting that the person who is the subject of the investigation is of questionable loyalty or is a questionable security risk, the investigating agency shall refer the matter to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the conduct of a full field investigation. The results of that full field investigation shall be furnished to the initial investigating agency, and to the agency by which the subject person is employed, for information and

appropriate action. Volunteers shall be deemed employees of the United States Government for the purpose of this section.

(Pub. L. 87–293, title I, § 22, Sept. 22, 1961, 75 Stat. 624.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original “this Act”, meaning Pub. L. 87–293, Sept. 22, 1961, 75 Stat. 612, as amended, known as the Peace Corps Act. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 2501 of this title and Tables.

DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS

Functions of President under this section delegated to Director of Peace Corps by section 1–103 of Ex. Ord. No. 12137, May 16, 1979, 44 F.R. 29023, eff. May 16, 1979, set out as a note under section 2501 of this title.

§ 2520. Military training and service exemption

Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law or regulation, service in the Peace Corps as a volunteer shall not in any way exempt such volunteer from the performance of any obligations or duties under the provisions of the Universal Military Training and Service Act [50 U.S.C. 3801 et seq.].

(Pub. L. 87–293, title I, § 23, Sept. 22, 1961, 75 Stat. 624.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Universal Military Training and Service Act, referred to in text, subsequently renamed the Military Selective Service Act, is act June 24, 1948, ch. 625, 62 Stat. 604, which is classified principally to chapter 49 (§ 3801 et seq.) of Title 50, War and National Defense. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

§ 2521. Foreign language proficiency

No person shall be assigned to duty as a volunteer under this chapter in any foreign country or area unless at the time of such assignment he possesses such reasonable proficiency as his assignment requires in speaking the language of the country or area to which he is assigned.

(Pub. L. 87–293, title I, § 24, Sept. 22, 1961, 75 Stat. 624.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original “this Act”, meaning Pub. L. 87–293, Sept. 22, 1961, 75 Stat. 612, as amended, known as the Peace Corps Act. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 2501 of this title and Tables.

§ 2521a. Nonpartisan appointments

In carrying out this chapter, no political test or political qualification may be used in—

- (1) selecting any person for enrollment as a volunteer or for appointment to a position at, or for assignment to (or for employment for assignment to), a duty station located abroad, or
- (2) promoting or taking any other action with respect to any volunteer or any person assigned to such a duty station.

(Pub. L. 87–293, title I, § 25, as added Pub. L. 99–83, title XI, § 1105(a)(2), Aug. 8, 1985, 99 Stat. 276.)