

**(4) One-House resolution or concurrent resolution**

In the case of a resolution of the House of Representatives or the Senate or a concurrent resolution referred to in paragraph (1), the matter after the resolving clause shall be the following: “The following regulations issued by the Office of Congressional Workplace Rights on \_\_\_\_\_ are hereby approved:” (the blank space being appropriately filled in, and the text of the regulations being set forth).

**(5) Joint resolution**

In the case of a joint resolution referred to in paragraph (1), the matter after the resolving clause shall be the following: “The following regulations issued by the Office of Congressional Workplace Rights on \_\_\_\_\_ are hereby approved and shall have the force and effect of law:” (the blank space being appropriately filled in, and the text of the regulations being set forth).

**(d) Issuance and effective date**

**(1) Publication**

After approval of regulations under subsection (c), the Board shall submit the regulations to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President pro tempore of the Senate for publication in the Congressional Record on the first day on which both Houses are in session following such transmittal.

**(2) Date of issuance**

The date of issuance of regulations shall be the date on which they are published in the Congressional Record under paragraph (1).

**(3) Effective date**

Regulations shall become effective not less than 60 days after the regulations are issued, except that the Board may provide for an earlier effective date for good cause found (within the meaning of section 553(d)(3) of title 5) and published with the regulation.

**(e) Amendment of regulations**

Regulations may be amended in the same manner as is described in this section for the adoption, approval, and issuance of regulations, except that the Board may, in its discretion, dispense with publication of a general notice of proposed rulemaking of minor, technical, or urgent amendments that satisfy the criteria for dispensing with publication of such notice pursuant to section 553(b)(B) of title 5.

**(f) Right to petition for rulemaking**

Any interested party may petition to the Board for the issuance, amendment, or repeal of a regulation.

**(g) Consultation**

The Executive Director, the Deputy Directors, and the Board—

(1) shall consult, with regard to the development of regulations, with—

(A) the Chair of the Administrative Conference of the United States;

(B) the Secretary of Labor;

(C) the Federal Labor Relations Authority; and

(D) the Director of the Office of Personnel Management; and

(2) may consult with any other persons with whom consultation, in the opinion of the Board, the Executive Director, or Deputy Directors, may be helpful.

(Pub. L. 104–1, title III, §304, Jan. 23, 1995, 109 Stat. 29; Pub. L. 115–397, title III, §308(b)(12), (13), Dec. 21, 2018, 132 Stat. 5326.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in subsec. (a)(1) after “implementation of”, was in the original “this Act”, meaning Pub. L. 104–1, Jan. 23, 1995, 109 Stat. 3, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1301 of this title and Tables.

Subchapter II, referred to in subsec. (a)(1), was in the original “title II”, meaning title II of Pub. L. 104–1, Jan. 23, 1995, 109 Stat. 7, which is classified principally to subchapter II of this chapter. For complete classification of title II to the Code, see Tables.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Subsec. (c)(4), (5). Pub. L. 115–397 substituted “Office of Congressional Workplace Rights” for “Office of Compliance”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 115–397 effective Dec. 21, 2018, and any reference to the Office of Compliance in any law, rule, regulation, or other official paper in effect as of such date to be considered to refer and apply to the Office of Congressional Workplace Rights, see section 308(d) of Pub. L. 115–397, set out as a note under section 1381 of this title.

**§ 1385. Expenses**

**(a) Authorization of appropriations**

Beginning in fiscal year 1995, and for each fiscal year thereafter, there are authorized to be appropriated for the expenses of the Office such sums as may be necessary to carry out the functions of the Office. Until sums are first appropriated pursuant to the preceding sentence, but for a period not exceeding 12 months following January 23, 1995—

(1) one-half of the expenses of the Office shall be paid from funds appropriated for allowances and expenses of the House of Representatives, and

(2) one-half of the expenses of the Office shall be paid from funds appropriated for allowances and expenses of the Senate,

upon vouchers approved by the Executive Director, except that a voucher shall not be required for the disbursement of salaries of employees who are paid at an annual rate. The Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate are authorized to make arrangements for the division of expenses under this subsection, including arrangements for one House of Congress to reimburse the other House of Congress.

**(b) Financial and administrative services**

The Executive Director may place orders and enter into agreements for goods and services with the head of any agency, or major organizational unit within an agency, in the legislative or executive branch of the United States in the same manner and to the same extent as agencies

are authorized under sections 1535 and 1536 of title 31 to place orders and enter into agreements.

**(c) Witness fees and allowances**

Except for covered employees, witnesses before a hearing officer or the Board in any proceeding under this chapter other than rule-making shall be paid the same fee and mileage allowances as are paid subpoenaed witnesses in the courts of the United States. Covered employees who are summoned, or are assigned by their employer, to testify in their official capacity or to produce official records in any proceeding under this chapter shall be entitled to travel expenses under subchapter I and section 5751 of chapter 57 of title 5.

(Pub. L. 104-1, title III, § 305, Jan. 23, 1995, 109 Stat. 31.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in subsec. (c), was in the original “this Act”, meaning Pub. L. 104-1, Jan. 23, 1995, 109 Stat. 3, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1301 of this title and Tables.

**§ 1386. Disposition of surplus or obsolete personal property**

The Executive Director may, within the limits of available appropriations, dispose of surplus or obsolete personal property by interagency transfer, donation, or discarding.

(Pub. L. 104-1, title III, § 306, as added Pub. L. 111-68, div. A, title I, § 1101(a), Oct. 1, 2009, 123 Stat. 2031.)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 111-68, div. A, title I, § 1101(c), Oct. 1, 2009, 123 Stat. 2031, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [enacting this section] shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2010, and each fiscal year thereafter.”

**§ 1387. Semiannual report of disbursements**

**(a) Reports required**

Not later than 60 days after the last day of each semiannual period of a fiscal year, the Executive Director of the Office of Compliance<sup>1</sup> shall submit to the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate, and the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and Senate, with respect to that period, a detailed, itemized report of the disbursements for the operations of the Office of Compliance.<sup>1</sup>

**(b) Contents**

**(1) In general**

The report required by subsection (a) shall include—

(A) the identification of each person who receives a payment from the Office of Compliance,<sup>1</sup> except that in the case of an individual, the identification shall be provided in a manner that does not identify the individual by name;

(B) the quantity and price of any item furnished to the Office of Compliance;<sup>1</sup>

(C) a description of any service rendered to the Office of Compliance,<sup>1</sup> together with a statement of the time required for the service, and the name, title, and amount paid to each person who renders the service;

(D) a statement of all amounts appropriated to, or received or expended by, the Office of Compliance<sup>1</sup> and any unexpended balances of such amounts; and

(E) such additional information as may be required by regulation of the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate, or the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives or Senate.

**(2) Exception for confidential information**

The Executive Director of the Office of Compliance<sup>1</sup> may exclude from any report required by subsection (a) any information the disclosure of which would violate confidentiality policies of the Office of Compliance.<sup>1</sup>

**(c) Effective date**

This section shall apply with respect to the semiannual periods of October 1 through March 31 and April 1 through September 30 of each fiscal year, beginning with fiscal year 2014.

(Pub. L. 113-76, div. I, title I, § 1102, Jan. 17, 2014, 128 Stat. 425.)

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2014, and also as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014, and not as part of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 which comprises this chapter.

CHANGE OF NAME

Office of Compliance changed, as of Dec. 21, 2018, and considered to refer and apply, to the Office of Congressional Workplace Rights, see section 308(d) of Pub. L. 115-397, set out as an Effective Date of 2018 Amendment note under section 1381 of this title.

**§ 1388. Workplace climate surveys of employing offices**

**(a) Requirement to conduct secure surveys**

Not later than 1 year after December 21, 2018, and every 2 years thereafter, the Office shall conduct a secure survey of employing offices under this chapter regarding the workplace environment of such offices. Employee responses to the survey shall be voluntary.

**(b) Special inclusion of information on sexual harassment**

In each survey conducted under this section, the Office shall survey respondents on attitudes regarding sexual harassment.

**(c) Methodology**

**(1) In general**

The Office shall conduct each survey under this section in accordance with methodologies established by the Office.

**(2) Confidentiality**

Under the methodologies established under paragraph (1), all responses to all portions of

<sup>1</sup> See Change of Name note below.