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.

(Pub. L. 116-94, div. E, title II, §212(b)(3)(D), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 2777.)

#### **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-