

and Inspection Service and a State or cooperator to carry out agricultural marketing programs, to carry out programs to protect the nation's animal and plant resources, or to carry out educational programs or special studies to improve the safety of the nation's food supply.

(Pub. L. 108-7, div. A, title VII, §713, Feb. 20, 2003, 117 Stat. 39.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the appropriation act cited as the credit to this section.

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

Pub. L. 107-76, title VII, §713, Nov. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 733.

Pub. L. 106-387, §1(a) [title VII, §713], Oct. 28, 2000, 114 Stat. 1549, 1549A-29.

Pub. L. 106-78, title VII, §716, Oct. 22, 1999, 113 Stat. 1162.

Pub. L. 105-277, div. A, §101(a) [title VII, §715], Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681, 2681-26.

Pub. L. 105-86, title VII, §717, Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 2106.

Pub. L. 104-180, title VII, §717, Aug. 6, 1996, 110 Stat. 1598.

Pub. L. 104-37, title VII, §717, Oct. 21, 1995, 109 Stat. 331.

Pub. L. 103-330, title VII, §720, Sept. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 2469.

#### § 2279h. Cross-servicing activities of National Finance Center

On and after November 10, 2005, the Chief Financial Officer shall actively market and expand cross-servicing activities of the National Finance Center.

(Pub. L. 109-97, title I, Nov. 10, 2005, 119 Stat. 2121.)

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#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

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Pub. L. 108-447, div. A, title I, Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 2812.

Pub. L. 108-199, div. A, title I, Jan. 23, 2004, 118 Stat. 6.

Pub. L. 108-7, div. A, title I, Feb. 20, 2003, 117 Stat. 14.

Pub. L. 107-76, title I, Nov. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 705.

Pub. L. 106-387, §1(a) [title I], Oct. 28, 2000, 114 Stat. 1549, 1549A-2.

Pub. L. 105-277, div. A, §101(a) [title I], Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-1.

Pub. L. 105-86, title I, Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 2080.

Pub. L. 104-180, title I, Aug. 6, 1996, 110 Stat. 1570.

Pub. L. 104-37, title I, Oct. 21, 1995, 109 Stat. 300.

#### § 2279i. Cooperation with State and other agencies; expenditures

In carrying on the activities of the Department of Agriculture involving cooperation with State, county, and municipal agencies, associations of farmers, individual farmers, universities, colleges, boards of trade, chambers of commerce, or other local associations of business men, business organizations, and individuals within the State, Territory, district, or insular possession in which such activities are to

be carried on, moneys contributed from such outside sources, except in the case of the authorized activities of the Forest Service, shall be paid only through the Secretary of Agriculture or through State, county, or municipal agencies, or local farm bureaus or like organizations, cooperating for the purpose with the Secretary of Agriculture.

(July 24, 1919, ch. 26, 41 Stat. 270.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 450b of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section, and to section 563 of Title 5 prior to the general revision and enactment of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, by Pub. L. 89-554, §1, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 378.

#### § 2279j. Conversion authority

The Secretary may, notwithstanding subchapter I of chapter 33 of title 5, governing appointments in the competitive or excepted service, noncompetitively convert to an appointment in the competitive service, in an agency or office within the Department of Agriculture, a recent graduate or student who is a United States citizen and has been awarded and successfully completed a scholarship program granted to the individual by the Department through the 1890 National Scholars Program or the 1994 Tribal Scholars Program carried out by the Department, provided the individual meets the requirements for such conversion and meets Office of Personnel Management qualification standards, as determined by the Secretary. Nothing in the preceding sentence shall be construed as requiring the Secretary to convert an individual under the authority under such sentence.

(Pub. L. 115-334, title XII, §12519, Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 5001.)

#### DEFINITION OF "SECRETARY"

"Secretary" means the Secretary of Agriculture, see section 2 of Pub. L. 115-334, set out as a note under section 9001 of this title.

#### § 2279k. Authorization of protection operations for the Secretary of Agriculture and others

##### (a) In general

The Department of Agriculture is authorized to employ qualified law enforcement officers or special agents to provide—

(1) protection for the Secretary and the Deputy Secretary during the performance of official duties by each such officer and during any activity that is preliminary or postliminary to the performance of official duties by each such officer;

(2) protection, incidental to the protection provided pursuant to paragraph (1), to an individual accompanying each such officer who is participating in an activity or event relating to the official duties of each such officer when there is an articulable threat to such individual;

(3) continuous protection to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary (including during periods not described in paragraph (1)) if there is an articulable threat of physical harm, in ac-