

National Intelligence shall provide a report to the President within 180 days of the date of this memorandum [Feb. 19, 2019] on steps they have taken and are planning to take toward these ends, including legislative proposals as necessary and appropriate.

SEC. 9. *Operational Authorities.* In order to ensure that the United States Space Force and United States Space Command have the necessary operational authorities, the National Space Council and the National Security Council shall coordinate an accelerated review of space operational authorities. Within 90 days of the date of this memorandum, the Secretary of Defense shall present to the National Space Council and the National Security Council proposed relevant authority changes for the President's approval. The National Space Council and the National Security Council shall then conduct an interagency review of the Secretary's proposal and make recommendations to the President on appropriate authorities, to be completed no later than 60 days from the date the Secretary of Defense presents his proposal to the councils.

SEC. 10. *Periodic Review.* As the United States Space Force matures, and as national security requires, it will become necessary to create a separate military department, to be known as the Department of the Space Force. This department will take over some or all responsibilities for the United States Space Force from the Department of the Air Force. The Secretary of Defense will conduct periodic reviews to determine when to recommend that the President seek legislation to establish such a department.

SEC. 11. *General Provisions.* (a) Nothing in this memorandum shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect:

(i) the authority granted by law to an executive department or agency, or the head thereof; or

(ii) the functions of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget relating to budgetary, administrative, or legislative proposals.

(b) This memorandum shall be implemented consistent with applicable law and United States national and homeland security requirements, and subject to the availability of appropriations.

(c) This memorandum is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

(d) The Secretary of Defense is authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the Federal Register.

DONALD J. TRUMP.

§ 9082. Chief of Space Operations

(a) APPOINTMENT.—(1) There is a Chief of Space Operations, appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, from the general officers of the Air Force. The Chief serves at the pleasure of the President.

(2) The Chief shall be appointed for a term of four years. In time of war or during a national emergency declared by Congress, the Chief may be reappointed for a term of not more than four years.

(b) GRADE.—The Chief, while so serving, has the grade of general without vacating the permanent grade of the officer.

(c) RELATIONSHIP TO THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE.—Except as otherwise prescribed by law and subject to section 9013(f) of this title, the Chief performs the duties of such position under the authority, direction, and control of the Secretary of the Air Force and is directly responsible to the Secretary.

(d) DUTIES.—Subject to the authority, direction, and control of the Secretary of the Air Force, the Chief shall—

(1) preside over the Office of the Chief of Space Operations;

(2) transmit the plans and recommendations of the Office of the Chief of Space Operations to the Secretary and advise the Secretary with regard to such plans and recommendations;

(3) after approval of the plans or recommendations of the Office of the Chief of Space Operations by the Secretary, act as the agent of the Secretary in carrying them into effect;

(4) exercise supervision, consistent with the authority assigned to commanders of unified or specified combatant commands under chapter 6 of this title, over such of the members and organizations of the Space Force as the Secretary determines; and

(5) perform such other military duties, not otherwise assigned by law, as are assigned to the Chief by the President, the Secretary of Defense, or the Secretary of the Air Force.

(e) JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF.—(1) Commencing one year after the date of the enactment of the United States Space Force Act, the Chief of Space Operations shall be a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

(2) To the extent that such action does not impair the independence of the Chief in the performance of the duties of the Chief as a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff pursuant to paragraph (1), the Chief shall inform the Secretary of the Air Force regarding military advice rendered by members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on matters affecting the Department of the Air Force.

(3) Subject to the authority, direction, and control of the Secretary of Defense, the Chief shall keep the Secretary of the Air Force fully informed of significant military operations affecting the duties and responsibilities of the Secretary.

(Added Pub. L. 116-92, div. A, title IX, §953(a), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 1563.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The date of the enactment of the United States Space Force Act, referred to in subsec. (e)(1), is the date of enactment of subtitle D of title IX of div. A of Pub. L. 116-92, which was approved Dec. 20, 2019.

SERVICE

Pub. L. 116-92, div. A, title IX, §953(b), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 1564, provided that:

“(1) INCUMBENT.—The individual serving as Commander of the Air Force Space Command as of the day before the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 20, 2019] may serve as the Chief of Space Operations under subsection (a) of section 9082 of title 10, United States Code (as added by subsection (a) of this section), after that date without further appointment as otherwise provided for by subsection (a) of such section 9082.

“(2) U.S. SPACE COMMAND.—During the one-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense may authorize an officer serving as the Chief of Space Operations to serve concurrently as the Commander of the United States Space Command, without further appointment.”

§ 9083. Officer career field for space

The Secretary of the Air Force shall establish and implement policies and procedures to develop a career field for officers in the Air Force

with technical competence in space-related matters to have the capability to—

- (1) develop space doctrine and concepts of space operations;
- (2) develop space systems; and
- (3) operate space systems.

(Added Pub. L. 107–107, div. A, title IX, §912(a), Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1196, §8084; amended Pub. L. 108–375, div. A, title X, §1084(d)(32), Oct. 28, 2004, 118 Stat. 2063; renumbered §9084, Pub. L. 115–232, div. A, title VIII, §806(c), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1833; renumbered §9068, Pub. L. 116–92, div. A, title IX, §952(b)(1), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 1561; renumbered §9083, Pub. L. 116–92, div. A, title IX, §952(e), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 1562.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 9084 was successively renumbered section 9068, then 9083, of this title by Pub. L. 116–92, §952(b)(1), (e). See Amendment notes below.

AMENDMENTS

2019—Pub. L. 116–92, §952(e), renumbered section 9068 of this title as this section.

Pub. L. 116–92, §952(b)(1), renumbered section 9084 of this title as section 9068 of this title.

2018—Pub. L. 115–232 renumbered section 8084 of this title as section 9084 of this title.

2004—Pub. L. 108–375 substituted “capability” for “capabilty”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 115–232 effective Feb. 1, 2019, with provision for the coordination of amendments and special rule for certain redesignations, see section 800 of Pub. L. 115–232, set out as a note preceding section 3001 of this title.

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AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115–232, div. A, title VIII, §806(e)(2), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1834, redesignated items for chapters 831 to 875 as 911 to 949 and redesignated section numbers 8201 to 9061 as 9110 to 9381. Section numbers were conformed to the first section appearing in each chapter after renumbering by Pub. L. 115–232 to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

2003—Pub. L. 108–136, div. A, title V, §576(c)(2), Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1488, added item for chapter 875.

1994—Pub. L. 103–337, div. A, title XVI, §1674(a), Oct. 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 3016, struck out items for chapters 837 “Appointments as Reserve Officers” and 863 “Separation or Transfer to Retired Reserve”.

1980—Pub. L. 96–513, title V, §504(1), Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2915, struck out items for chapters 859 “Separation from Regular Air Force for Substandard Performance of Duty”, 860 “Separation from Regular Air Force for Moral or Professional Dereliction or in Interests of National Security”, and 865 “Retirement for Age”.

1968—Pub. L. 90–377, §5, July 5, 1968, 82 Stat. 288, struck out item for chapter 851 “United States Disciplinary Barracks”.

Pub. L. 90–235, §8(6), Jan. 2, 1968, 81 Stat. 764, struck out item for chapter 847 “The Uniform”.

1960—Pub. L. 86–616, §§7(b), 8(b), July 12, 1960, 74 Stat. 393, 395, substituted “Substandard Performance of Duty” for “Failure to Meet Standards” in item for chapter 859 and added item for chapter 860.

1958—Pub. L. 85–861, §1(193), Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1538, substituted “8841” for “[No present sections]” in item for chapter 863.

CHAPTER 911—STRENGTH

Sec.

9110. Regular Air Force: strength in grade; general officers.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115–232, div. A, title VIII, §806(d)(3)(A), (e)(1), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1833, redesignated chapter 831 of this title as this chapter and item 8210 as 9110.

1994—Pub. L. 103–337, div. A, title XVI, §1674(b)(2), Oct. 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 3016, struck out items 8212 “Air Reserve; Air National Guard of the United States: strength in grade; temporary increases”, 8217 “Reserves: commissioned officers in an active status”, 8218 “Reserves: strength in grade; general officers in an active status”, 8219 “Reserves: strength in grade; commissioned officers in grades below brigadier general in an active status”, 8221 “Air Force Reserve”, 8222 “Air Force Reserve, exclusive of members on active duty”, 8223 “Air Force Reserve: warrant officers”, 8224 “Air National Guard of United States”, and 8225 “Air National Guard and Air National Guard of United States, exclusive of members on active duty”.

1990—Pub. L. 101–510, div. A, title IV, §403(b)(3)(B), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1545, struck out item 8202 “Air Force: strength in grade; general officers”.

1985—Pub. L. 99–145, title XIII, §1303(a)(26), Nov. 8, 1985, 99 Stat. 740, inserted “; general officers” after “grade” in item 8202.

1980—Pub. L. 96–513, title V, §504(6), Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2916, struck out item 8201 “Air Force: members on active duty”, substituted “strength in grade” for “officers in certain commissioned grades” in item 8202, struck out items 8203 “Regular Air Force: members on active duty”, 8204 “Regular Air Force: commissioned officers on active list”, 8205 “Regular Air Force: commissioned officers on active list, exclusive of certain categories”, 8206 “Regular Air Force: commissioned officers on active list; Air Force nurses”, 8207 “Regular Air Force: commissioned officers on active list; medical specialists”, 8208 “Regular Air Force: commissioned officers on active list; female commissioned officers, other than those designated under section 8067 of this title to perform professional functions”, 8209 “Regular Air Force: commissioned officers on active list; special categories”, and 8211 “Regular Air Force: strength in grade; promotion-list officers”, substituted “Air Reserve; Air National Guard of the United States: strength in grade; temporary increases” for “Regular Air Force; Air Force Reserve; Air National Guard of the United States: strength in grade; temporary increases” in item 8212, and struck out items 8213 “Regular Air Force: warrant officers on active list”, 8214 “Regular Air Force: enlisted members on active duty”, 8215 “Regular Air Force: female warrant officers on active list”, and 8230 “Personnel detailed outside Department of Defense.”

1967—Pub. L. 90–130, §1(26)(F), Nov. 8, 1967, 81 Stat. 382, struck out “; female enlisted members on active duty” after “female warrant officers on active list” in item 8215.