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§ 50101. Application for assistance

(a) State as applicant

In the event that a law enforcement emergency exists throughout a State or a part of a State, a State (on behalf of itself or another appropriate unit of government) may submit an application under this section for Federal law enforcement assistance.

(b) Execution of application; period for action of Attorney General on application

An application for assistance under this section shall be submitted in writing by the chief executive officer of a State to the Attorney General, in a form prescribed by rules issued by the Attorney General. The Attorney General shall, after consultation with the Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs and appropriate members of the Federal law enforcement community, approve or disapprove such application not later than 10 days after receiving such application.

(c) Criteria

Federal law enforcement assistance may be provided if such assistance is necessary to provide an adequate response to a law enforcement emergency. In determining whether to approve or disapprove an application for assistance under this section, the Attorney General shall consider—

- (1) the nature and extent of such emergency throughout a State or in any part of a State,
- (2) the situation or extraordinary circumstances which produced such emergency,
- (3) the availability of State and local criminal justice resources to resolve the problem,
- (4) the cost associated with the increased Federal presence,
- (5) the need to avoid unnecessary Federal involvement and intervention in matters primarily of State and local concern, and
- (6) any assistance which the State or other appropriate unit of government has received, or could receive, under any provision of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 [34 U.S.C. 10101 et seq.].

(Pub. L. 98-473, title II, §609M, Oct. 12, 1984, 98 Stat. 2103; Pub. L. 109-162, title XI, §1113, Jan. 5, 2006, 119 Stat. 3103.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, referred to in subsec. (c)(6), is Pub. L. 90-351, June 19, 1968, 82 Stat. 197. Title I of the Act is classified principally to chapter 101 (§10101 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title of 1968 Act note set out under section 10101 of this title and Tables.

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 10501 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

AMENDMENTS

2006—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 109-162 substituted “the Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs” for “the Director of the Office of Justice Assistance”.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Chapter effective Oct. 12, 1984, see section 609AA(a) of Pub. L. 98-473, set out as a note under section 10101 of this title.

§ 50102. Definitions

For purposes of this chapter—

(1) the term “Federal law enforcement assistance” means funds, equipment, training, intelligence information, and personnel,

(2) the term “Federal law enforcement community” means the heads of the following departments or agencies:

- (A) the Federal Bureau of Investigation,
- (B) the Drug Enforcement Administration,
- (C) the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice,
- (D) the Internal Revenue Service,
- (E) the Customs Service,
- (F) the Immigration and Naturalization Service,
- (G) the United States Marshals Service,
- (H) the National Park Service,
- (I) the United States Postal Service,
- (J) the Secret Service,
- (K) the Coast Guard,
- (L) the National Security Division of the Department of Justice,
- (M) the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, Department of Justice, and

(N) other Federal agencies with specific statutory authority to investigate violations of Federal criminal laws,

(3) the term “law enforcement emergency” means an uncommon situation which requires law enforcement, which is or threatens to become of serious or epidemic proportions, and with respect to which State and local resources are inadequate to protect the lives and property of citizens or to enforce the criminal law, except that such term does not include—

(A) the perceived need for planning or other activities related to crowd control for general public safety projects, or

(B) a situation requiring the enforcement of laws associated with scheduled public events, including political conventions and sports events, and

(4) the term “State” means any State of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

(Pub. L. 98-473, title II, §609N, Oct. 12, 1984, 98 Stat. 2104; Pub. L. 107-296, title XI, §1112(o), Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2278; Pub. L. 109-177, title V, §506(a)(11), Mar. 9, 2006, 120 Stat. 248.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original “this subdivision” probably meaning subtitle B (which probably should have been designated “subdivision” B)

of division I of chapter VI of title II of Pub. L. 98-473, which enacted this chapter.

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Section was formerly classified to section 10502 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

AMENDMENTS

2006—Par. (2)(L) to (N). Pub. L. 109-177 added subpar. (L) and redesignated former subpars. (L) and (M) as (M) and (N), respectively.

2002—Par. (2)(L). Pub. L. 107-296 substituted “Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, Department of Justice” for “Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2002 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 107-296 effective 60 days after Nov. 25, 2002, see section 4 of Pub. L. 107-296, set out as an Effective Date note under section 101 of Title 6, Domestic Security.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of functions, personnel, assets, and liabilities of the United States Customs Service of the Department of the Treasury, including functions of the Secretary of the Treasury relating thereto, to the Secretary of Homeland Security, and for treatment of related references, see sections 203(1), 551(d), 552(d), and 557 of Title 6, Domestic Security, and the Department of Homeland Security Reorganization Plan of November 25, 2002, as modified, set out as a note under section 542 of Title 6. For establishment of U.S. Customs and Border Protection in the Department of Homeland Security, treated as if included in Pub. L. 107-296 as of Nov. 25, 2002, see section 211 of Title 6, as amended generally by Pub. L. 114-125, and section 802(b) of Pub. L. 114-125, set out as a note under section 211 of Title 6.

For transfer of the functions, personnel, assets, and obligations of the United States Secret Service, including the functions of the Secretary of the Treasury relating thereto, to the Secretary of Homeland Security, and for treatment of related references, see sections 381, 551(d), 552(d), and 557 of Title 6, Domestic Security, and the Department of Homeland Security Reorganization Plan of November 25, 2002, as modified, set out as a note under section 542 of Title 6.

For transfer of authorities, functions, personnel, and assets of the Coast Guard, including the authorities and functions of the Secretary of Transportation relating thereto, to the Department of Homeland Security, and for treatment of related references, see sections 468(b), 551(d), 552(d), and 557 of Title 6, Domestic Security, and the Department of Homeland Security Reorganization Plan of November 25, 2002, as modified, set out as a note under section 542 of Title 6.

ABOLITION OF IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE AND TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For abolition of Immigration and Naturalization Service, transfer of functions, and treatment of related references, see note set out under section 1551 of Title 8, Aliens and Nationality.

TERMINATION OF TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

For termination of Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, see note set out preceding section 1681 of Title 48, Territories and Insular Possessions.

§ 50103. Limitation on authority

(a) Federal investigations

Nothing in this chapter authorizes the use of Federal law enforcement personnel to investigate violations of criminal law other than violations with respect to which investigation is authorized by other provisions of law.

(b) Federal supervision

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to authorize the Attorney General or the Federal law enforcement community to exercise any direction, supervision, or control over any police force or other criminal justice agency of an applicant for Federal law enforcement assistance.

(c) Racial balance in criminal justice agencies

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to authorize the Attorney General or the Federal law enforcement community—

(1) to condition the availability or amount of Federal law enforcement assistance upon the adoption by an applicant for such assistance of, or

(2) to deny or discontinue such assistance upon the failure of such applicant to adopt,

a percentage ratio, quota system, or other program to achieve racial balance in any criminal justice agency of such applicant.

(d) Federal supplantation of State funds

No funds provided under this chapter may be used to supplant State or local funds that would otherwise be made available for such purposes.

(e) Other authorities unaffected

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to limit any authority to provide emergency assistance otherwise provided by law.

(Pub. L. 98-473, title II, §609O, Oct. 12, 1984, 98 Stat. 2105.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 10503 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

§ 50104. Prohibition of discrimination

(a) Federally assisted emergency assistance activities

No person in any State shall, on the ground of race, color, religion, national origin, or sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, be subjected to discrimination under, or be denied employment in connection with any activity for which Federal law enforcement assistance is provided under this chapter.

(b) Provisions of section 10228(c)(3) and (4) of this title applicable to violations

Paragraph (3) and paragraph (4) of section 10228(c) of this title shall apply with respect to a violation of subsection (a), except that the terms “this section” and “paragraph (1)”, as such terms appear in such paragraphs, shall be deemed to be references to subsection (a) of this section, and a reference to the Office of Justice Programs in such paragraphs shall be deemed to be a reference to the Attorney General.

(Pub. L. 98-473, title II, §609P, Oct. 12, 1984, 98 Stat. 2105.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 10504 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

§ 50105. Confidentiality of information

Section 10231 of this title shall apply with respect to—