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**CODIFICATION**

This chapter was originally added by Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1302, which act enacted this title, and was based on act Dec. 24, 1942, ch. 811, 56 Stat. 1078, known as the Federal Reports Act of 1942, which was classified to sections 139 to 139f of former Title 5, transferred to chapter 12 (§421 et seq.) of former Title 44, and repealed by Pub. L. 90-620 upon the enactment of this title. Subsequent to its original enactment by Pub. L. 90-620, this chapter was amended generally by Pub. L. 96-511 and again by Pub. L. 104-13. As a result, this chapter is shown herein as having been added beginning with Pub. L. 104-13 without reference to earlier amendatory laws. See Prior Provisions notes throughout this chapter.

**AMENDMENTS**

2019—Pub. L. 115-435, title II, §202(d)(2)(A), (e)(2), (f)(2), title III, §§302(b), 303(b), Jan. 14, 2019, 132 Stat. 5541-5543, 5552, 5556, substituted “Data inventory and Federal data catalogue” for “Establishment and operation of Government Information Locator Service” in item 3511 and “Chief Data Officers” for “Establishment of task force on information collection and dissemination” in item 3520, added item 3520A, and added heading for subchapter III, headings for parts A to D of subchapter III, and items 3561 to 3564, 3571, 3572, 3575, 3576, and 3581 to 3583.

2018—Pub. L. 115-114, §2(b), Jan. 10, 2018, 131 Stat. 2278, added item 3559.

2014—Pub. L. 113-283, §2(e)(1), Dec. 18, 2014, 128 Stat. 3086, added heading for subchapter II and items 3551 to 3558 and struck out heading for former subchapter II and items 3531 to 3538 and heading for subchapter III and items 3541 to 3549. Prior to amendment, headings for both subchapters II and III read “INFORMATION SECURITY” and items under each subchapter were substantially similar to items 3551 to 3558.

2002—Pub. L. 107-347, title III, §301(b)(2), Dec. 17, 2002, 116 Stat. 2955, added heading for subchapter III and items 3541 to 3549.

Pub. L. 107-296, title X, §1001(b)(2), Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2267, reenacted items 3531 to 3535 without change, substituted “National security systems” for “Expiration” in item 3536, and added items 3537 and 3538.

Pub. L. 107-198, §3(b), June 28, 2002, 116 Stat. 732, added item 3520 and renumbered former item 3520 as 3521.

2000—Pub. L. 106-398, §1 [[div. A], title X, §1064(a)(1)], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A-275, inserted subchapters I and II headings and added items 3531 to 3536. 1995—Pub. L. 104-13, §2, May 22, 1995, 109 Stat. 163, amended chapter heading and analysis generally.

1980—Pub. L. 96-511, §2(a), Dec. 11, 1980, 94 Stat. 2812, substituted in chapter heading “INFORMATION POLICY” for “REPORTING SERVICES”, and amended analysis generally.

**SUBCHAPTER I—FEDERAL INFORMATION  
 POLICY**

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**AMENDMENTS**

2000—Pub. L. 106-398, §1 [[div. A], title X, §1064(a)(2)], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A-275, inserted subchapter heading.

**§ 3501. Purposes**

The purposes of this subchapter are to—

(1) minimize the paperwork burden for individuals, small businesses, educational and nonprofit institutions, Federal contractors, State, local and tribal governments, and other persons resulting from the collection of information by or for the Federal Government;

(2) ensure the greatest possible public benefit from and maximize the utility of information created, collected, maintained, used, shared and disseminated by or for the Federal Government;

(3) coordinate, integrate, and to the extent practicable and appropriate, make uniform Federal information resources management policies and practices as a means to improve the productivity, efficiency, and effectiveness of Government programs, including the reduction of information collection burdens on the public and the improvement of service delivery to the public;

(4) improve the quality and use of Federal information to strengthen decisionmaking, accountability, and openness in Government and society;

(5) minimize the cost to the Federal Government of the creation, collection, maintenance, use, dissemination, and disposition of information;

(6) strengthen the partnership between the Federal Government and State, local, and tribal governments by minimizing the burden and maximizing the utility of information created, collected, maintained, used, disseminated, and retained by or for the Federal Government;

(7) provide for the dissemination of public information on a timely basis, on equitable terms, and in a manner that promotes the utility of the information to the public and makes effective use of information technology;

(8) ensure that the creation, collection, maintenance, use, dissemination, and disposition of information by or for the Federal Government is consistent with applicable laws, including laws relating to—

(A) privacy and confidentiality, including section 552a of title 5;