

the pilot debt collection project authorized by Public Law 99-578 (formerly set out above) was extended through September 30, 1997.

Prior extensions of the pilot program for legal services were contained in the following acts:

- Pub. L. 102-589, §4(a), Nov. 10, 1992, 106 Stat. 5134.
- Pub. L. 102-395, title I, Oct. 6, 1992, 106 Stat. 1832.
- Pub. L. 101-302, title II, May 25, 1990, 104 Stat. 216.

REPORT BY ATTORNEY GENERAL

Pub. L. 99-578, §2, Oct. 28, 1986, 100 Stat. 3307, directed Attorney General, not later than 180 days after Oct. 28, 1986, to transmit to Congress a report on actions taken under subsec. (b) of this section, as added by Pub. L. 99-578.

AUDIT BY COMPTROLLER GENERAL

Pub. L. 99-578, §6, Oct. 28, 1986, 100 Stat. 3307, provided that:

“(a) CONTENTS OF AUDIT.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall, at the end of the 3-year period referred to in section 5 [set out above], conduct an audit of the actions of the Attorney General under subsection (b) of section 3718 of title 31, United States Code (as added by section 1 of this Act), under the pilot program referred to in section 3 [set out above]. The Comptroller General shall determine the extent of the competition among private counsel to obtain contracts awarded under such subsection, the reasonableness of the fees provided in such contracts, the diligence and efforts of the Attorney General to retain private counsel in accordance with the provisions of such subsection, and the results of the debt collection efforts of private counsel retained under such contracts.

“(b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—After completing the audit under subsection (a), the Comptroller General shall transmit to the Congress a report on the findings and conclusions resulting from the audit.”

§ 3719. Reports on debt collection activities

(a) In consultation with the Comptroller General of the United States, the Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe regulations requiring the head of each agency with outstanding nontax claims to prepare and submit to the Secretary at least once each year a report summarizing the status of loans and accounts receivable that are managed by the head of the agency. The report shall contain—

- (1) information on—
 - (A) the total amount of loans and accounts receivable owed the agency and when amounts owed the agency are due to be repaid;
 - (B) the total amount of receivables and number of claims at least 30 days past due;
 - (C) the total amount written off as actually uncollectible and the total amount allowed for uncollectible loans and accounts receivable;
 - (D) the rate of interest charged for overdue debts and the amount of interest charged and collected on debts;
 - (E) the total number of claims and the total amount collected; and
 - (F) the number and total amount of claims referred to the Attorney General for settlement and the number and total amount of claims the Attorney General settles;
- (2) the information described in clause (1) of this subsection for each program or activity the head of the agency carries out; and
- (3) other information the Secretary considers necessary to decide whether the head of

the agency is acting aggressively to collect the claims of the agency.

(b) The Secretary shall analyze the reports submitted under subsection (a) of this section and shall report annually to Congress on the management of debt collection activities by the head of each agency, including the information provided the Secretary under subsection (a).

(Added Pub. L. 97-452, §1(16)(A), Jan. 12, 1983, 96 Stat. 2473; amended Pub. L. 104-134, title III, §31001(aa)(3), Apr. 26, 1996, 110 Stat. 1321-380.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
3719(a)	31 App.:955(a).	Oct. 25, 1982, Pub. L. 97-365, §12, 96 Stat. 1756.
3719(b)	31 App.:955(b).	

In subsection (a), before clause (1), the words “of the United States” are omitted as surplus. The words “the head of” are added for consistency in the revised title and with other titles of the United States Code. In clause (1)(C), the words “uncollectible loans and accounts receivable” are added for clarity. In clause (1)(F), the words “Attorney General” are substituted for “Department of Justice” for consistency in the revised title and with other titles of the Code, including 28:503, 509.

In subsection (b), the word “submitted” is substituted for “received by each agency” for clarity.

AMENDMENTS

1996—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 104-134, §31001(aa)(3)(A)(i), amended first sentence generally. Prior to amendment, first sentence read as follows: “In consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury and the Comptroller General, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall prescribe regulations requiring the head of each agency with outstanding debts to prepare and submit to the Director and the Secretary at least once each year a report summarizing the status of loans and accounts receivable managed by the head of the agency.”

Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 104-134, §31001(aa)(3)(A)(ii), substituted “Secretary” for “Director”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 104-134, §31001(aa)(3)(B), which directed that subsec. (b) be amended by substituting “Secretary” for “Director”, was executed by making the substitution to both places where “Director” appeared.

TERMINATION OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

For termination, effective May 15, 2000, of provisions of law requiring submittal to Congress of any annual, semiannual, or other regular periodic report listed in House Document No. 103-7 (in which the reporting requirement under subsec. (b) of this section is listed on page 42), see section 3003 of Pub. L. 104-66, as amended, and section 1(a)(4) [div. A, §1402(1)] of Pub. L. 106-554, set out as notes under section 1113 of this title.

CONSOLIDATION OF REPORTS

Pub. L. 104-134, title III, §31001(aa)(4), Apr. 26, 1996, 110 Stat. 1321-380, provided that: “Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of the Treasury may consolidate reports concerning debt collection otherwise required to be submitted by the Secretary into one annual report.”

§ 3720. Collection of payments

(a) Each head of an executive agency (other than an agency subject to section 9 of the Act of May 18, 1933 (48 Stat. 63, chapter 32; 16 U.S.C. 831h)) shall, under such regulations as the Sec-