

a Coordination of Certain Sections of an Act With Other Provisions of That Act note under section 101 of this title.

**[§§ 130j, 130k. Renumbered §§ 395, 396]**

**CHAPTER 4—OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE**

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131. Office of the Secretary of Defense.
132. Deputy Secretary of Defense.  
[132a, 133. Repealed.]
- 133a. Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering.
- 133b. Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment.
134. Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.  
[134a, 134b. Repealed.]
135. Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller).
136. Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.  
[136a. Repealed.]
137. Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security.
- 137a. Deputy Under Secretaries of Defense.
138. Assistant Secretaries of Defense.  
[138a to 138d. Repealed.]
139. Director of Operational Test and Evaluation.
- 139a. Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation.
- 139b. Secretariat for Special Operations; Special Operations Policy and Oversight Council.  
[139c. Repealed.]
- [139d, 139e. Renumbered.]
140. General Counsel.  
[140a to 140c. Renumbered.]
141. Inspector General.
142. Chief Information Officer.
143. Office of the Secretary of Defense personnel: limitation.
144. Director of Small Business Programs.
145. Principal Advisor on Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction.  
[146. Renumbered.]
147. Chief Diversity Officer.

**Editorial Notes**

**AMENDMENTS**

2021—Pub. L. 117-81, div. A, title IX, §902(a)(4)(A), Dec. 27, 2021, 135 Stat. 1869, struck out item 146 “Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation”.

Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title IX, §§901(a)(3), 902(b)(2), 905(a)(2), 913(a)(2), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3794, 3797, 3799, 3803, added items 146 and 147, substituted “Secretariat for Special Operations; Special Operations Policy and Oversight Council” for “Special Operations Policy and Oversight Council” in item 139b, and struck out item 132a “Chief Management Officer”.

2019—Pub. L. 116-92, div. A, title XVI, §1621(e)(1)(D), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 1733, substituted “Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security” for “Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence” in item 137.

2018—Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title X, §1082(a)(2), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1988, added item 145.

2017—Pub. L. 115-91, div. A, title X, §1081(b)(1)(B), Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1597, repealed Pub. L. 113-291, §901(l)(1)(A). See 2014 Amendment note below.

Pub. L. 115-91, div. A, title IX, §§906(f)(2), 910(a)(2), Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1514, 1517, substituted “Chief Management Officer” for “Deputy Chief Management Officer” in item 132a and “Deputy Under Secretaries of Defense” for “Principal Deputy Under Secretaries of Defense” in item 137a.

2016—Pub. L. 114-328, div. A, title IX, §901(g)(2), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2342, effective on Feb. 1, 2018, added items 133a and 133b and struck out item 133 “Under Sec-

retary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics”.

Pub. L. 114-328, div. A, title IX, §§901(g)(1), 922(b)(2), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2342, 2356, added item 139b and struck out former item 139b “Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Developmental Test and Evaluation; Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Systems Engineering: joint guidance” and item 139c “Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manufacturing and Industrial Base Policy”.

2014—Pub. L. 113-291, div. A, title IX, §901(l)(1)(B), (C), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3468, added item 142 and struck out items 138a “Assistant Secretary of Defense for Logistics and Materiel Readiness”, 138b “Assistant Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering”, 138c “Assistant Secretary of Defense for Operational Energy Plans and Programs”, and 138d “Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Defense Programs”.

Pub. L. 113-291, div. A, title IX, §901(l)(1)(A), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3468, which directed substitution of “Under Secretary of Defense for Business Management and Information” for “Deputy Chief Management Officer” in item 132a, was repealed by Pub. L. 115-91, §1081(b)(1)(B).

2013—Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title X, §1076(f)(2), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1952, struck out item 133b “Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Logistics and Materiel Readiness”.

2011—Pub. L. 111-383, div. A, title IX, §901(k)(2)(A), Jan. 7, 2011, 124 Stat. 4325, added items 132a, 137a, 138b to 138d, and 139a to 139c, and struck out former items 133a “Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics”, 134a “Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy”, 136a “Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness”, 137a “Deputy Under Secretaries of Defense”, 139a “Director of Defense Research and Engineering”, 139b “Director of Operational Energy Plans and Programs”, 139c “Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation”, 139d “Director of Developmental Test and Evaluation; Director of Systems Engineering: joint guidance”, and 142 “Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs”.

2009—Pub. L. 111-84, div. A, title IX, §§905(a)(2), 906(c)(3), Oct. 28, 2009, 123 Stat. 2425, 2427, added items 133a, 134a, 136a, 137a, and 138a and struck out former items 133a “Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology”, 134a “Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy”, 134b “Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Technology Security Policy”, and 136a “Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness”.

Pub. L. 111-23, title I, §§101(a)(2), 102(a)(2), May 22, 2009, 123 Stat. 1706, 1713, added items 139c and 139d.

2008—Pub. L. 110-417, [div. A], title IX, §902(b), Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4566, added item 139b.

2006—Pub. L. 109-163, div. A, title IX, §904(b)(2), Jan. 6, 2006, 119 Stat. 3400, added item 144.

2002—Pub. L. 107-314, div. A, title IX, §901(b)(2), Dec. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 2619, added items 137 and 139a and struck out former item 137 “Director of Defense Research and Engineering”.

2001—Pub. L. 107-107, div. A, title IX, §901(a)(2), Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1194, added item 136a.

1999—Pub. L. 106-65, div. A, title IX, §911(d)(3), Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 719, added items 133 and 133b and struck out former item 133 “Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology”.

1998—Pub. L. 105-261, div. A, title XV, §1521(b)(2), Oct. 17, 1998, 112 Stat. 2179, added item 134b.

1997—Pub. L. 105-85, div. A, title IX, §911(d)(2), Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 1859, added item 143.

1996—Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title IX, §904(a)(2), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 403, substituted “Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs” for “Atomic Energy” in item 142.

Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title IX, §903(a), (e)(3), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 401, 402, which directed amendment of

analysis, eff. Jan. 31, 1997, by striking out items 133a, 134a, 137, and 142, was repealed by Pub. L. 104-201, div. A, title IX, §901, Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2617.

1994—Pub. L. 103-337, div. A, title IX, §903(a)(3), Oct. 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 2823, substituted “Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)” for “Comptroller” in item 135.

1993—Pub. L. 103-160, div. A, title IX, §906(b), Nov. 30, 1993, 107 Stat. 1729, amended table of sections generally, inserting “and Technology” after “Acquisition” in items 133 and 133a, adding item 136, and redesignating former items 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, and 141 as 137, 138, 135, 139, 140, 141, and 142, respectively.

1991—Pub. L. 102-190, div. A, title IX, §901(a)(2), Dec. 5, 1991, 105 Stat. 1450, added item 134a.

1987—Pub. L. 100-180, div. A, title XII, §1245(a)(2), Dec. 4, 1987, 101 Stat. 1165, added item 141.

Pub. L. 100-26, §9(b)(2), Apr. 21, 1987, 101 Stat. 287, struck out item 140a “Counterintelligence official reception and representation expenses” and item 140b “Authority to use proceeds from counterintelligence operations of the military departments”.

1986—Pub. L. 99-500, §101(c) [title X, §902(a)(2)], Oct. 18, 1986, 100 Stat. 1783-82, 1783-131, and Pub. L. 99-591, §101(c) [title X, §902(a)(2)], Oct. 30, 1986, 100 Stat. 3341-82, 3341-131; Pub. L. 99-661, div. A, title IX, formerly title IV, §902(a)(2), Nov. 14, 1986, 100 Stat. 3911, renumbered title IX, Pub. L. 100-26, §3(5), Apr. 21, 1987, 101 Stat. 273, amended analysis identically adding item 133a.

Pub. L. 99-569, title IV, §§401(d), 403(b), Oct. 27, 1986, 100 Stat. 3196, 3197, added items 140a and 140b.

Pub. L. 99-433, title I, §§101(a)(6), 110(e)(2), Oct. 1, 1986, 100 Stat. 995, 1003, substituted “Office of the Secretary of Defense” for “Department of Defense” in chapter heading, and amended analysis generally, substituting items 131 to 140 for former items 131 “Executive department”, 132 “Seal”, 133 “Secretary of Defense: appointment; powers and duties; delegation by”, 133a “Secretary of Defense: annual report on North Atlantic Treaty Organization readiness”, 133b “Sale or transfer of defense articles: reports to Congress”, 134 “Deputy Secretary of Defense: appointment; powers and duties; precedence”, 134a “Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition: appointment”, 135 “Under Secretary of Defense for Policy; Director of Defense Research and Engineering: appointments; powers and duties; precedence”, 136 “Assistant Secretaries of Defense: appointment; powers and duties; precedence”, 136a “Director of Operational Test and Evaluation: appointment, powers and duties”, 137 “General Counsel: appointment; powers and duties”, 138 “Annual authorization of appropriations and personnel strengths for the armed forces; annual manpower requirements and operations and maintenance reports”, 139 “Secretary of Defense: weapons development and procurement schedules for armed forces; reports; supplemental reports”, 139a “Oversight of cost growth in major programs: Selected Acquisition Reports”, 139b “Oversight of cost growth in major programs: unit cost reports”, 139c “Major defense acquisition programs: independent cost estimates”, 140 “Emergencies and extraordinary expenses”, 140a “Secretary of Defense: funds transfers for foreign cryptologic support”, 140b “Prohibition of certain civilian personnel management constraints”, and 140c “Secretary of Defense: authority to withhold from public disclosure certain technical data”.

Pub. L. 99-348, title V, §501(e)(2), July 1, 1986, 100 Stat. 708, added item 134a and substituted “Under Secretary of Defense for Policy; Director of Defense Research and Engineering: appointments” for “Under Secretaries of Defense: appointment” in item 135.

1983—Pub. L. 98-94, title XII, §§1203(a)(2), 1211(a)(2), 1217(b), Sept. 24, 1983, 97 Stat. 683, 686, 690, added items 136a, 139c, and 140c.

1982—Pub. L. 97-295, §1(2)(B), Oct. 12, 1982, 96 Stat. 1288, added items 133a and 133b.

Pub. L. 97-252, title XI, §1107(a)(2), Sept. 8, 1982, 96 Stat. 745, added items 139a and 139b.

1981—Pub. L. 97-86, title IX, §904(b), Dec. 1, 1981, 95 Stat. 1114, added item 140b.

1980—Pub. L. 96-450, title IV, §401(b), Oct. 14, 1980, 94 Stat. 1977, added item 140a.

Pub. L. 96-342, title X, §1001(d)(2), Sept. 8, 1980, 94 Stat. 1119, substituted “Annual authorization of appropriations and personnel strengths for the armed forces; annual manpower requirements and operations and maintenance reports” for “Secretary of Defense: Annual authorization of appropriations for armed forces” in item 138.

1977—Pub. L. 95-140, §§1(b), 2(b), Oct. 21, 1977, 91 Stat. 1172, 1173, substituted “Deputy Secretary” for “Deputy Secretaries” in item 134 and “Under Secretaries of Defense” for “Director of Defense Research and Engineering” in item 135.

1975—Pub. L. 94-106, title VIII, §804(a), Oct. 7, 1975, 89 Stat. 538, added item 140.

1973—Pub. L. 93-155, title VIII, §803(a), Nov. 16, 1973, 87 Stat. 612, added items 138 and 139.

1972—Pub. L. 92-596, §4(3), Oct. 27, 1972, 86 Stat. 1318, substituted “Deputy Secretaries” for “Deputy Secretary” in item 134.

### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2017 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 115-91, div. A, title IX, §910(a)(2), Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1517, which provided that the amendment made by section 910(a)(2) was effective Feb. 1, 2018, was repealed by Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title IX, §901(a)(2)(B), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3794.

Pub. L. 115-91, div. A, title X, §1081(b)(1), Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1597, provided that the amendment made by section 1081(b)(1)(B) is effective as of Dec. 23, 2016.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2016 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 114-328, div. A, title IX, §901(g)(2), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2342, provided that the amendment made by section 901(g)(2) is effective on Feb. 1, 2018.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2014 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 113-291, div. A, title IX, §901(l)(1)(A), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3468, which provided that the amendment made by section 901(l)(1)(A) was effective on the effective date specified in former section 901(a)(1) of Pub. L. 113-291, which was Feb. 1, 2017, was repealed by Pub. L. 115-91, div. A, title X, §1081(b)(1)(B), Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1597, effective as of Dec. 23, 2016.

### § 131. Office of the Secretary of Defense

(a) There is in the Department of Defense an Office of the Secretary of Defense. The function of the Office is to assist the Secretary of Defense in carrying out the Secretary’s duties and responsibilities and to carry out such other duties as may be prescribed by law.

(b) The Office of the Secretary of Defense is composed of the following:

(1) The Deputy Secretary of Defense.

[(2) Repealed. Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title IX, §901(a)(2)(A), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3794.]

(3) The Under Secretaries of Defense, as follows:

(A) The Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering.

(B) The Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment.

(C) The Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

(D) The Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller).

(E) The Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.

(F) The Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security.

(4) Other officers who are appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent