

by the President and in coordination with the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

“(e) APPLICATION OF MORE STRINGENT STANDARDS.—The head of an executive agency may employ standards for the cost-effective information security for information systems within or under the supervision of that agency that are more stringent than the standards the Secretary prescribes under this section if the more stringent standards—

“(1) contain at least the applicable standards made compulsory and binding by the Secretary; and

“(2) are otherwise consistent with policies and guidelines issued under section 3543 of title 44.

“(f) DECISIONS ON PROMULGATION OF STANDARDS.—The decision by the Secretary regarding the promulgation of any standard under this section shall occur not later than 6 months after the submission of the proposed standard to the Secretary by the National Institute of Standards and Technology, as provided under section 20 of the National Institute of Standards and Technology Act (15 U.S.C. 278g-3).

“(g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) FEDERAL INFORMATION SYSTEM.—The term ‘Federal information system’ means an information system used or operated by an executive agency, by a contractor of an executive agency, or by another organization on behalf of an executive agency.

“(2) INFORMATION SECURITY.—The term ‘information security’ has the meaning given that term in section 3542(b)(1) of title 44.

“(3) NATIONAL SECURITY SYSTEM.—The term ‘national security system’ has the meaning given that term in section 3542(b)(2) of title 44.”

Pub. L. 107-347 substituted “Responsibilities for Federal information systems standards” for “Responsibilities regarding efficiency, security, and privacy of federal computer systems” in section catchline and amended text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows:

“(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms ‘federal computer system’ and ‘operator of a federal computer system’ have the meanings given those terms in section 20(d) of the National Institute of Standards and Technology Act (15 U.S.C. 278g-3(d)).

“(b) STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES.—

“(1) AUTHORITY TO PRESCRIBE AND DISAPPROVE OR MODIFY.—

“(A) AUTHORITY TO PRESCRIBE.—On the basis of standards and guidelines developed by the National Institute of Standards and Technology pursuant to paragraphs (2) and (3) of section 20(a) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 278g-3(a)(2), (3)), the Secretary of Commerce shall prescribe standards and guidelines pertaining to federal computer systems. The Secretary shall make those standards compulsory and binding to the extent the Secretary determines necessary to improve the efficiency of operation or security and privacy of federal computer systems.

“(B) AUTHORITY TO DISAPPROVE OR MODIFY.—The President may disapprove or modify those standards and guidelines if the President determines that action to be in the public interest. The President’s authority to disapprove or modify those standards and guidelines may not be delegated. Notice of disapproval or modification shall be published promptly in the Federal Register. On receiving notice of disapproval or modification, the Secretary shall immediately rescind or modify those standards or guidelines as directed by the President.

“(2) EXERCISE OF AUTHORITY.—To ensure fiscal and policy consistency, the Secretary shall exercise the authority conferred by this section subject to direction by the President and in coordination with the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

“(c) APPLICATION OF MORE STRINGENT STANDARDS.—The head of a federal agency may employ standards for the cost-effective security and privacy of sensitive information in a federal computer system in or under the supervision of that agency that are more stringent than the standards the Secretary prescribes under this

section if the more stringent standards contain at least the applicable standards the Secretary makes compulsory and binding.

“(d) WAIVER OF STANDARDS.—

“(1) AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY.—The Secretary may waive in writing compulsory and binding standards under subsection (b) if the Secretary determines that compliance would—

“(A) adversely affect the accomplishment of the mission of an operator of a federal computer system; or

“(B) cause a major adverse financial impact on the operator that is not offset by Federal Government-wide savings.

“(2) DELEGATION OF WAIVER AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may delegate to the head of one or more federal agencies authority to waive those standards to the extent the Secretary determines that action to be necessary and desirable to allow for timely and effective implementation of federal computer system standards. The head of the agency may redelegate that authority only to a chief information officer designated pursuant to section 3506 of title 44.

“(3) NOTICE.—Notice of each waiver and delegation shall be transmitted promptly to Congress and published promptly in the Federal Register.”

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2002 AMENDMENTS

Amendment by Pub. L. 107-347 effective Dec. 17, 2002, see section 402(b) of Pub. L. 107-347, set out as a note under section 3504 of Title 44, Public Printing and Documents.

Amendment by Pub. L. 107-296 effective 60 days after Nov. 25, 2002, see section 4 of Pub. L. 107-296, set out as an Effective Date note under section 101 of Title 6, Domestic Security.

**[§ 11332. Repealed. Pub. L. 107-296, title X, § 1005(a)(1), Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2272; Pub. L. 107-347, title III, § 305(a), Dec. 17, 2002, 116 Stat. 2960]**

Section, Pub. L. 107-217, Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1244, related to Federal computer system security training and plan.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective Dec. 17, 2002, see section 402(b) of Pub. L. 107-347, set out as an Effective Date of 2002 Amendments note under section 3504 of Title 44, Public Printing and Documents.

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### CHAPTER 115—INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ACQUISITION PILOT PROGRAM

#### SUBCHAPTER I—CONDUCT OF PILOT PROGRAM

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- 11501. Authority to conduct pilot program.
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#### SUBCHAPTER II—SPECIFIC PILOT PROGRAM

[11521, 11522. Repealed.]

#### AMENDMENTS

2002—Pub. L. 107-314, div. A, title VIII, § 825(b)(3)(A), Dec. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 2616, and Pub. L. 107-347, title II, § 210(h)(3)(B), Dec. 17, 2002, 116 Stat. 2938, amended chapter heading identically, substituting “PROGRAM” for “PROGRAMS”.

Pub. L. 107-314, div. A, title VIII, § 825(b)(3)(C), (D), Dec. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 2616, and Pub. L. 107-347, title II, § 210(h)(3)(D), (E), Dec. 17, 2002, 116 Stat. 2938, amended