

“(b) NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY STUDY ON PER- AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES IN PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT WORN BY FIREFIGHTERS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years after the date of the enactment of this Act [Jan. 1, 2021], the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology shall, subject to availability of appropriations, in consultation with the Director of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, complete a study of the contents and composition of new and unused personal protective equipment worn by firefighters.

“(2) CONTENTS OF STUDY.—In carrying out the study required by paragraph (1), the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology shall examine—

“(A) the identity, prevalence, and concentration of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (commonly known as ‘PFAS’) in the personal protective equipment worn by firefighters;

“(B) the conditions and extent to which per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances are released into the environment over time from the degradation of personal protective equipment from normal use by firefighters; and

“(C) the relative risk of exposure to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances faced by firefighters from—

“(i) their use of personal protective equipment; and

“(ii) degradation of personal protective equipment from normal use by firefighters.

“(3) REPORTS.—

“(A) PROGRESS REPORTS.—Not less frequently than once each year for the duration of the study conducted under paragraph (1), the Director shall submit to Congress a report on the progress of the Director in conducting such study.

“(B) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date on which the Director completes the study required by paragraph (1), the Director shall submit to Congress a report describing—

“(i) the findings of the Director with respect to the study; and

“(ii) recommendations on what additional research or technical improvements to personal protective equipment materials or components should be pursued to avoid unnecessary occupational exposure among firefighters to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances through personal protective equipment.

“(4) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated \$2,500,000 for each of fiscal years 2021 and 2022.

“(c) RESEARCH ON PER- AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES IN PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT WORN BY FIREFIGHTERS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the submittal of the report required by subsection (b)(3)(B), the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology shall, subject to the availability of appropriations—

“(A) issue a solicitation for research proposals to carry out the research recommendations identified in the report submitted under subsection (b)(3)(B); and

“(B) award grants to applicants that submit research proposals to develop safe alternatives to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances in personal protective equipment.

“(2) CRITERIA.—The Director shall select research proposals to receive a grant under paragraph (1) on the basis of merit, using criteria identified by the Director, including the likelihood that the research results will address the findings of the Director with respect to the study conducted under subsection (b)(1).

“(3) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—Any entity or group of 2 or more entities may submit to the Director a research proposal in response to the solicitation for research proposals under paragraph (1), including—

“(A) State and local agencies;

“(B) public institutions, including public institutions of higher education;

“(C) private corporations; and

“(D) nonprofit organizations.

“(4) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2023, \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2024, and \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2025 to carry out this section.

“(d) AUTHORITY FOR DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY TO CONSULT WITH EXPERTS ON MATTERS RELATING TO PER- AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES.—In carrying out this section, the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology may consult with Federal agencies, nongovernmental organizations, State and local governments, and science and research institutions determined by the Director to have scientific or material interest in reducing unnecessary occupational exposure to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances by firefighters.”

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SUBCHAPTER I—KEEPING AMERICAN WORKERS PAID AND EMPLOYED

§ 9001. Definitions

In this title—¹

(1) the terms “Administration” and “Administrator” mean the Small Business Adminis-

tration and the Administrator thereof, respectively; and

(2) the term “small business concern” has the meaning given the term in section 632 of this title.

(Pub. L. 116–136, div. A, title I, §1101, Mar. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 286.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This title, referred to in text, is title I of div. A of Pub. L. 116–136, Mar. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 286, which enacted this subchapter and amended, and enacted provisions set out as notes under, section 636 of this title and several sections in Title 11, Bankruptcy. For complete classification of title I to the Code, see Tables.

SHORT TITLE OF 2020 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 116–260, div. N, title II, §200, Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 1950, provided that: “This chapter [chapter 1 (§§200–266) of subtitle A of title II of div. N of Pub. L. 116–260, see Tables for classification] may be cited as the ‘Continued Assistance for Unemployed Workers Act of 2020.’”

Pub. L. 116–260, div. N, title III, §301, Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 1993, provided that: “This title [see Tables for classification] may be cited as the ‘Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses, Nonprofits, and Venues Act.’”

Pub. L. 116–260, div. N, title IV, §420, Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 2061, provided that: “This subtitle [subtitle B (§§420, 421) of title IV of div. N of Pub. L. 116–260, enacting part D of subchapter III of this chapter] may be cited as the ‘Coronavirus Economic Relief for Transportation Services Act.’”

Pub. L. 116–139, §1, Apr. 24, 2020, 134 Stat. 620, provided that: “This Act [amending sections 636, 9006, and 9009 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act.’”

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 116–136, §1, Mar. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 281, provided that: “This Act [see Tables for classification] may be cited as the ‘Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act’ or the ‘CARES Act.’”

Pub. L. 116–136, div. A, title II, §2101, Mar. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 313, provided that: “This subtitle [subtitle A (§§2101–2116) of title II of div. A of Pub. L. 116–136, enacting subchapter II of this chapter, amending section 3306 of Title 26, Internal Revenue Code, section 1103 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, and section 352 of Title 45, Railroads, enacting provisions set out as a note under section 352 of Title 45, amending provisions set out as a note under section 3304 of Title 26, and repealing provisions set out as a note under section 3306 of Title 26], may be cited as the ‘Relief for Workers Affected by Coronavirus Act.’”

Pub. L. 116–136, div. A, title IV, §4001, Mar. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 469, provided that: “This subtitle [subtitle A (§§4001–4029) of title IV of div. A of Pub. L. 116–136, enacting part A of subchapter III of this chapter, amending section 1681s–2 of this title, sections 84, 1795a, 1795c, 1795e, 1795f, and 5612 of Title 12, Banks and Banking, and section 5302 of Title 31, Money and Finance, and enacting provisions set out as notes under sections 84, 1795a, and 5236 of Title 12 and section 4532 of Title 50, War and National Defense] may be cited as the ‘Coronavirus Economic Stabilization Act of 2020.’”

DEFINITIONS

Pub. L. 116–260, div. N, title III, §302, Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 1993, provided that: “In this Act [probably means ‘this title’], title III of div. N of Pub. L. 116–260, see Tables for classification]:

“(1) ADMINISTRATION; ADMINISTRATOR.—The terms ‘Administration’ and ‘Administrator’ mean the Small Business Administration and the Administrator thereof, respectively.

¹ See References in Text note below.