(1) the Speaker may request assistance in responding to the event from the head of any Executive department, military department, or independent establishment;

(2) not later than 24 hours after receiving the request, the head of the department or establishment shall begin to provide appropriate assistance in response to the incident, including (if necessary) restoring the information systems of the House to an operational state which allows for the continuation of the legislative process and for Members, officers, and employees of the House to continue to meet their official and representational duties; and

(3) such assistance shall be provided without reimbursement by the House of Representatives.

(b) Scope of assistance

(1) In general

The assistance provided to the Speaker by the head of a department or establishment under this section may consist only of a type that the head of the department or establishment is authorized under law to provide to the department or establishment, another Executive department, military department, or independent establishment, or a private entity.

(2) Connections between department or establishment and House information systems

In providing assistance under this section— (A) personnel of a department or establishment may not log onto the information systems of the House without the authorization of the Speaker (or the Speaker's designee); and

(B) personnel of a department or establishment may provide the House with access to technological support services of the department or establishment, including by authorizing personnel or systems of the House to connect with and operate services or programs of the department or establishment with guidance from subject matter experts of the department or establishment.

(c) Termination of assistance

(1) Termination upon notice from Speaker

After initiating assistance under this section, the head of the department or establishment shall continue providing assistance until the Speaker (or Speaker's designee) notifies the head of the department or establishment that the cybersecurity incident has terminated and that it is no longer necessary for the department or establishment to provide post-incident assistance.

(2) Removal of technological support services

Upon receiving notice from the Speaker under paragraph (1), the head of the department or establishment shall ensure that any technological support services or programs of the department or establishment are removed from the information systems of the House, and that personnel of the department or establishment are no longer monitoring such systems.

(d) Compliance with existing standards

In providing assistance under this section, the head of the Executive department, military department, or independent establishment shall meet the requirements of section 113 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2017 (Public Law 115-31).

(e) No effect on other authority to provide support

Nothing in this section may be construed to affect the authority of an Executive department, military department, or independent establishment to provide any support, including cybersecurity support, to the House of Representatives under any other law, rule, or regulation.

(f) Definitions

In this section, each of the terms "Executive department", "military department", and "independent establishment" has the meaning given such term in chapter 1 of title 5.

(Pub. L. 115-91, div. A, title X, §1090, Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1606.)

Editorial Notes

References in Text

Section 113 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2017, referred to in subsec. (d), is section 113 of title I of div. I of Pub. L. 115-31, May 5, 2017, 131 Stat. 576, which is not classified to the Code.

§5511. Transfer of funds

(a) Transfer of unexpended appropriations for salaries and expenses

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, upon completion of the second fiscal year which begins after the end of the period during which amounts appropriated under any of the items under the heading "House of Representatives, Salaries and Expenses" are available for obligation or expenditure, any such amounts which remain unobligated and unexpended shall be transferred to the heading "House of Representatives, Salaries and Expenses, Allowances and Expenses" and shall be available until expended for purposes of House of Representatives Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery.

(b) Exception for Members' Representational Allowances

Subsection (a) does not apply to amounts appropriated under the heading "House of Representatives, Salaries and Expenses, Members' Representational Allowances".

(c) Notification

The Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives shall notify the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives prior to the obligation or expenditure of any amounts transferred under subsection (a).

(d) Applicability

This section shall apply with respect to amounts appropriated for fiscal year 2018 or any succeeding fiscal year.

(Pub. L. 115–141, div. I, title I, §119, Mar. 23, 2018, 132 Stat. 777.)

§5512. Use of available balances of expired appropriations

(a) Subject to section 5511 of this title, available balances of expired appropriations for the

House of Representatives shall be available to the House of Representatives—

(1) for the payment of a death gratuity which is specifically appropriated by law and which is made in connection with the death of an employee of the House of Representatives, without regard to the fiscal year in which the payment is made; and

(2) for deposit into the account established under section 5508 of this title for 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) This section shall apply with respect to funds appropriated or otherwise made available in fiscal year 2020 and each succeeding fiscal year.

(Pub. L. 116-94, div. E, title I, §116, Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 2760.)

§5513. House of Representatives Modernization Initiatives Account

(a) Establishment

There is hereby established in the Treasury of the United States an account for the House of Representatives to be known as the "House of Representatives Modernization Initiatives Account" (hereafter in this section referred to as the "Account").

(b) Use of funds

Funds in the Account shall be used by the House of Representatives to carry out initiatives to modernize the operations of the House, including initiatives to promote administrative efficiencies and expand the use of innovative technologies in offices of the House.

(c) Continuing availability of funds

Funds in the Account are available without fiscal year limitation.

(d) Omitted

(e) Effective date

This section and the amendments made by this section shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2021 and each succeeding fiscal year.

(Pub. L. 116-260, div. I, title I, §115, Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 1637.)

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

Section is comprised of section 115 of div. I of Pub. L. 116–260. Subsec. (d) of section 115 amended section 5507 of this title.

SUBCHAPTER II—CHAPLAIN

§ 5521. Compensation of Chaplain of House

The maximum per year gross rate of compensation of the Chaplain of the House of Representatives shall not exceed the greater of \$173,900 or the rate of pay in effect for such position under an order issued by the Speaker of the House of Representatives pursuant to the authority of section 4532 of this title.

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

Section is based on section 3 of House Resolution No. 661, Ninety-fifth Congress, July 29, 1977, as enacted by Pub. L. 116-94.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 5521, Pub. L. 95–391, title I, 111, Sept. 30, 1978, 92 Stat. 777; Pub. L. 111-145, 3(a)(4), Mar. 4, 2010, 124 Stat. 52; Pub. L. 111-248, 3(b), Sept. 30, 2010, 124 Stat. 2626, related to the per annum gross rate of compensation of the Chaplain of House, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 116-94, div. E, title II, 212(b)(3)(D), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 2777. Text was based on section 3 of House Resolution No. 661, Ninety-fifth Congress, July 29, 1977, which was enacted into permanent law by Pub. L. 95–391.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

Effective Date

Section effective on the later of the first day of the first applicable pay period beginning on or after Jan. 1, 2020, or the first day of the first applicable pay period beginning on or after Dec. 20, 2019, see section 212(c) of Pub. L. 116-94, set out as a note under section 282b of this title.

SUBCHAPTER III—CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

§ 5531. Program to increase employment opportunities in House of Representatives for individuals with disabilities

(a) In general

In order to promote an increase in opportunities for individuals with disabilities to provide services to the House of Representatives, the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives is authorized to—

(1) enter into 1 or more contracts with nongovernmental entities to provide for the performance of services for offices of the House of Representatives by individuals with disabilities who are employees of, or under contract with, such entities; and

(2) provide reasonable accommodations, including assistive technology devices and assistive technology services, to enable such individuals to perform such services under such contracts.

(b) Elements of program

The Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives, in entering into any contract under subsection (a), shall seek to ensure that—

(1) traditional and nontraditional outreach efforts are used to attract individuals with disabilities for educational benefit and employment opportunities in the House;

(2) the non-governmental entity provides adequate education and training for individuals with disabilities to enhance such employment opportunities; and

(3) efforts are made to educate employing offices in the House about opportunities to employ individuals with disabilities.

(c) Funding

There are authorized to be appropriated from the applicable accounts of the House of Rep-