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## TITLE VII PROGRAM REVIEW AND EVALUATION

### REVIEW AND EVALUATION BY STANDING COMMITTEES

§ 701 **SEC. 701.** Section 136(a) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 190d) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new sentences: "Such committees may carry out the required analysis, appraisal, and evaluation themselves, or by contract, or may require a Government agency to do so and furnish a report thereon to the Congress. Such committees may rely on such techniques as pilot testing, analysis of costs in comparison with benefits, or provision for evaluation after a defined period of time."<sup>937</sup>

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<sup>937</sup> Public Law 97-258 repealed section 702. See An Act to Revise, Codify, and Enact Without Substantive Change Certain General and Permanent Laws, Related to Money and Finance, as title 31, United States Code, "Money and Finance," Pub. L. No. 97-258, 96 Stat. 877, 1082 (1982). Section 702 was codified in sections 702, 717, 719, and 731 of title 31. As originally enacted in 1974, section 702 read as follows:

#### REVIEW AND EVALUATION BY THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL

**SEC. 702. (a)** Section 204 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970 (31 U.S.C. 1154) is amended to read as follows:

#### \*REVIEW AND EVALUATION

**\*SEC. 204. (a)** The Comptroller General shall review and evaluate the results of Government programs and activities carried on under existing law when ordered by either House of Congress, or upon his own initiative, or when requested by any committee of the House of Representatives or the Senate, or any joint committee of the two Houses, having jurisdiction over such programs and activities.

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**\*(b) The Comptroller General, upon request of any committee of either House or any joint committee of the two Houses shall —**

**\*(1) assist such committee or joint committee in developing a statement of legislative objectives and goals and methods for assessing and reporting actual program performance in relation to such legislative objectives and goals. Such statements shall include, but are not limited to, recommendations as to methods of assessment, information to be reported, responsibility for reporting, frequency of reports, and feasibility of pilot testing; and**

**\*(2) assist such committee or joint committee in analyzing and assessing program reviews or evaluation studies prepared by and for any Federal agency.**

**Upon request of any Member of either House, the Comptroller General shall furnish to such Member a copy of any statement or other material compiled in carrying out paragraphs (1) and (2) which has been released by the committee or joint committee for which it was compiled.**

**\*(c) The Comptroller General shall develop and recommend to the Congress methods for review and evaluation of Government programs and activities carried on under existing law.**

**\*(d) In carrying out his responsibilities under this section, the Comptroller General is authorized to establish an Office of Program Review and Evaluation within the General Accounting Office. The Comptroller General is authorized to employ not to exceed ten experts on a permanent, temporary, or intermittent basis and to obtain services as authorized by section 3109 of title 5, United States Code, but in either case at a rate (or the daily equivalent) for individuals not to exceed that prescribed, from time to time, for level V of the Executive Schedule under section 5316 of title 5, United States Code.**

**\*(e) The Comptroller General shall include in his annual report to the Congress a review of activities under**

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