

section (b) or to otherwise participate in or contribute to reconstruction and stabilization activities.

(G) Taking steps to ensure that training and education of civilian personnel to perform such reconstruction and stabilization activities is adequate and is carried out, as appropriate, with other agencies involved with stabilization operations.

(H) Taking steps to ensure that plans for United States reconstruction and stabilization operations are coordinated with and complementary to reconstruction and stabilization activities of other governments and international and nongovernmental organizations, to improve effectiveness and avoid duplication.

(I) Maintaining the capacity to field on short notice an evaluation team consisting of personnel from all relevant agencies to undertake on-site needs assessment.

## **(b) Response Readiness Corps**

### **(1) Response Readiness Corps**

The Secretary, in consultation with the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development and the heads of other appropriate agencies of the United States Government, may establish and maintain a Response Readiness Corps (referred to in this section as the “Corps”) to provide assistance in support of reconstruction and stabilization operations in countries or regions that are at risk of, in, or are in transition from, conflict or civil strife. The Corps shall be composed of active and standby components consisting of United States Government personnel, including employees of the Department of State, the United States Agency for International Development, and other agencies who are recruited and trained (and employed in the case of the active component) to provide such assistance when deployed to do so by the Secretary to support the purposes of this Act.

### **(2) Civilian Reserve Corps**

The Secretary, in consultation with the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, may establish a Civilian Reserve Corps for which purpose the Secretary is authorized to employ and train individuals who have the skills necessary for carrying out reconstruction and stabilization activities, and who have volunteered for that purpose. The Secretary may deploy members of the Civilian Reserve Corps pursuant to a determination by the President under section 2368 of this title.

### **(3) Mitigation of domestic impact**

The establishment and deployment of any Civilian Reserve Corps shall be undertaken in a manner that will avoid substantively impairing the capacity and readiness of any State and local governments from which Civilian Reserve Corps personnel may be drawn.

## **(c) Existing training and education programs**

The Secretary shall ensure that personnel of the Department, and, in coordination with the Administrator of USAID, that personnel of

USAID, make use of the relevant existing training and education programs offered within the Government, such as those at the Center for Stabilization and Reconstruction Studies at the Naval Postgraduate School and the Interagency Training, Education, and After Action Review Program at the National Defense University.

(Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 841, title I, § 62, as added Pub. L. 110-417, [div. A], title XVI, § 1605, Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4654.)

## **Editorial Notes**

### **REFERENCES IN TEXT**

The Reconstruction and Stabilization Civilian Management Act of 2008, referred to in subsec. (a)(3)(B), (E), is Pub. L. 110-417, [div. A], title XVI, Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4652, which enacted this section, sections 2368 and 2734a of this title, and provisions set out as notes under sections 2151, 2368, and 2734a of this title. Section 1603 of the Act is set out as a note under section 2734a of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title of 2008 Amendment note set out under section 2151 of this title and Tables.

This Act, referred to in subsec. (b)(1), is act Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 841, 70 Stat. 890, known as the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 2651 of this title and Tables.

## **Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

### **DEFINITIONS**

For definitions of “Secretary”, “agency”, and “personnel” as used in this section, see section 1603 of Pub. L. 110-417, set out as a note under section 2734a of this title.

## **§ 2734a. Authorities related to personnel**

### **(a) Extension of certain Foreign Service benefits**

The Secretary, or the head of any agency with respect to personnel of that agency, may extend to any individuals assigned, detailed, or deployed to carry out reconstruction and stabilization activities pursuant to section 2734 of this title (as added by section 1605<sup>1</sup> of this title), the benefits or privileges set forth in sections 3973, 4024, and 4081 of this title to the same extent and manner that such benefits and privileges are extended to members of the Foreign Service.

### **(b) Authority regarding details**

The Secretary is authorized to accept details or assignments of any personnel, and any employee of a State or local government, on a reimbursable or nonreimbursable basis for the purpose of carrying out this title,<sup>1</sup> and the head of any agency is authorized to detail or assign personnel of such agency on a reimbursable or nonreimbursable basis to the Department of State for purposes of section 2734 of this title, as added by section 1605<sup>1</sup> of this title.

(Pub. L. 110-417, [div. A], title XVI, § 1606, Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4656.)

## **Editorial Notes**

### **REFERENCES IN TEXT**

Section 1605 of this title, referred to in text, means section 1605 of title XVI of Pub. L. 110-417.

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.

This title, the first time appearing in subsec. (b), means title XVI of Pub. L. 110-417, [div. A], Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4652, known as the Reconstruction and Stabilization Civilian Management Act of 2008, which enacted this section, sections 2368 and 2734 of this title, and provisions set out as notes under this section and sections 2151 and 2368 of this title. For complete classification of this title to the Code, see Short Title of 2008 Amendment note set out under section 2151 of this title and Tables.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### DEFINITIONS

Pub. L. 110-417, [div. A], title XVI, §1603, Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4653, provided that: “In this title [enacting this section, sections 2368 and 2734 of this title, and provisions set out as notes under sections 2151 and 2368 of this title]:

“(1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term ‘Administrator’ means the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

“(2) AGENCY.—The term ‘agency’ means any entity included in chapter 1 of title 5, United States Code.

“(3) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—The term ‘appropriate congressional committees’ means the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate.

“(4) DEPARTMENT.—Except as otherwise provided in this title, the term ‘Department’ means the Department of State.

“(5) PERSONNEL.—The term ‘personnel’ means individuals serving in any service described in section 2101 of title 5, United States Code, other than in the legislative or judicial branch.

“(6) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of State.”

#### § 2734b. Report on diversity recruitment, employment, retention, and promotion

##### (a) In general

The Secretary should provide oversight to the employment, retention, and promotion of traditionally underrepresented minority groups.

##### (b) Additional recruitment and outreach required

The Department should conduct recruitment activities that—

(1) develop and implement effective mechanisms to ensure that the Department is able effectively to recruit and retain highly qualified candidates from a wide diversity of institutions; and

(2) improve and expand recruitment and outreach programs at minority-serving institutions.

##### (c) Report

Not later than 180 days after December 16, 2016, and quadrennially thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a comprehensive report that describes the efforts, consistent with existing law, including procedures, effects, and results of the Department since the period covered by the prior such report, to promote equal opportunity and inclusion for all American employees in direct hire and personal service contractors status, particularly employees of the Foreign Service, including equal opportunity for all traditionally underrepresented minority groups.

(Pub. L. 114-323, title IV, §410, Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1931.)

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### DEFINITIONS

For definitions of “Secretary”, “Department”, and “Foreign Service” as used in this section, see section 2 of Pub. L. 114-323, set out as a note under section 2651 of this title.

#### § 2734c. Employee assignment restrictions

##### (a) Appeal of assignment restriction

The Secretary shall establish a right and process for employees to appeal any assignment restriction or preclusion.

##### (b) Certification

Upon full implementation of a right and process for employees to appeal an assignment restriction or preclusion under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate congressional committee<sup>1</sup> a report that—

(1) certifies that such process has been fully implemented;

(2) includes a detailed description of such process; and

(3) details the number and nature of assignment restrictions and preclusions for the previous 3 years.

##### (c) Notice

The Secretary shall—

(1) publish in the Foreign Affairs Manual information relating to the right and process established pursuant to subsection (a); and

(2) include a reference to such publication in the report required under subsection (b).

(Pub. L. 114-323, title IV, §414, Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1932.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### CODIFICATION

Section is comprised of section 414 of Pub. L. 114-323. Subsec. (d) of section 414 of Pub. L. 114-323 amended section 3982 of this title.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### DEFINITIONS

For definitions of “Secretary” and “appropriate congressional committee[s]” as used in this section, see section 2 of Pub. L. 114-323, set out as a note under section 2651 of this title.

#### § 2734d. Recruitment and retention of individuals who have lived, worked, or studied in predominantly Muslim countries or communities

##### (a) Findings

Congress finds that successful engagement, including robust public diplomacy, with predominantly Muslim countries and communities is critical for achieving United States foreign policy objectives.

##### (b) Sense of Congress

It is the sense of Congress that the Department should recruit more employees that have a personal background in, and thorough understanding<sup>1</sup> of, the cultures, languages, and history of the Middle East and wider Muslim world.

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be “committees”.

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be “understanding”.