

§139b and amended Pub. L. 111-383, div. A, title IX, §901(e), (f), (k)(1)(E), title X, §1075(b)(6), Jan. 7, 2011, 124 Stat. 4321, 4322, 4325, 4369; Pub. L. 112-81, div. A, title VIII, §835(b), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1507; Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title IX, §904(a)-(d), (f), (g), title X, §1076(f)(5), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1866, 1867, 1952; Pub. L. 113-291, div. A, title II, §221(a), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3330; Pub. L. 114-92, div. A, title VIII, §832, title X, §1078(b), Nov. 25, 2015, 129 Stat. 913, 998, related to Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Developmental Test and Evaluation; Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Systems Engineering; support of major defense acquisition programs; annual and biennial report requirements; and joint guidance in certain areas, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 114-328, div. A, title IX, §901(e)(2), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2342.

Another prior section 139b was renumbered section 138c of this title.

Another prior section 139b was renumbered section 2433 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2019—Subsec. (c)(2)(E). Pub. L. 116-92 substituted “Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security” for “Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence”.

2017—Subsec. (c)(2)(K). Pub. L. 115-91 inserted period at end.

**[§ 139c. Repealed. Pub. L. 114-328, div. A, title IX, § 901(e)(2), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2342]**

Section, added §139e and renumbered §139c, Pub. L. 111-383, div. A, title VII, §896(a), title IX, §901(f), Jan. 7, 2011, 124 Stat. 4314, 4322; amended Pub. L. 112-81, div. A, title VIII, §855, Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1521; Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title IX, §901(a), (b), title X, §1076(a)(13), (b)(3), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1863, 1864, 1948, 1949; Pub. L. 114-328, div. A, title X, §1081(b)(4)(A), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2419, related to Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manufacturing and Industrial Base Policy.

A prior section 139c was renumbered section 139a of this title.

Another prior section 139c was renumbered section 2434 of this title.

**[§§ 139d, 139e. Renumbered §§ 139b, 139c]**

**§ 140. General Counsel**

(a) There is a General Counsel of the Department of Defense, appointed from civilian life by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

(b) The General Counsel is the chief legal officer of the Department of Defense. He shall perform such functions as the Secretary of Defense may prescribe.

(Added Pub. L. 87-651, title II, §202, Sept. 7, 1962, 76 Stat. 519, §137; amended Pub. L. 88-426, title III, §305(9), Aug. 14, 1964, 78 Stat. 423; renumbered §139 and amended Pub. L. 99-433, title I, §§101(a)(7), 110(d)(11), Oct. 1, 1986, 100 Stat. 995, 1003; renumbered §140, Pub. L. 103-160, div. A, title IX, §901(a)(1), Nov. 30, 1993, 107 Stat. 1726.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
137(a) .....	[Uncodified: 1953 Reorg. Plan No. 6, eff. June 30, 1953, §4 (1st 25 words of 1st sentence), 67 Stat. 639].	1953 Reorg. Plan No. 6, eff. June 30, 1953, §4, 67 Stat. 639.
137(b) .....	[Uncodified: 1953 Reorg. Plan No. 6, eff. June 30, 1953, §4 (1st sentence, less 1st 25 words), 67 Stat. 639].	
137(c) .....	[Uncodified: 1953 Reorg. Plan No. 6, eff. June 30, 1953, §4 (2d sentence), 67 Stat. 639].	

In subsection (b), the words “from time to time” are omitted as surplusage.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 140 was renumbered section 141 of this title.

Another prior section 140 was renumbered section 127 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

1993—Pub. L. 103-160 renumbered section 139 of this title as this section.

1986—Pub. L. 99-433, §§101(a)(7), 110(d)(11), renumbered section 137 of this title as this section, and struck out “: powers and duties” at end of section catchline.

1964—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 88-426 repealed subsec. (c) which related to compensation of General Counsel. See section 5315 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1964 AMENDMENT

For effective date of amendment by Pub. L. 88-426, see section 501 of Pub. L. 88-426.

**[§ 140a. Renumbered § 422]**

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 140a was renumbered section 421 of this title.

**[§ 140b. Renumbered § 423]**

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 140b was renumbered section 129 of this title.

**[§ 140c. Renumbered § 130]**

**§ 141. Inspector General**

(a) There is an Inspector General of the Department of Defense, who is appointed as provided in section 3 of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-452; 5 U.S.C. App. 3).

(b) The Inspector General performs the duties, has the responsibilities, and exercises the powers specified in the Inspector General Act of 1978.

(Added Pub. L. 99-433, title I, §108, Oct. 1, 1986, 100 Stat. 998, §140; renumbered §141, Pub. L. 103-160, div. A, title IX, §901(a)(1), Nov. 30, 1993, 107 Stat. 1726.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Inspector General Act of 1978, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 95-452, Oct. 12, 1978, 92 Stat. 1101, as amended, which is set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 141 was renumbered section 138d of this title.

Another prior section 141 of this title was contained in chapter 5 of this title, prior to amendment by Pub. L. 99-433. See note preceding section 151 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

1993—Pub. L. 103-160 renumbered section 140 of this title as this section.

**§ 142. Chief Information Officer**

(a) There is a Chief Information Officer of the Department of Defense, who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, from among civilians who are qualified to serve as such officer.

(b)(1) The Chief Information Officer of the Department of Defense—

(A) is the Chief Information Officer of the Department of Defense for the purposes of sections 3506(a)(2) (other than with respect to business management) and 3544(a)(3) of title 44;

(B) has the responsibilities and duties specified in sections 11315 and 11319 of title 40 (other than with respect to business management);

(C) has the responsibilities specified for the Chief Information Officer in sections 2223(a) (other than with respect to business management) and 2224 of this title;

(D) exercises authority, direction, and control over the Information Assurance Directorate of the National Security Agency;

(E) exercises authority, direction, and control over the Defense Information Systems Agency, or any successor organization;

(F) has the responsibilities for policy, oversight, guidance, and coordination for all Department of Defense matters related to electromagnetic spectrum, including coordination with other Federal and industry agencies, coordination for classified programs, and in coordination with the Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, policies related to spectrum management workforce;

(G) has the responsibilities for policy, oversight, and guidance for matters related to precision navigation and timing; and

(H) has the responsibilities for policy, oversight, and guidance for the architecture and programs related to the information technology, networking, information assurance, cybersecurity, and cyber capability architectures of the Department.

(2)(A) The Secretary of Defense, acting through the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), shall require the Secretaries of the military departments and the heads of the Defense Agencies with responsibilities associated with any activity specified in paragraph (1) to transmit the proposed budget for such activities for a fiscal year and for the period covered by the future-years defense program submitted to Congress under section 221 of this title for that fiscal year to the Chief Information Officer for review under subparagraph (B) before submitting the proposed budget to the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller).

(B) The Chief Information Officer shall review each proposed budget transmitted under subparagraph (A) and, not later than January 31 of the year preceding the fiscal year for which the budget is proposed, shall submit to the Secretary of Defense a report containing the comments of the Chief Information Officer with respect to all such proposed budgets, together with the certification of the Chief Information Officer regarding whether each proposed budget is adequate.

(C) Not later than March 31 of each year, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report specifying each proposed budget contained in the most-recent report submitted under subparagraph (B) that the Chief Information Officer did not certify to be adequate. The report of the Secretary shall include the following matters:

(i) A discussion of the actions that the Secretary proposes to take, together with any recommended legislation that the Secretary considers appropriate, to address the inadequacy of the proposed budgets specified in the report.

(ii) Any additional comments that the Secretary considers appropriate regarding the inadequacy of the proposed budgets.

(3)(A) The Secretary of a military department or head of a Defense Agency may not develop or procure information technology (as defined in section 11101 of title 40) that does not fully comply with such standards as the Chief Information Officer may establish.

(B) The Chief Information Officer shall implement and enforce a process for—

(i) developing, adopting, or publishing standards for information technology, networking, or cyber capabilities to which any military department or defense agency would need to adhere in order to run such capabilities on defense networks; and

(ii) certifying on a regular and ongoing basis that any capabilities being developed or procured meets such standards as have been published by the Department at the time of certification.

(C) The Chief Information Officer shall identify gaps in standards and mitigation plans for operating in the absence of acceptable standards.

(4) The Chief Information Officer shall perform such additional duties and exercise such powers as the Secretary of Defense may prescribe.

(c)<sup>1</sup> The Chief Information Officer takes precedence in the Department of Defense with the officials serving in positions specified in section 131(b)(4) of this title. The officials serving in positions specified in section 131(b)(4) and the Chief Information Officer of the Department of Defense take precedence among themselves in the order prescribed by the Secretary of Defense.

(c)<sup>1</sup> The Chief Information Officer of the Department of Defense shall report directly to the Secretary of Defense in the performance of duties under this section.

(d) The Chief Information Officer of the Department of Defense takes precedence in the Department of Defense with the officials serving in positions specified in section 131(b)(4) of this title. The officials serving in positions specified in such section and the Chief Information Officer take precedence among themselves in the order prescribed by the Secretary of Defense.

(Added and amended Pub. L. 113-291, div. A, title IX, §901(b)(1), (j)(1)(B), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3463, 3467; Pub. L. 114-328, div. A, title IX, §902(a), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2343; Pub. L. 115-91, div. A, title IX, §909(a)-(d), title X, §1081(b)(1)(A), Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1514, 1515, 1597; Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title IX, §903, Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1922; Pub. L. 116-92, div. A, title IX, §903(a)(1), title XVI, §1662(b), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 1555, 1772.)

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Two subsecs. (c) have been enacted.

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 142 of this title was renumbered section 138d of this title and subsequently repealed.

Another prior section 142 of this title was contained in chapter 5 of this title, prior to amendment by Pub. L. 99-433. See note preceding section 151 of this title.

## AMENDMENTS

2019—Subsec. (b)(1)(A) to (C). Pub. L. 116-92, § 903(a)(1), struck out “systems and” after “business”.

Subsec. (b)(1)(G) to (I). Pub. L. 116-92, § 1662(b), redesignated subpars. (H) and (I) as (G) and (H), respectively, and struck out former subpar. (G) which read as follows: “has the responsibilities for policy, oversight, guidance, and coordination for nuclear command and control systems;”.

2018—Subsec. (b)(1)(A). Pub. L. 115-232, § 903(1), inserted “(other than with respect to business systems and management)” after “sections 3506(a)(2)”.

Subsec. (b)(1)(B). Pub. L. 115-232, § 903(2), substituted “sections 11315 and 11319 of title 40 (other than with respect to business systems and management)” for “section 11315 of title 40”.

Subsec. (b)(1)(C). Pub. L. 115-232, § 903(3), substituted “sections 2223(a) (other than with respect to business systems and management) and 2224” for “sections 2222, 2223(a), and 2224”.

2017—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 115-91, § 909(a), inserted before period at end “, who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, from among civilians who are qualified to serve as such officer”.

Subsec. (b)(1)(I). Pub. L. 115-91, § 909(b), substituted “the information technology, networking, information assurance, cybersecurity, and cyber capability architectures” for “the networking and cyber defense architecture”.

Subsec. (b)(2) to (4). Pub. L. 115-91, § 909(c), added pars. (2) and (3) and redesignated former par. (2) as (4).

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 115-91, § 1081(b)(1)(A), repealed Pub. L. 113-291, § 901(j)(1)(B). See 2014 Amendment note below.

Pub. L. 115-91, § 909(d), added subsec. (c), relating to the direct report of the Chief Information Officer to the Secretary of Defense.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 115-91, § 909(d), added subsec. (d).

2016—Subsec. (b)(1)(E) to (I). Pub. L. 114-328 added subpars. (E) to (I).

2014—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 113-291, § 901(j)(1)(B), which directed striking out subsec. (c), was repealed by Pub. L. 115-91, § 1081(b)(1)(A).

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2017 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 115-91, div. A, title IX, § 909(g), Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1516, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section] shall take effect on January 1, 2019.”

Pub. L. 115-91, div. A, title X, § 1081(b), Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1597, provided that the amendment made by section 1081(b)(1)(A) is effective as of Dec. 23, 2016.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2014 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 113-291, div. A, title IX, § 901(j)(1), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3467, which provided that the amendment made by section 901(j)(1)(B) is effective on the effective date specified in former section 901(a)(1) of Pub. L. 113-291, which was Feb. 1, 2017, was repealed by Pub. L. 115-91, div. A, title X, § 1081(b)(1)(A), Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1597.

## SERVICE OF INCUMBENT WITHOUT FURTHER APPOINTMENT

Pub. L. 115-91, div. A, title IX, § 909(f), Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1516, provided that: “The individual serving in the position of Chief Information Officer of the Department of Defense as of January 1, 2019, may continue to serve in such position commencing as of that date without further appointment pursuant to section 142 of

title 10, United States Code, as amended by this section.”

**§ 143. Office of the Secretary of Defense personnel: limitation**

(a) PERMANENT LIMITATION ON OSD PERSONNEL.—The number of OSD personnel may not exceed 4,300.

(b) OSD PERSONNEL DEFINED.—For purposes of this section, the term “OSD personnel” means military and civilian personnel of the Department of Defense who are assigned to, or employed in, functions in the Office of the Secretary of Defense (including Direct Support Activities of that Office and the Washington Headquarters Services of the Department of Defense).

(c) LIMITATION ON REASSIGNMENT OF FUNCTIONS.—In carrying out reductions in the number of personnel assigned to, or employed in, the Office of the Secretary of Defense in order to comply with this section, the Secretary of Defense may not reassign functions solely in order to evade the requirements contained in this section.

(Added Pub. L. 105-85, div. A, title IX, § 911(d)(1), Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 1859; amended Pub. L. 106-65, div. A, title IX, § 921(c), Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 723; Pub. L. 114-328, div. A, title IX, § 903(a), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2344; Pub. L. 116-92, div. A, title IX, § 901(a)(1), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 1541.)

## CODIFICATION

Section, as added by Pub. L. 105-85, consists of text of Pub. L. 104-201, div. A, title IX, § 903(a)-(f), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2617. Section 903 of Pub. L. 104-201, which was formerly set out as a note under section 131 of this title, was repealed by Pub. L. 105-85, div. A, title IX, § 911(d)(3), Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 1860.

## AMENDMENTS

2019—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 116-92, § 901(a)(1)(A), substituted “4,300” for “3,767”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 116-92, § 901(a)(1)(B), substituted “military and civilian personnel” for “military, civilian, and detailed personnel”.

2016—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 114-328 substituted “, civilian, and detailed personnel” for “and civilian personnel”.

1999—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 106-65, § 921(c)(1), substituted “The number” for “Effective October 1, 1999, the number” and “3,767” for “75 percent of the baseline number”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 106-65, § 921(c)(2), (3), redesignated subsec. (d) as (b) and struck out heading and text of former subsec. (b). Text read as follows: “The number of OSD personnel—

“(1) as of October 1, 1997, may not exceed 85 percent of the baseline number; and

“(2) as of October 1, 1998, may not exceed 80 percent of the baseline number.”

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 106-65, § 921(c)(2), (3), redesignated subsec. (e) as (c) and struck out heading and text of former subsec. (c). Text read as follows: “For purposes of this section, the term ‘baseline number’ means the number of OSD personnel as of October 1, 1994.”

Subsecs. (d), (e). Pub. L. 106-65, § 921(c)(3), redesignated subsecs. (d) and (e) as (b) and (c), respectively.

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 106-65, § 921(c)(2), struck out heading and text of subsec. (f). Text read as follows: “If the Secretary of Defense determines, and certifies to Congress, that the limitation in subsection (b) with respect to any fiscal year would adversely affect United States national security, the Secretary may waive the limitation under that subsection with respect to that fiscal year. If the Secretary of Defense determines, and cer-