

ual assault, provide for timely determination and action on an application submitted by the victim for consideration of a change of station or unit transfer of the victim; and

(B) in the case of an employee of the Administration who was a victim of a sexual assault, to the degree practicable and in order to reduce the possibility of retaliation against the employee for reporting the sexual assault, accommodate a request for a change of work location of the victim.

(2) Procedures

(A) Period for approval and disapproval

The Secretary, acting through the Under Secretary, shall ensure that an application or request submitted under paragraph (1) for a change of station, unit transfer, or change of work location is approved or denied within 72 hours of the submission of the application or request.

(B) Review

If an application or request submitted under paragraph (1) by a victim of a sexual assault for a change of station, unit transfer, or change of work location of the victim is denied—

(i) the victim may request the Secretary to review the denial; and

(ii) the Secretary, acting through the Under Secretary, shall, not later than 72 hours after receiving such request, affirm or overturn the denial.

(b) Change of station, unit transfer, and change of work location of alleged perpetrators

(1) In general

The Secretary, acting through the Under Secretary, shall develop a policy for the protection of victims of sexual assault described in subsection (a)(1) by providing the alleged perpetrator of the sexual assault with a change of station, unit transfer, or change of work location, as the case may be, if the alleged perpetrator is a member of the commissioned officer corps of the Administration or an employee of the Administration.

(2) Policy requirements

The policy required by paragraph (1) shall include the following:

(A) A means to control access to the victim.

(B) Due process for the victim and the alleged perpetrator.

(c) Regulations

(1) In general

The Secretary shall promulgate regulations to carry out this section.

(2) Consistency

When practicable, the Secretary shall make regulations promulgated under this section consistent with similar regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Defense.

(Pub. L. 114-328, div. C, title XXXV, §3544, Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2803.)

§ 894d. Applicability of policies to crews of vessels secured by National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration under contract

The Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere shall ensure that each contract into which the Under Secretary enters for the use of a vessel by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration that covers the crew of the vessel, if any, shall include as a condition of the contract a provision that subjects such crew to the policy developed under section 894(a) of this title and the comprehensive policy developed under section 894a(a) of this title.

(Pub. L. 114-328, div. C, title XXXV, §3545, Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2804.)

§ 894d-1. Investigation requirement

(a) Requirement to investigate

(1) In general

The Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, shall ensure that each allegation of sexual harassment reported under section 894 of this title and each allegation of sexual assault reported under section 894a of this title is investigated thoroughly and promptly.

(2) Sense of Congress on commencement of investigation

It is the sense of Congress that the Secretary should ensure that an investigation of alleged sexual harassment reported under section 894 of this title or sexual assault reported under section 894a of this title commences not later than 48 hours after the time at which the allegation was reported.

(b) Notification of delay

In any case in which the time between the reporting of alleged sexual harassment or sexual assault under section 894 or 894a of this title, respectively, and commencement of an investigation of the allegation exceeds 48 hours, the Secretary shall notify the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives of the delay.

(Pub. L. 114-328, div. C, title XXXV, §3546, as added Pub. L. 116-259, title V, §504(b)(2), Dec. 23, 2020, 134 Stat. 1180.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 3546 of Pub. L. 114-328 was renumbered section 3548 and is classified to section 894e of this title.

§ 894d-2. Criminal referral

If the Secretary of Commerce finds, pursuant to an investigation under section 894d-1 of this title, evidence that a crime may have been committed, the Secretary shall refer the matter to the appropriate law enforcement authorities, including the appropriate United States Attorney.

(Pub. L. 114-328, div. C, title XXXV, §3547, as added Pub. L. 116-259, title V, §504(b)(2), Dec. 23, 2020, 134 Stat. 1180.)

Editorial Notes**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior section 3547 of Pub. L. 114-328 was renumbered section 3549 and is classified to section 894f of this title.

§ 894e. Annual report on sexual assaults in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

(a) In general

Not later than January 15 of each year, the Secretary of Commerce shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives a report on the sexual assaults involving employees of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, members of the commissioned officer corps of the Administration, and individuals who work with or conduct business on behalf of the Administration.

(b) Contents

Each report submitted under subsection (a) shall include, with respect to the previous calendar year, the following:

- (1) The number of alleged sexual assaults involving employees, members, and individuals described in subsection (a).
- (2) A synopsis of each case and the disciplinary action taken, if any, in each case.
- (3) The policies, procedures, and processes implemented by the Secretary, and any updates or revisions to such policies, procedures, and processes.
- (4) A summary of the reports received by the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere under section 894(f) of this title.

(c) Privacy protection

In preparing and submitting a report under subsection (a), the Secretary shall ensure that no individual involved in an alleged sexual assault can be identified by the contents of the report.

(Pub. L. 114-328, div. C, title XXXV, § 3548, formerly § 3546, Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2804; renumbered § 3548, Pub. L. 116-259, title V, § 504(b)(1), Dec. 23, 2020, 134 Stat. 1180.)

§ 894f. Sexual assault defined

In this subchapter, the term “sexual assault” shall have the meaning given such term in section 12291(a) of title 34.

(Pub. L. 114-328, div. C, title XXXV, § 3549, formerly § 3547, Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2805; renumbered § 3549, Pub. L. 116-259, title V, § 504(b)(1), Dec. 23, 2020, 134 Stat. 1180.)

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§ 901. Short title

This chapter may be cited as “Longshore and Harbor Workers’ Compensation Act.”

(Mar. 4, 1927, ch. 509, § 1, 44 Stat. 1424; Pub. L. 98-426, § 27(d)(1), Sept. 28, 1984, 98 Stat. 1654.)

Editorial Notes**AMENDMENTS**

1984—Pub. L. 98-426 substituted “Longshore” for “Longshoremen’s”.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1984 AMENDMENT**

Pub. L. 98-426, § 28(a)-(g), Sept. 28, 1984, 98 Stat. 1655, provided that:

“(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the amendments made by this Act [enacting section 942 of this title, amending this section, sections 902 to 910, 912 to 914, 917 to 919, 921 to 923, 928 to 935, 938 to 940, 944, and 948a of this title, and section 932 of Title 30, Mineral