

§ 5505. Payments from applicable accounts of House of Representatives

(a) In general

No payment may be made from the applicable accounts of the House of Representatives (as determined by the Committee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives), unless sanctioned by that Committee. Payments on vouchers approved in the manner directed by that Committee shall be deemed, held, and taken, and are declared to be conclusive upon all the departments and officers of the Government.

(b) Definitions

As used in this section—

(1) the term “applicable accounts of the House of Representatives” means accounts for salaries and expenses of committees (other than the Committee on Appropriations), the computer support organization of the House of Representatives, and allowances and expenses of Members of the House of Representatives, officers of the House of Representatives, and administrative and support offices of the House of Representatives; and

(2) the term “Member of the House of Representatives” means a Representative in, or a Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress.

(Pub. L. 104-186, title I, §105, Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1721.)

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 95-1 of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

Section is comprised of section 105 of Pub. L. 104-186. Subsec. (c) of section 105 of Pub. L. 104-186 amended former section 95 of this title.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in former section 95 of this title prior to amendment of that section by Pub. L. 104-186, title I, §105(c), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1722.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

CHANGE OF NAME

Committee on House Oversight of House of Representatives changed to Committee on House Administration of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 5, One Hundred Sixth Congress, Jan. 6, 1999.

§ 5506. Appropriations for expenses of House; restrictions

Appropriations made for expenses of the House of Representatives shall not be used for the payment of personal services except upon the express and specific authorization of the House in whose behalf such services are rendered. Nor shall such appropriations be used for any expenses not intimately and directly connected with the routine legislative business of the House of Representatives, and the Government Accountability Office shall apply the provisions of this section in the settlement of the accounts of expenditures from said appropriations incurred for services or materials.

(Feb. 14, 1902, ch. 17, §1, 32 Stat. 26; June 10, 1921, ch. 18, title III, §304, 42 Stat. 24; Pub. L. 104-186, title II, §204(45), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1737; Pub. L. 108-271, §8(b), July 7, 2004, 118 Stat. 814.)

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 95a of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section. Section was also formerly classified to section 671 of Title 31 prior to the general revision and enactment of Title 31, Money and Finance, by Pub. L. 97-258, §1, Sept. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 877.

Section is based on provisions of proviso on 32 Stat. 26, act of Feb. 14, 1902, ch. 17, the Urgent Deficiency Appropriation Act for the fiscal year 1902, relating to appropriations for contingent expenses of House of Representatives. Provisions of proviso relating to appropriations for expenses of Senate are classified to section 6505 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104-186 substituted “expenses of the House” for “contingent expenses of the House”.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

“Government Accountability Office” substituted in text for “General Accounting Office” pursuant to section 8 of Pub. L. 108-271, set out as a note under section 702 of Title 31, Money and Finance, which redesignated the General Accounting Office and any references thereto as the Government Accountability Office. Previously, “General Accounting Office” substituted in text for “accounting officers of the Treasury” pursuant to act June 10, 1921, which transferred powers and duties of Comptroller, six auditors, and certain other employees of the Treasury to General Accounting Office. See section 701 et seq. of Title 31.

§ 5507. Transfers of amounts appropriated for House

(a) Transfers among categories of allowances and expenses

Amounts appropriated for any fiscal year for the House of Representatives under the heading “ALLOWANCES AND EXPENSES” may be transferred among and merged with the various categories of allowances and expenses under such heading, effective upon the expiration of the 21-day period (or such alternative period that may be imposed by the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives) which begins on the date such Committee has been notified of the transfer.

(b) Transfers among offices and activities

Amounts appropriated for any fiscal year for the House of Representatives under the heading “SALARIES, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES” may be transferred among and merged with the various offices and activities under such heading, effective upon the expiration of the 21-day period (or such alternative period that may be imposed by the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives) which begins on the date such Committee has been notified of the transfer.

(c) Transfers among various appropriations headings

(1) Amounts appropriated for any fiscal year for the House of Representatives under the head-

ings specified in paragraph (2) may be transferred among and merged with such headings, effective upon the expiration of the 21-day period (or such alternative period that may be imposed by the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives) which begins on the date such Committee has been notified of the transfer.

(2) The headings referred to in paragraph (1) are “House Leadership Offices”, “Members’ Representational Allowances”, “Committee Employees”, “Salaries, Officers and Employees”, “Allowances and Expenses”, the heading for any joint committee under the heading “Joint Items” (to the extent that amounts appropriated for the joint committee are disbursed by the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives), “Office of the Attending Physician”, “Allowance for Compensation of Interns in Member Offices”¹ “Allowance for Compensation of Interns in House Leadership Offices”, and “House of Representatives Modernization Initiatives Account”.

(d) Transfers to Architect of the Capitol

Amounts appropriated for any fiscal year for the House of Representatives under the heading “Allowances and Expenses” may be transferred to the Architect of the Capitol and merged with and made available under the heading “House Office Buildings”, subject to the approval of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

(e) Transfers to House Historic Buildings Revitalization Trust Fund

Amounts appropriated for any fiscal year for the House of Representatives under any heading other than the heading “Members’ Representational Allowances” may be transferred to the Architect of the Capitol and merged with and made available under the heading “House Historic Buildings Revitalization Trust Fund”, subject to the approval of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

(f) Transfers among House Leadership Offices

Amounts appropriated for any fiscal year for the House of Representatives under the heading “House Leadership Offices” may be transferred among and merged with the various offices and activities under such heading, effective upon the expiration of the 21-day period (or such alternative period that may be imposed by the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives) which begins on the date such Committee has been notified of the transfer.

(Pub. L. 102-392, title I, §101, Oct. 6, 1992, 106 Stat. 1709; Pub. L. 108-7, div. H, title I, §109(a), Feb. 20, 2003, 117 Stat. 355; Pub. L. 111-8, div. G, title I, §§103(a), 105(a), (b), Mar. 11, 2009, 123 Stat. 817, 818; Pub. L. 111-68, div. A, title I, §§104(a), 1304(d), Oct. 1, 2009, 123 Stat. 2029, 2035; Pub. L. 113-76, div. I, title I, §103(a), Jan. 17, 2014, 128 Stat. 422; Pub. L. 115-244, div. B, title I, §119(a), Sept. 21, 2018, 132 Stat. 2930; Pub. L. 116-94, div. E, title I, §§112(b), 113(e), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 2759; Pub. L. 116-260, div. I, title I, §115(d), Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 1637.)

¹ So in original. Probably should be followed by a comma.

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 95b of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

Section is from the Congressional Operations Appropriations Act, 1993, which is title I of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1993.

AMENDMENTS

2020—Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 116-260 substituted “‘Allowance for Compensation of Interns in House Leadership Offices’, and ‘House of Representatives Modernization Initiatives Account.’” for “‘, and ‘Allowance for Compensation of Interns in House Leadership Offices.’”

2019—Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 116-94, §113(e), substituted “‘, ‘Allowance for Compensation of Interns in Member Offices’, and ‘Allowance for Compensation of Interns in House Leadership Offices’” for “‘, and ‘Allowance for Compensation of Interns in Member Offices’”.

Pub. L. 116-94, §112(b), substituted “‘Office of the Attending Physician’, and ‘Allowance for Compensation of Interns in Member Offices’” for “‘and ‘Office of the Attending Physician’”.

2018—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 115-244 added subsec. (f).

2014—Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 113-76 substituted “‘Allowances and Expenses’, the heading for any joint committee under the heading ‘Joint Items’ (to the extent that amounts appropriated for the joint committee are disbursed by the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives), and ‘Office of the Attending Physician’” for “‘and ‘Allowances and Expenses’”.

2009—Subsecs. (a), (b), (c)(1). Pub. L. 111-8, §105(a), substituted “‘transferred among and merged with’” for “‘transferred among’”.

Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 111-8, §105(b), amended par. (2) generally. Prior to amendment, par. (2) read as follows: “‘The headings referred to in paragraph (1) are ‘HOUSE LEADERSHIP OFFICES’, ‘MEMBERS’ CLERK HIRE’, ‘COMMITTEE EMPLOYEES’, ‘STANDING COMMITTEES, SPECIAL AND SELECT’, ‘HOUSE INFORMATION SYSTEMS’, ‘ALLOWANCES AND EXPENSES’, ‘OFFICIAL MAIL COSTS’, and ‘SALARIES, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES.’”

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 111-68, §104(a), substituted “‘and merged with and made available’” for “‘and made available’”.

Pub. L. 111-8, §103(a), added subsec. (d).

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 111-68, §1304(d), added subsec. (e).

2003—Subsecs. (a), (b), (c)(1). Pub. L. 108-7 substituted “‘effective upon the expiration of the 21-day period (or such alternative period that may be imposed by the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives) which begins on the date such Committee has been notified of the transfer’” for “‘upon approval of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives’”.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2020 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 116-260 applicable with respect to fiscal year 2021 and each succeeding fiscal year, see section 5513(e) of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2019 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 112(b) of Pub. L. 116-94 effective as if included in the enactment of section 5322a of this title, see section 112(c) of Pub. L. 116-94, set out as a note under section 5322a of this title.

Amendment by section 113(e) of Pub. L. 116-94 applicable with respect to fiscal year 2020 and each succeeding fiscal year, see section 5106(f) of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 115-244, div. B, title I, §119(b), Sept. 21, 2018, 132 Stat. 2931, provided that: “‘The amendment made by

subsection (a) [amending this section] shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2019 and each succeeding fiscal year.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2014 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 113-76, div. I, title I, §103(b), Jan. 17, 2014, 128 Stat. 422, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2014 and each succeeding fiscal year.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2009 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 111-68, div. A, title I, §104(b), Oct. 1, 2009, 123 Stat. 2029, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall apply to funds appropriated for fiscal year 2010 and succeeding fiscal years.”

Amendment by section 1304(d) of Pub. L. 111-68 applicable with respect to fiscal year 2010 and each succeeding fiscal year, see section 1870(e) of this title.

Pub. L. 111-8, div. G, title I, §103(b), Mar. 11, 2009, 123 Stat. 817, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2009 and each succeeding fiscal year.”

Pub. L. 111-8, div. G, title I, §105(c), Mar. 11, 2009, 123 Stat. 818, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section] shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2009 and each succeeding fiscal year.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2003 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 108-7, div. H, title I, §109(b), Feb. 20, 2003, 117 Stat. 355, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2003 and each succeeding fiscal year.”

CATEGORIES OF ALLOWANCES AND EXPENSES

Pub. L. 105-55, title I, §102, Oct. 7, 1997, 111 Stat. 1183, provided that: “The funds and accounts specified in section 107(b) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1996 (2 U.S.C. 123b note) [now 2 U.S.C. 4131 note] shall be treated as categories of allowances and expenses for purposes of section 101(a) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1993 (2 U.S.C. 95b(a)) [now 2 U.S.C. 5507(a)].”

§ 5508. Account in House of Representatives for Employees’ Compensation Fund

(a) Establishment

There is hereby established an account in the House of Representatives for purposes of making payments of the House of Representatives to the Employees’ Compensation Fund under section 8147 of title 5, and for reimbursing the Secretary of Labor for any amounts paid with respect to unemployment compensation payments for former employees of the House.

(b) Payments made from account

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, payments may be made from the account established under subsection (a) at any time after October 7, 1997, without regard to the fiscal year for which the obligation to make such payments is incurred.

(c) Category of allowances and expenses

The account established under subsection (a) shall be treated as a category of allowances and expenses for purposes of section 5507(a) of this title.

(Pub. L. 105-55, title I, §109, Oct. 7, 1997, 111 Stat. 1184; Pub. L. 113-76, div. I, title I, §102(a), Jan. 17, 2014, 128 Stat. 422.)

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 95d of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

Section is from the Congressional Operations Appropriations Act, 1998, which is title I of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1998.

AMENDMENTS

2014—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 113-76 substituted “, and for reimbursing the Secretary of Labor for any amounts paid with respect to unemployment compensation payments for former employees of the House.” for period at end.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2014 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 113-76, div. I, title I, §102(b), Jan. 17, 2014, 128 Stat. 422, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2014 and each succeeding fiscal year.”

§ 5509. Incidental use of equipment and supplies

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Committee on House Oversight may prescribe by regulation appropriate conditions for the incidental use, for other than official business, of equipment and supplies owned or leased by, or the cost of which is reimbursed by, the House of Representatives.

(b) The authority of the Committee on House Oversight to prescribe regulations pursuant to subsection (a) shall apply with respect to fiscal year 1999 and each succeeding fiscal year.

(Pub. L. 105-275, title I, §106, Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2439.)

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 112f of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

Section is from the Congressional Operations Appropriations Act, 1999, which is title I of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1999.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

CHANGE OF NAME

Committee on House Oversight of House of Representatives changed to Committee on House Administration of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 5, One Hundred Sixth Congress, Jan. 6, 1999.

§ 5510. Providing assistance to House of Representatives in response to cybersecurity events

(a) Provision of assistance

If the Speaker of the House of Representatives (or the Speaker’s designee), with the concurrence of the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives (or the Minority Leader’s designee), determines that a cybersecurity event has occurred and that containing, mitigating, or resolving the event exceeds the resources of the House of Representatives, then notwithstanding any other provision of law or any rule, regulation, or executive order—