

rectives, from the Attorney General or the head of an element of the intelligence community (or the deputy of such person) to the electronic communication service provider indicating that the activity was—

- (i) authorized by the President; and
  - (ii) determined to be lawful; or
- (5) the person did not provide the alleged assistance.

**(b) Judicial review**

**(1) Review of certifications**

A certification under subsection (a) shall be given effect unless the court finds that such certification is not supported by substantial evidence provided to the court pursuant to this section.

**(2) Supplemental materials**

In its review of a certification under subsection (a), the court may examine the court order, certification, written request, or directive described in subsection (a) and any relevant court order, certification, written request, or directive submitted pursuant to subsection (d).

**(c) Limitations on disclosure**

If the Attorney General files a declaration under section 1746 of title 28 that disclosure of a certification made pursuant to subsection (a) or the supplemental materials provided pursuant to subsection (b) or (d) would harm the national security of the United States, the court shall—

- (1) review such certification and the supplemental materials in camera and ex parte; and
- (2) limit any public disclosure concerning such certification and the supplemental materials, including any public order following such in camera and ex parte review, to a statement as to whether the case is dismissed and a description of the legal standards that govern the order, without disclosing the paragraph of subsection (a) that is the basis for the certification.

**(d) Role of the parties**

Any plaintiff or defendant in a civil action may submit any relevant court order, certification, written request, or directive to the district court referred to in subsection (a) for review and shall be permitted to participate in the briefing or argument of any legal issue in a judicial proceeding conducted pursuant to this section, but only to the extent that such participation does not require the disclosure of classified information to such party. To the extent that classified information is relevant to the proceeding or would be revealed in the determination of an issue, the court shall review such information in camera and ex parte, and shall issue any part of the court's written order that would reveal classified information in camera and ex parte and maintain such part under seal.

**(e) Nondelegation**

The authority and duties of the Attorney General under this section shall be performed by the Attorney General (or Acting Attorney General) or the Deputy Attorney General.

**(f) Appeal**

The courts of appeals shall have jurisdiction of appeals from interlocutory orders of the district

courts of the United States granting or denying a motion to dismiss or for summary judgment under this section.

**(g) Removal**

A civil action against a person for providing assistance to an element of the intelligence community that is brought in a State court shall be deemed to arise under the Constitution and laws of the United States and shall be removable under section 1441 of title 28.

**(h) Relationship to other laws**

Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit any otherwise available immunity, privilege, or defense under any other provision of law.

**(i) Applicability**

This section shall apply to a civil action pending on or filed after July 10, 2008.

(Pub. L. 95-511, title VIII, §802, as added Pub. L. 110-261, title II, §201, July 10, 2008, 122 Stat. 2468.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 1805b of this title, referred to in subsec. (a)(3), was repealed by Pub. L. 110-261, title IV, §403(a)(1)(A), July 10, 2008, 122 Stat. 2473.

**§ 1885b. Preemption**

**(a) In general**

No State shall have authority to—

(1) conduct an investigation into an electronic communication service provider's alleged assistance to an element of the intelligence community;

(2) require through regulation or any other means the disclosure of information about an electronic communication service provider's alleged assistance to an element of the intelligence community;

(3) impose any administrative sanction on an electronic communication service provider for assistance to an element of the intelligence community; or

(4) commence or maintain a civil action or other proceeding to enforce a requirement that an electronic communication service provider disclose information concerning alleged assistance to an element of the intelligence community.

**(b) Suits by the United States**

The United States may bring suit to enforce the provisions of this section.

**(c) Jurisdiction**

The district courts of the United States shall have jurisdiction over any civil action brought by the United States to enforce the provisions of this section.

**(d) Application**

This section shall apply to any investigation, action, or proceeding that is pending on or commenced after July 10, 2008.

(Pub. L. 95-511, title VIII, §803, as added Pub. L. 110-261, title II, §201, July 10, 2008, 122 Stat. 2470.)

**§ 1885c. Reporting**

**(a) Semiannual report**

Not less frequently than once every 6 months, the Attorney General shall, in a manner consist-