

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary \$1,000,000 for the period beginning October 1, 2006, and ending September 30, 2008, to carry out this section.

(Added Pub. L. 109-468, §3(a), Dec. 29, 2006, 120 Stat. 3489.)

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AMENDMENTS

2015—Pub. L. 114-94, div. A, title VI, §6018(c), Dec. 4, 2015, 129 Stat. 1577, added item 6314.

§ 6301. Definitions

In this chapter, the following definitions apply:

- (1) BUREAU.—The term “Bureau” means the Bureau of Transportation Statistics established by section 6302(a).
- (2) DEPARTMENT.—The term “Department” means the Department of Transportation.
- (3) DIRECTOR.—The term “Director” means the Director of the Bureau.
- (4) LIBRARY.—The term “Library” means the National Transportation Library established by section 6304(a).
- (5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Transportation.

(Added Pub. L. 112-141, div. E, title II, §52011(a), July 6, 2012, 126 Stat. 887.)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Oct. 1, 2012, see section 3(a) of Pub. L. 112-141, set out as an Effective and Termination Dates of 2012 Amendment note under section 101 of Title 23, Highways.

CONSTRUCTION

Pub. L. 112-141, div. E, title II, §52011(b), July 6, 2012, 126 Stat. 895, provided that: “If the provisions of section 111 of title 49, United States Code, are transferred to chapter 63 of that title, the following rules of construction apply:

- “(1) For purposes of determining whether 1 provision of law supersedes another based on enactment later in time, a chapter 63 provision is deemed to have been enacted on the date of enactment of the corresponding section 111 provision [section 111 of this title was enacted Dec. 18, 1991].
- “(2) A reference to a section 111 provision, including a reference in a regulation, order, or other law, is deemed to refer to the corresponding chapter 63 provision.
- “(3) A regulation, order, or other administrative action in effect under a section 111 provision continues

in effect under the corresponding chapter 63 provision.

“(4) An action taken or an offense committed under a section 111 provision is deemed to have been taken or committed under the corresponding chapter 63 provision.”

§ 6302. Bureau of Transportation Statistics

(a) IN GENERAL.—There shall be within the Department of Transportation the Bureau of Transportation Statistics.

(b) DIRECTOR.—

(1) APPOINTMENT.—The Bureau shall be headed by a Director, who shall be appointed in the competitive service by the Secretary.

(2) QUALIFICATIONS.—The Director shall be appointed from among individuals who are qualified to serve as the Director by virtue of their training and experience in the collection, analysis, and use of transportation statistics.

(3) DUTIES.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall—

- (i) serve as the senior advisor to the Secretary on data and statistics; and
- (ii) be responsible for carrying out the duties described in subparagraph (B).

(B) DUTIES.—The Director shall—

(i) ensure that the statistics compiled under clause (vi) are designed to support transportation decisionmaking by—

- (I) the Federal Government;
- (II) State and local governments;
- (III) metropolitan planning organizations;
- (IV) transportation-related associations;
- (V) the private sector, including the freight community; and
- (VI) the public;

(ii) establish on behalf of the Secretary a program—

- (I) to effectively integrate safety data across modes; and
- (II) to address gaps in existing safety data programs of the Department;

(iii) work with the operating administrations of the Department—

- (I) to establish and implement the data programs of the Bureau; and
- (II) to improve the coordination of information collection efforts with other Federal agencies;

(iv) continually improve surveys and data collection methods of the Department to improve the accuracy and utility of transportation statistics;

(v) encourage the standardization of data, data collection methods, and data management and storage technologies for data collected by—

- (I) the Bureau;
- (II) the operating administrations of the Department;
- (III) State and local governments;
- (IV) metropolitan planning organizations; and
- (V) private sector entities;

(vi) collect, compile, analyze, and publish a comprehensive set of transportation