

assignment when the head of the executive agency considers the travel in the interest of the United States;

"(2) section 5724 of this title, for the expenses of transportation of his immediate family and of his household goods and personal effects to and from the assignment location;

"(3) section 5724(a)(1) of this title, for the expenses of per diem allowance for the immediate family of the employee to and from the assignment location;

"(4) section 5724(a)(3) of this title, for subsistence expenses of the employee and his immediate family while occupying temporary quarters at the assignment location and upon return to his former post of duty; and

"(5) section 5726(c) of this title, for the expenses of nontemporary storage of household goods and personal effects in connection with assignment at an isolated location.

"(b) Expenses specified in subsection (a) of this section, other than those in paragraph (1)(C), may not be allowed in connection with the assignment of a Federal or State or local employee under this subchapter, unless and until the employee agrees in writing to complete the entire period of his assignment or one year, whichever is shorter, unless separated or reassigned for reasons beyond his control that are acceptable to the executive agency concerned. If the employee violates the agreement, the money spent by the United States for these expenses is recoverable from the employee as a debt due the United States. The head of the executive agency concerned may waive in whole or in part a right of recovery under this subsection with respect to a State or local government employee on assignment with the agency.

"(c) Appropriations of an executive agency are available to pay expenses under section 5742 of this title with respect to a Federal or State or local employee assigned under this subchapter."

(b) The analysis of chapter 33 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by inserting the following at the end thereof:

"SUBCHAPTER VI—ASSIGNMENTS TO AND FROM STATES

- "Sec.
 "3371. Definitions.
 "3372. General provisions.
 "3373. Assignments of employees to State or local governments.
 "3374. Assignments of employees from State or local governments.
 "3375. Travel expenses."

REPEAL OF SPECIAL AUTHORITIES

SEC. 303. The Act of August 2, 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1881-1888), except that the Secretary of Agriculture may continue to make arrangements for the temporary assignment of employees with land-grant colleges or a college or university operated by any State or local government subject to the provisions of this title, and section 507 of the Act of April 11, 1965, Public Law 89-10, 79 Stat. 51 (20 U.S.C. 867), and section 314(f) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 246 (f)) (less applicability to commissioned officers of the Public Health Service) are hereby repealed.

SEC. 304. This title shall become effective sixty days after the date of enactment of this Act.

TITLE IV—GENERAL PROVISIONS

DECLARATION OF PURPOSE

SEC. 401. The purpose of this title is to provide for the general administration of titles I, II, and IV of this Act (hereinafter referred to as "this Act"), and to provide for the establishment of certain advisory groups.

DEFINITIONS

SEC. 402. For the purpose of this Act—

- (1) "Commission" means the United States Civil Service Commission;
- (2) "Federal agency" means an executive department, military department, independent establishment, or agency in the executive branch of the Government of the United States, including Government owned or controlled corporations;
- (3) "State" means a State of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and a territory or possession of