

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2018—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 115–256, §202(1), inserted “, ensure that each such plan includes a consideration of the results, with respect to each such representative and the country of service of each such representative, of each survey conducted under subsection (c),” after “standards for Peace Corps representatives” and substituted “, and review” for “and shall review”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 115–256, §202(2), substituted “2023” for “2018” and “subsection (b)” for “subsection (a)” and inserted at end “The President shall publish, on a publicly available website of the Peace Corps, a report summarizing the results of each survey related to volunteer satisfaction in each country in which volunteers serve, and the early termination rate of volunteers serving in each such country. The information published shall be posted in an easily accessible place near the description of the appropriate country and shall be written in an easily understood manner.”

§ 2507f. Establishment of a policy on stalking**(a) In general**

The President shall develop and implement a comprehensive policy on stalking that—

- (1) requires an immediate, effective, and thorough response from the Peace Corps upon receipt of a report of stalking;
- (2) provides, during training, all Peace Corps volunteers with a point of contact for the reporting of stalking; and
- (3) protects the confidentiality of volunteers who report stalking to the maximum extent practicable.

(b) Development and consultation with experts

In developing the stalking policy under subsection (a), the President shall consult with and incorporate, as appropriate, the recommendations and views of those with expertise regarding the crime of stalking.

(c) Training of in-country staff

The President shall provide for the training of all in-country staff regarding the stalking policy developed under subsection (a).

(Pub. L. 87–293, title I, §8F, as added Pub. L. 112–57, §2, Nov. 21, 2011, 125 Stat. 742.)

§ 2507g. Establishment of a confidentiality protection policy**(a) In general**

The President shall establish and maintain a process to allow volunteers to report incidents of misconduct or mismanagement, or violations of any policy, of the Peace Corps in order to protect the confidentiality and safety of such volunteers and of the information reported, and to ensure that such information is acted on appropriately. This process shall conform to existing best practices regarding confidentiality.

(b) Guidance

The President shall provide additional training to officers and employees of the Peace Corps who have access to information reported by volunteers under subsection (a) in order to protect against the inappropriate disclosures of such information and ensure the safety of such volunteers.

(c) Penalty

Any Peace Corps volunteer or staff member who is responsible for maintaining confiden-

tiality under subsection (a) and who breaches such duty shall be subject to disciplinary action, including termination, and in the case of a staff member, ineligibility for re-employment with the Peace Corps.

(Pub. L. 87–293, title I, §8G, as added Pub. L. 112–57, §2, Nov. 21, 2011, 125 Stat. 742.)

§ 2507h. Removal and assessment and evaluation**(a) In general**

If a volunteer requests removal from the site in which such volunteer is serving because the volunteer feels at risk of imminent bodily harm, the President shall, as expeditiously as practical after receiving such request, remove the volunteer from the site. If the President receives such a request, the President shall assess and evaluate the safety of such site and may not assign another volunteer to the site until such time as the assessment and evaluation is complete and the site has been determined to be safe. Volunteers may remain at a site during the assessment and evaluation.

(b) Determination of site as unsafe

If the President determines that a site is unsafe for any remaining volunteers at the site, the President shall, as expeditiously as practical, remove all volunteers from the site.

(c) Tracking and recording

The President shall establish a global tracking and recording system to track and record incidents of crimes against volunteers.

(Pub. L. 87–293, title I, §8H, as added Pub. L. 112–57, §2, Nov. 21, 2011, 125 Stat. 743.)

§ 2507i. Reporting requirements**(a) In general**

The President shall annually through September 30, 2018, submit to the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives a report summarizing information on—

- (1) sexual assault of volunteers;
- (2) other crimes against volunteers;
- (3) the number of arrests, prosecutions, and incarcerations for crimes involving Peace Corps volunteers for every country in which volunteers serve; and
- (4) the annual rate of early termination of volunteers, including demographic data associated with such early termination.

(b) GAO

Not later than one year after November 21, 2011, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives a report evaluating the quality and accessibility of health care provided through the Department of Labor to returned volunteers upon their separation from the Peace Corps.