

(1) information the Task Force has collected; and

(2) a discussion on matters the chairman of the Task Force deems urgent for consideration by Congress.

(g) Report

Not later than December 31, 2016, the Task Force shall issue a report of its findings to the House and Senate regarding—

(1) impediments in current Federal law and programs to economic growth in Puerto Rico including equitable access to Federal health care programs;

(2) recommended changes to Federal law and programs that, if adopted, would serve to spur sustainable long-term economic growth, job creation, reduce child poverty, and attract investment in Puerto Rico;

(3) the economic effect of Administrative Order No. 346 of the Department of Health of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (relating to natural products, natural supplements, and dietary supplements) or any successor or substantially similar order, rule, or guidance of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; and

(4) additional information the Task Force deems appropriate.

(h) Consensus views

To the greatest extent practicable, the report issued under subsection (f)¹ shall reflect the shared views of all eight Members, except that the report may contain dissenting views.

(i) Hearings and sessions

The Task Force may, for the purpose of carrying out this section, hold hearings, sit and act at times and places, take testimony, and receive evidence as the Task Force considers appropriate. If the Task Force holds hearings, at least one such hearing must be held in Puerto Rico.

(j) Stakeholder participation

In carrying out its duties, the Task Force shall consult with the Puerto Rico Legislative Assembly, the Puerto Rico Department of Economic Development and Commerce, and the private sector of Puerto Rico.

(k) Resources

The Task Force shall carry out its duties by utilizing existing facilities, services, and staff of the House of Representatives and Senate, except that no additional funds are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section.

(l) Termination

The Task Force shall terminate upon issuing the report required under subsection (f)¹.

(Pub. L. 114–187, title IV, § 409, June 30, 2016, 130 Stat. 593.)

§ 2197. Report

Not later than 18 months after June 30, 2016, the Comptroller General shall submit a report to the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate describing—

(1) the conditions which led to the level of debt, which should be analyzed, per capita and based upon overall economic activity;

(2) how actions of the territorial government improved or impaired the territory's financial conditions; and

(3) recommendations on non-fiscal actions, or policies that would not imperil America's homeland and national security, that could be taken by Congress or the Administration to avert future indebtedness of territories, while respecting sovereignty and constitutional parameters.

(Pub. L. 114–187, title IV, § 410, June 30, 2016, 130 Stat. 594.)

§ 2198. Report on territorial debt

(a) Report required

Not later than one year after June 30, 2016, and thereafter not less than once every two years, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to Congress a report on the public debt of each territory, including—

(1) the historical levels of each territory's public debt, current amount and composition of each territory's public debt, and future projections of each territory's public debt;

(2) the historical levels of each territory's revenue, current amount and composition of each territory's revenue, and future projections of each territory's revenue;

(3) the drivers and composition of each territory's public debt;

(4) the effect of Federal laws, mandates, rules, and regulations on each territory's public debt; and

(5) the ability of each territory to repay its¹ public debt.

(b) Materials

The government of each territory shall make available to the Comptroller General of the United States all materials necessary to carry out this section.

(Pub. L. 114–187, title IV, § 411, June 30, 2016, 130 Stat. 594.)

§ 2199. Expansion of HUBZones in Puerto Rico

(a) Omitted

(b) Improving oversight

(1) Guidance

Not later than 270 days after June 30, 2016, the Administrator of the Small Business Administration shall develop and implement criteria and guidance on using a risk-based approach to requesting and verifying information from entities applying to be designated or recertified as qualified HUBZone small business concerns (as defined in section 632(p)(5)¹ of title 15).

(2) Assessment

Not later 1 year after the date on which the criteria and guidance described in paragraph (1) is implemented, the Comptroller General of

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¹ See References in Text note below.

the United States shall begin an assessment of such criteria and guidance. Not later than 6 months after beginning such an assessment, the Comptroller General shall submit a report to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate and the Committee on Small Business of the House of Representatives that includes—

(A) an assessment of the criteria and guidance issued by the Administrator of the Small Business Administration in accordance with paragraph (1);

(B) an assessment of the implementation of the criteria and guidance issued by¹ the Administrator of the Small Business Administration in accordance with paragraph (1);

(C) an assessment as to whether these measures have successfully ensured that only qualified HUBZone small business concerns are participating in the HUBZone program under section 657a of title 15;

(D) an assessment as to whether the reforms made by the criteria and guidance implemented under paragraph (1) have resulted in job creation in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; and

(E) recommendations on how to improve controls in the HUBZone program.

(Pub. L. 114-187, title IV, §412, June 30, 2016, 130 Stat. 595.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 632(p)(5) of title 15, referred to in subsec. (b)(1), was redesignated as section 657a(b)(5) of Title 15, Commerce and Trade, by Pub. L. 115-91, div. A, title XVII, §1701(a)(2), Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1795.

CODIFICATION

Section is comprised of section 412 of Pub. L. 114-187. Subsec. (a)(1) of section 412 of Pub. L. 114-187 amended section 632 of Title 15, Commerce and Trade. Subsec. (a)(2) of section 412 of Pub. L. 114-187 enacted provisions set out as a note under section 632 of Title 15.

§ 2200. Determination on debt

Nothing in this chapter shall be interpreted to restrict—

(1) the ability of the Puerto Rico Commission for the Comprehensive Audit of the Public Credit to file its reports; or

(2) the review and consideration of the Puerto Rico Commission's findings by Puerto Rico's government or an Oversight Board for Puerto Rico established under section 2121 of this title.

(Pub. L. 114-187, title IV, §413, June 30, 2016, 130 Stat. 596.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original “this Act”, meaning Pub. L. 114-187, June 30, 2016, 130 Stat. 549, known as the Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act and also as PROMESA, which is classified principally to this chap-

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ter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 2101 of this title and Tables.

SUBCHAPTER V—PUERTO RICO INFRASTRUCTURE REVITALIZATION

§ 2211. Definitions

In this subchapter:

(1) Act 76

The term “Act 76” means Puerto Rico Act 76-2000 (3 L.P.R.A. 1931 et seq.), approved on May 5, 2000, as amended.

(2) Critical Project

The term “Critical Project” means a project identified under the provisions of this subchapter and intimately related to addressing an emergency whose approval, consideration, permitting, and implementation shall be expedited and streamlined according to the statutory process provided by Act 76, or otherwise adopted pursuant to this subchapter.

(3) Energy Commission of Puerto Rico

The term “Energy Commission of Puerto Rico” means the Puerto Rico Energy Commission as established by Subtitle B of Puerto Rico Act 57-2014.

(4) Energy Projects

The term “Energy Projects” means those projects addressing the generation, distribution, or transmission of energy.

(5) Emergency

The term “emergency” means any event or grave problem of deterioration in the physical infrastructure for the rendering of essential services to the people, or that endangers the life, public health, or safety of the population or of a sensitive ecosystem, or as otherwise defined by section 1 of Act 76 (3 L.P.R.A. 1931). This shall include problems in the physical infrastructure for energy, water, sewer, solid waste, highways or roads, ports, telecommunications, and other similar infrastructure.

(6) Environmental Quality Board

The term “Environmental Quality Board” means the Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board, a board within the executive branch of the Government of Puerto Rico as established by section 7 of Puerto Rico Act 416-2004 (12 L.P.R.A. 8002a).

(7) Expedited Permitting Process

The term “Expedited Permitting Process” means a Puerto Rico Agency's alternate procedures, conditions, and terms mirroring those established under Act 76 (3 L.P.R.A. 1932) and pursuant to this subchapter shall not apply to any Federal law, statute, or requirement.

(8) Governor

The term “Governor” means the Governor of Puerto Rico.

(9) Interagency Environmental Subcommittee

The term “Interagency Environmental Subcommittee” means the Interagency Subcommittee on Expedited Environmental Regulations as further described by section 2214 of this title.