

44 USCS § 3511

§ 3511. Establishment and operation of Government Information Locator Service

(a) In order to assist agencies and the public in locating information and to promote information sharing and equitable access by the public, the Director shall--

(1) cause to be established and maintained a distributed agency-based electronic Government Information Locator Service (hereafter in this section referred to as the 'Service'), which shall identify the major information systems, holdings, and dissemination products of each agency;

(2) require each agency to establish and maintain an agency information locator service as a component of, and to support the establishment and operation of the Service;

(3) in cooperation with the Archivist of the United States, the Administrator of General Services, the Public Printer, and the Librarian of Congress, establish an interagency committee to advise the Secretary of Commerce on the development of technical standards for the Service to ensure compatibility, promote information sharing, and uniform access by the public;

(4) consider public access and other user needs in the establishment and operation of the Service;

(5) ensure the security and integrity of the Service, including measures to ensure that only information which is intended to be disclosed to the public is disclosed through the Service; and

(6) periodically review the development and effectiveness of the Service and make recommendations for improvement, including other mechanisms for improving public access to Federal agency public information.

(b) This section shall not apply to operational files as defined by the Central Intelligence Agency Information Act (50 U.S.C. 431 et seq.).

HISTORY:

(Added May 22, 1995, P.L. 104-13, § 2, 109 Stat. 180.)

HISTORY; ANCILLARY LAWS AND DIRECTIVES

Explanatory notes:

A prior § 3511 (Act Dec. 11, 1980, P.L. 96-511, § 2(a), 94 Stat. 2822; Oct. 18, 1986, P.L. 99-500; Oct. 30, 1986, P.L. 99-591, Title I, § 101(m), 100 Stat. 3341-339) was omitted in the general revision of this chapter by Act May 22, 1995, P.L. 104-13, § 2, 109 Stat. 163, effective as provided by § 4 of such Act, which appears as 44 USCS § 3501 note. The prior section provided for establishment and operation of a Federal Information Locator System.

Another prior § 3511 (Act Oct. 22, 1968, P.L. 90-620, § 1, 82 Stat. 1305), which provided for a penalty for failure to furnish information, was omitted in the general revision of this chapter by Act Dec. 11, 1980, P.L. 96-511, § 2(a), 94 Stat. 2812, effective April 1, 1981, as provided by § 5 of such Act.

Effective date of section:

This section became effective on Oct. 1, 1995, with certain exceptions, as provided by Act May 22, 1995, P.L. 104-13, § 4, 109 Stat. 185, which appears as 44 USCS § 3501 note.

NOTES:

Related Statutes & Rules:

This section is referred to in 44 USCS § 3504.

Research Guide:

Federal Procedure:

2 Fed Proc L Ed, Administrative Procedure § 2:66.

Law Review Articles:

Lubbers. Paperwork redux: the (stronger) Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 49 Admin L Rev 111, Winter 1997.