

L. 94-210, see section 619 of Pub. L. 94-210, set out as a note under section 791 of this title.

§ 722. Records, audit, and examination

(a) Records

Each recipient of financial assistance under this subchapter, whether in the form of loans, obligations, or other arrangements, shall keep such records as the Association or the Secretary shall prescribe, including records which fully disclose the amount and disposition by such recipient of the proceeds of such assistance and such other records as will facilitate an effective audit.

(b) Audit and examination

The Association, the Secretary, and the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives shall, until the expiration of 3 years after the implementation of the final system plan, have access for the purpose of audit and examination to any books, documents, papers, and records of such recipients which in the opinion of the Association, the Secretary, or the Comptroller General may be related or pertinent to the loans, obligations or other arrangements referred to in subsection (a) of this section. The Association or any of its duly authorized representatives shall, until any financial assistance received under this subchapter has been repaid to the Association, have access to any such materials which concern any matter that may bear upon—

- (1) the ability of the recipient of such financial assistance to make repayment within the time fixed therefor;
- (2) the effectiveness with which the proceeds of such assistance is used; and
- (3) the implementation of the final system plan and the realization of the declaration of policy of this chapter.

(Pub. L. 93-236, title II, § 212, Jan. 2, 1974, 87 Stat. 1002.)

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

ABOLITION OF UNITED STATES RAILWAY ASSOCIATION AND TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS AND SECURITIES

See section 1341 of this title.

§ 723. Emergency assistance pending implementation

(a) Emergency assistance

The Secretary is authorized, pending the implementation of the final system plan, to pay to the trustees of railroads in reorganization such sums as are necessary for the continued provision of essential transportation services by such railroads. Such payments shall be made by the Secretary upon such reasonable terms and conditions as the Secretary establishes, except that recipients must agree to maintain and provide service at a level no less than that in effect on January 2, 1974. Where the Secretary and the trustees agree that funds provided pursuant to this section are to be used (together with funds provided pursuant to section 725 of this title, if any) to perform program maintenance on designated rail properties until the date rail properties are conveyed under this chapter or to im-

prove such designated properties, such agreement shall contain the conditions set forth in section 725(b) of this title.

(b) Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for carrying out this section such sums as are necessary, not to exceed \$282,000,000, to remain available until expended. Of amounts authorized to be appropriated under this subsection, \$50,000,000 shall be available solely to pay to the trustees of railroads in reorganization such sums as may be necessary to provide such railroads with amounts equal to revenues attributable to tariff increases proposed by such railroads and suspended by the Interstate Commerce Commission during the calendar year 1975, if the Secretary determines that such payments are necessary to carry out this section.

(Pub. L. 93-236, title II, § 213, Jan. 2, 1974, 87 Stat. 1003; Pub. L. 94-5, § 6, Feb. 28, 1975, 89 Stat. 8.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

1975—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 94-5, § 6(a), inserted provision that, where Secretary and trustees agree that funds provided pursuant to this section are to be used (together with funds provided pursuant to section 725 of this title, if any) to perform program maintenance on designated rail properties until date rail properties are conveyed under this chapter or to improve such designated properties, such agreement contain conditions set forth in section 725(b) of this title.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 94-5, § 6(b), substituted “\$282,000,000” for “\$85,000,000” and inserted provision that, of amounts authorized to be appropriated under this subsection \$50,000,000 be available solely to pay to trustees of railroads in reorganization sums necessary to provide railroads with amounts equal to revenues attributable to tariff increases proposed by railroads and suspended by Interstate Commerce Commission during calendar year 1975, if Secretary determines that payments are necessary to carry out this section.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

ABOLITION OF INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION AND TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Interstate Commerce Commission abolished and functions of Commission transferred, except as otherwise provided in Pub. L. 104-88, to Surface Transportation Board effective Jan. 1, 1996, by section 1302 of Title 49, Transportation, and section 101 of Pub. L. 104-88, set out as a note under section 1301 of Title 49. References to Interstate Commerce Commission deemed to refer to Surface Transportation Board, a member or employee of the Board, or Secretary of Transportation, as appropriate, see section 205 of Pub. L. 104-88, set out as a note under section 1301 of Title 49.

§ 724. Authorization of appropriations

(a) Secretary

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for purposes of preparing the reports and exercising other functions to be performed by him under this chapter such sums as are necessary, not to exceed \$12,500,000, to remain available until expended. There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary such sums as may be necessary to discharge the obligations of the United States arising under section 743(c)(5) of this title.

(b) Office

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Commission for the use of the Office in carrying out its functions under this chapter such sums as are necessary, not to exceed \$7,000,000, to remain available until expended. The budget for the Office shall be submitted by the Commission directly to the Congress and shall not be subject to review of any kind by any other agency or official of the United States. Moneys appropriated for the Office shall not be withheld by any agency or official of the United States or used by the Commission for any purpose other than the use of the Office. No part of any other moneys appropriated to the Commission shall be withheld by any other agency or official of the United States to offset any moneys appropriated pursuant to this subsection.

(c) Association

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Association for purposes of carrying out its administrative expenses under this chapter not to exceed \$13,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1982, and not to exceed \$4,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1983. Sums appropriated under this subsection are authorized to remain available until expended.

(Pub. L. 93-236, title II, §214, Jan. 2, 1974, 87 Stat. 1003; Pub. L. 93-488, §1(c), Oct. 26, 1974, 88 Stat. 1464; Pub. L. 94-210, title VI, §607(m), (n), Feb. 5, 1976, 90 Stat. 97; Pub. L. 94-436, §1, Sept. 30, 1976, 90 Stat. 1398; Pub. L. 95-199, §1, Nov. 23, 1977, 91 Stat. 1423; Pub. L. 95-611, §1, Nov. 8, 1978, 92 Stat. 3089; Pub. L. 96-73, title II, §201, Sept. 29, 1979, 93 Stat. 555; Pub. L. 96-448, title VII, §704, Oct. 14, 1980, 94 Stat. 1965; Pub. L. 97-35, title XI, §1151, Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 676.)

Editorial Notes**AMENDMENTS**

1981—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 97-35 substituted provisions relating to authorization of appropriations for fiscal years ending Sept. 30, 1982, and 1983, for provisions relating to authorization of appropriations for fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1981.

1980—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 96-448 substituted provision authorizing appropriations of not to exceed \$30,000,000 for fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1981, for provision authorizing appropriations of not to exceed \$28,500,000 for fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1980.

1979—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 96-73 substituted appropriations authorization of \$28,500,000 for fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1980 for \$27,200,000 for fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1979.

1978—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 95-611 substituted provision authorizing appropriations of \$27,200,000 for fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1979, to remain available until expended, for provision authorizing appropriations of \$23,000,000 for fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1978, to remain available until Sept. 30, 1979.

1977—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 95-199 substituted provisions authorizing appropriations for fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1978, of not to exceed \$23,000,000 and authorizing availability of sums to Sept. 30, 1979, for provisions authorizing appropriations for the period beginning May 1, 1976, and ending Sept. 30, 1977, of not to exceed \$20,000,000 and authorizing availability of sums to Sept. 30, 1978.

1976—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 94-210, §607(n), inserted provision authorizing appropriation of sums to discharge the obligation of the United States under section 743(c)(5) of this title.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 94-210, §607(m)(1), substituted "\$7,000,000" for "\$5,000,000".

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 94-436 substituted provisions authorizing appropriations of such sums as are necessary not to exceed \$20,000,000 for the period beginning May 1, 1976, and ending Sept. 30, 1977 to remain available until Sept. 30, 1978 for provisions authorizing appropriations of such sums as are necessary not to exceed \$40,000,000 to remain available until expended.

Pub. L. 94-210, §607(m)(2), authorized appropriation of not to exceed \$14,000,000 for fiscal period which includes fiscal period ending Sept. 30, 1977.

1974—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 93-488 substituted "\$40,000,000" for "\$26,000,000".

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1981 AMENDMENT**

Amendment by Pub. L. 97-35 effective Aug. 13, 1981, see section 1169 of Pub. L. 97-35, set out as an Effective Date note under section 1101 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1980 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 96-448 effective Oct. 1, 1980, see section 710(a) of Pub. L. 96-448, set out as a note under section 1170 of Title 11, Bankruptcy.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1979 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 96-73 effective Oct. 1, 1979, see section 501(a) of Pub. L. 96-73.

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ABOLITION OF UNITED STATES RAILWAY ASSOCIATION AND TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS AND SECURITIES

See section 1341 of this title.

APPLICABILITY OF NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT

Application of National Environmental Policy Act to actions of Commission not affected by title VI of Pub. L. 94-210, see section 619 of Pub. L. 94-210, set out as a note under section 791 of this title.

§ 725. Interim agreements**(a) Purposes**

Prior to the date upon which rail properties are conveyed to the Corporation under this chapter, the Secretary, with the approval of the Association, is authorized to enter into agreements with the trustees of the railroads in reorganization in the region (or railroads leased, operated, or controlled by railroads in reorganization)—

(1) to perform the program maintenance on designated rail properties of such railroads until the date rail properties are conveyed under this chapter;

(2) to improve rail properties of such railroads; and

(3) to acquire rail properties for lease or loan to any such railroads until the date such rail properties are conveyed under this chapter,