

proval or disapproval of the application in writing.

(Pub. L. 90-351, title I, §1213, as added Pub. L. 104-238, §2(2), Oct. 3, 1996, 110 Stat. 3115.)

### § 3796d-3. Regulations

#### (a) In general

The Attorney General may promulgate reasonable and necessary regulations to implement this part.

#### (b) Sliding scale

Notwithstanding section 3796d-2(b) of this title, the Attorney General shall issue regulations regarding the use of a sliding scale based on financial need to ensure that an eligible dependent who is in financial need receives priority in receiving funds under this part.

(Pub. L. 90-351, title I, §1214, as added Pub. L. 104-238, §2(2), Oct. 3, 1996, 110 Stat. 3115; amended Pub. L. 105-390, §2(4), Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3495.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1998—Pub. L. 105-390 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a), inserted heading, and added subsec. (b).

### § 3796d-4. Discontinuation for unsatisfactory conduct or progress

The Attorney General may discontinue assistance under this part when the Attorney General finds that, according to the regularly prescribed standards and practices of the educational institution, the recipient fails to maintain satisfactory progress as described in section 1091(c) of title 20.

(Pub. L. 90-351, title I, §1215, as added Pub. L. 104-238, §2(2), Oct. 3, 1996, 110 Stat. 3115.)

### § 3796d-5. Special rule

#### (a) Retroactive eligibility

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, each dependent of a Federal law enforcement officer killed in the line of duty on or after January 1, 1978,<sup>1</sup> and each dependent of a public safety officer killed in the line of duty on or after January 1, 1978, shall be eligible for assistance under this part, subject to the other limitations of this part.

#### (b) Retroactive assistance

The Attorney General may provide retroactive assistance to dependents eligible under this section for each month in which the dependent pursued a program of education at an eligible educational institution. The Attorney General shall apply the limitations contained in this part to retroactive assistance.

#### (c) Prospective assistance

The Attorney General may provide prospective assistance to dependents eligible under this section on the same basis as assistance to dependents otherwise eligible. In applying the limitations on assistance under this part, the Attorney General shall include assistance provided retroactively. A dependent eligible under this

section may waive retroactive assistance and apply only for prospective assistance on the same basis as dependents otherwise eligible.

(Pub. L. 90-351, title I, §1216, as added Pub. L. 104-238, §2(2), Oct. 3, 1996, 110 Stat. 3115; amended Pub. L. 105-390, §2(5), Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3496; Pub. L. 106-276, §1(a), Oct. 2, 2000, 114 Stat. 812.)

#### AMENDMENTS

2000—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 106-276 substituted “January 1, 1978,” for “May 1, 1992” and “January 1, 1978, shall” for “October 1, 1997, shall”.

1998—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 105-390 inserted “and each dependent of a public safety officer killed in the line of duty on or after October 1, 1997,” after “1992,”.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2000 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 106-276, §1(b), Oct. 2, 2000, 114 Stat. 812, provided that: “The amendments made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall take effect October 1, 1999.”

### § 3796d-6. Definitions

For purposes of this part:

(1) The term “Attorney General” means the Attorney General of the United States.

(2) The term “program of education” means any curriculum or any combination of unit courses or subjects pursued at an eligible educational institution, which generally is accepted as necessary to fulfill requirements for the attainment of a predetermined and identified educational, professional, or vocational objective. It includes course work for the attainment of more than one objective if in addition to the previous requirements, all the objectives generally are recognized as reasonably related to a single career field.

(3) The term “eligible educational institution” means an institution which—

(A) is described in section 481 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1088), as in effect on October 3, 1996; and

(B) is eligible to participate in programs under title IV of such Act [20 U.S.C. 1070 et seq. and 42 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.].

(Pub. L. 90-351, title I, §1217, as added Pub. L. 104-238, §2(2), Oct. 3, 1996, 110 Stat. 3116; amended Pub. L. 105-390, §2(6), Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3496.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Higher Education Act of 1965, referred to in par. (3)(B), is Pub. L. 89-329, Nov. 8, 1965, 79 Stat. 1219, as amended. Title IV of the Act is classified generally to subchapter IV (§1070 et seq.) of chapter 28 of Title 20, Education, and part C (§2751 et seq.) of subchapter I of chapter 34 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1001 of Title 20 and Tables.

#### AMENDMENTS

1998—Pars. (2) to (4). Pub. L. 105-390 redesignated pars. (3) and (4) as (2) and (3), respectively, and struck out former par. (2) which read as follows: “The term ‘Federal law enforcement officer’ has the same meaning as under part A of this subchapter.”

### § 3796d-7. Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this part such sums as may be necessary.

<sup>1</sup> So in original.