

AMENDMENTS

2021—Subsecs. (a), (b). Pub. L. 116-283, § 1850(j)(1), transferred subsecs. (a) and (b) to section 4376(a) and (b), respectively, of this title.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 116-283, § 1850(k)(1), transferred subsec. (c) to section 4377(a) of this title.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 116-283, § 1850(j)(2), transferred subsec. (d) to section 4376(c) of this title.

2013—Subsec. (c)(3)(A). Pub. L. 112-239 substituted “subparagraphs (B), (C), and (E)” for “subparagraphs (B) and (C)” in introductory provisions.

2011—Subsec. (b)(2)(B). Pub. L. 111-383 substituted “section 181(g)(1)” for “section 181(g)(1)”.

Subsec. (c)(1)(B), (C). Pub. L. 112-81, § 801(e)(4), struck out “, or Key Decision Point approval in the case of a space program,” after “Milestone approval”.

Subsec. (c)(3). Pub. L. 112-81, § 831, added par. (3).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective Jan. 1, 2022, with additional provisions for delayed implementation and applicability of existing law, see section 1801(d) of Pub. L. 116-283, set out as a note preceding section 3001 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2021 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 116-283 effective Jan. 1, 2022, with additional provisions for delayed implementation and applicability of existing law, see section 1801(d) of Pub. L. 116-283, set out as a note preceding section 3001 of this title.

REVIEWS OF PROGRAMS RESTRUCTURED AFTER EXPERIENCING CRITICAL COST GROWTH

Pub. L. 111-23, title II, § 205(c), May 22, 2009, 123 Stat. 1725, as amended by Pub. L. 111-383, div. A, title VIII, § 813(e), title X, § 1075(k)(2), Jan. 7, 2011, 124 Stat. 4266, 4378, provided that: “The official designated to perform oversight of performance assessment pursuant to section 103 of this Act [set out as a note under section 2430 of this title], shall assess the performance of each major defense acquisition program that has exceeded critical cost growth thresholds established pursuant to section 2433(e) of title 10, United States Code, but has not been terminated in accordance with section 2433a of such title (as added by section 206(a) of this Act) not less often than semi-annually until one year after the date on which such program receives a new milestone approval, in accordance with section 2433a(c)(1)(C) of such title (as so added). The results of reviews performed under this subsection shall be reported to the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics and summarized in the next annual report of such designated official.”

[Pub. L. 111-383, div. A, title VIII, § 813(e), Jan. 7, 2011, 124 Stat. 4266, provided that the amendment made by section 813(e) to section 205(c) of Pub. L. 111-23, set out above, is effective as of May 22, 2009, and as if included in Pub. L. 111-23, as enacted.]

[For definition of “major defense acquisition program” as used in section 205(c) of Pub. L. 111-23, set out above, see section 2(2) of Pub. L. 111-23, set out as a note under section 2430 of this title.]

[§ 2434. Repealed. Pub. L. 114-328, div. A, title VIII, § 842(c)(1), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2290]

Section, added Pub. L. 98-94, title XII, § 1203(a)(1), Sept. 24, 1983, 97 Stat. 682, § 139c; renumbered § 2434 and amended Pub. L. 99-433, title I, §§ 101(a)(5), 110(d)(15), (g)(9), Oct. 1, 1986, 100 Stat. 995, 1003, 1004; Pub. L. 99-661, div. A, title XII, § 1208(a)-(c)(1), Nov. 14, 1986, 100 Stat. 3975; Pub. L. 100-26, § 7(b)(5), Apr. 21, 1987, 101 Stat. 279; Pub. L. 100-180, div. A, title XIII, § 1314(a)(1), Dec. 4, 1987, 101 Stat. 1175; Pub. L. 100-456, div. A, title V, § 525, Sept. 29, 1988, 102 Stat. 1975; Pub. L. 102-190, div. A, title VIII, § 801(a), (b)(1), Dec. 5, 1991, 105 Stat. 1412; Pub. L. 103-355, title III, § 3004, Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3330; Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title VIII, § 814, Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 395; Pub. L. 107-107, div. A, title VIII, § 821(a), Dec. 28,

2001, 115 Stat. 1181; Pub. L. 111-23, title I, § 101(d)(5), May 22, 2009, 123 Stat. 1710; Pub. L. 111-383, div. A, title VIII, § 814(e), Jan. 7, 2011, 124 Stat. 4267; Pub. L. 114-92, div. A, title VIII, § 831(a)-(c)(1), Nov. 25, 2015, 129 Stat. 912, related to independent cost estimates.

§ 2435. Baseline description

(a) **BASELINE DESCRIPTION REQUIREMENT.**—(1) The Secretary of a military department shall establish a baseline description for each major defense acquisition program and for each designated major subprogram under the program under the jurisdiction of such Secretary.

(2) The baseline shall include sufficient parameters to describe the cost estimate (referred to as the “Baseline Estimate” in section 2433 of this title), schedule, performance, supportability, and any other factor of such major defense acquisition program or designated major subprogram.

(b) **FUNDING LIMIT.**—No amount appropriated or otherwise made available to the Department of Defense for carrying out a major defense acquisition program or any designated major subprogram under the program may be obligated after the program or subprogram enters system development and demonstration without an approved baseline description unless such obligation is specifically approved by the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment.

(c) **SCHEDULE.**—A baseline description for a major defense acquisition program or any designated major subprogram under the program shall be prepared under this section—

- (1) before the program or subprogram enters system development and demonstration;
- (2) before the program or subprogram enters production and deployment; and
- (3) before the program or subprogram enters full rate production.

(d) **ORIGINAL BASELINE ESTIMATE.**—(1) In this chapter, the term “original Baseline Estimate”, with respect to a major defense acquisition program or any designated major subprogram under the program, means the baseline description established with respect to the program or subprogram under subsection (a) prepared before the program or subprogram enters system development and demonstration, or at program or subprogram initiation, whichever occurs later, without adjustment or revision (except as provided in paragraph (2)).

(2) An adjustment or revision of the original baseline description of a major defense acquisition program or any designated major subprogram under the program may be treated as the original Baseline Estimate for the program or subprogram for purposes of this chapter only if the percentage increase in the program acquisition unit cost or procurement unit cost under such adjustment or revision exceeds the critical cost growth threshold for the program or subprogram under section 2433 of this title, as determined by the Secretary of the military department concerned under subsection (d) of such section.

(3) In the event of an adjustment or revision of the original baseline description of a major defense acquisition program or any designated major subprogram under the program, the Sec-