

1996—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 104-275 inserted “, including the Center for Women Veterans” before period at end.

1992—Subsec. (a)(2)(B)(iii). Pub. L. 102-405 substituted “Under Secretary for Health” for “Chief Medical Director” and “Under Secretary for Benefits” for “Chief Benefits Director”.

CHANGE OF NAME

Reference to Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment in any law in force on Nov. 6, 1986, deemed to be a reference to Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training, see section 2(b)(3) of Pub. L. 99-619, set out as a References in Other Laws note under section 553 of Title 29, Labor.

TERMINATION OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES

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§ 543. Advisory Committee on Prosthetics and Special-Disabilities Programs

(a) There is in the Department an advisory committee known as the Advisory Committee on Prosthetics and Special-Disabilities Programs (hereinafter in this section referred to as the “Committee”).

(b) The objectives and scope of activities of the Committee shall relate to—

- (1) prosthetics and special-disabilities programs administered by the Secretary;
- (2) the coordination of programs of the Department for the development and testing of, and for information exchange regarding, prosthetic devices;
- (3) the coordination of Department and non-Department programs that involve the development and testing of prosthetic devices; and
- (4) the adequacy of funding for the prosthetics and special-disabilities programs of the Department.

(c) The Secretary shall, on a regular basis, consult with and seek the advice of the Committee on the matters described in subsection (b).

(d) Not later than January 15 of 1993, 1994, and 1995, the Committee shall submit to the Secretary and the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and House of Representatives a report on the effectiveness of the prosthetics and special-disabilities programs administered by the Secretary during the preceding fiscal year. Not more than 60 days after the date on which any such report is received by the Secretary, the Secretary shall submit a report to such committees commenting on the report of the Committee.

(e) As used in this section, the term “special-disabilities programs” includes all programs administered by the Secretary for—

- (1) spinal-cord-injured veterans;
- (2) blind veterans;
- (3) veterans who have lost or lost the use of extremities;
- (4) hearing-impaired veterans; and
- (5) other veterans with serious incapacities in terms of daily life functions.

(Added Pub. L. 102-405, title I, §105(b)(1), Oct. 9, 1992, 106 Stat. 1975.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Prior section 543 was renumbered section 1543 of this title.

CHANGE OF NAME

Section 105(a) of Pub. L. 102-405 provided that: “The Federal advisory committee established by the Secretary and known as the Prosthetics Service Advisory Committee shall after the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 9, 1992] be known as the Advisory Committee on Prosthetics and Special-Disabilities Programs and shall operate as though such committee had been established by law. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Committee may, upon the enactment of this Act, meet and act on any matter covered by subsection (b) of section 543 of title 38, United States Code, as added by subsection (b) of this section.”

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§ 544. Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans

(a)(1) The Secretary shall establish an advisory committee to be known as the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans (hereinafter in this section referred to as “the Committee”).

(2)(A) The Committee shall consist of members appointed by the Secretary from the general public, including—

- (i) representatives of veterans who are minority group members;
- (ii) individuals who are recognized authorities in fields pertinent to the needs of veterans who are minority group members;
- (iii) veterans who are minority group members and who have experience in a military theater of operations; and
- (iv) veterans who are minority group members and who do not have such experience.

(B) The Committee shall include, as ex officio members, the following:

(i) The Secretary of Labor (or a representative of the Secretary of Labor designated by the Secretary after consultation with the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment).

(ii) The Secretary of Defense (or a representative of the Secretary of Defense designated by the Secretary of Defense).

(iii) The Secretary of the Interior (or a representative of the Secretary of the Interior designated by the Secretary of the Interior).

(iv) The Secretary of Commerce (or a representative of the Secretary of Commerce designated by the Secretary of Commerce).

(v) The Secretary of Health and Human Services (or a representative of the Secretary of Health and Human Services designated by the Secretary of Health and Human Services).

(vi) The Under Secretary for Health and the Under Secretary for Benefits, or their designees.