

§ 923. Space-available enrollment of students; tuition

(a) Enrollment of ineligible child in system school

Subject to subsection (b) of this section and in accordance with regulations issued under subsection (c) of this section, the Director may authorize the enrollment in a school of the defense dependents' education system of a child not otherwise eligible to enroll in such a school if and to the extent that there is space available for such child in the school.

(b) Determination of amount of tuition; use of payments

(1) Except as otherwise provided under subsection (c) of this section, any child permitted to enroll in a school of the defense dependents' education system under this section shall be required to pay tuition at a rate determined by the Secretary of Defense, which shall not be less than the rate necessary to defray the average cost of the enrollment of children in the system under this section.

(2) Amounts received under paragraph (1) shall be available to the defense dependents' education system to assist in defraying the cost of enrollment of children in the system under this section.

(c) Regulations respecting enrollment requirements

(1) The Secretary of Defense may by regulation identify classes of children who shall be eligible to enroll in schools of the defense dependents' education system under this section if and to the extent that there is space available, establish priorities among such classes, waive the tuition requirement of subsection (b)(1) of this section with respect to any such class, and issue such other regulations as may be necessary to carry out this section.

(2)(A) The Secretary shall include in the regulations prescribed under this subsection a requirement that children in the class of children described in subparagraph (B) shall be subject to the same tuition requirements, or waiver of tuition requirements, as children in the class of children described in subparagraph (C).

(B) The class of children described in this subparagraph are children of members of reserve components of the Armed Forces who—

- (i) are on active duty under an order to active duty under section 12301 or 12302 of title 10;
- (ii) were ordered to active duty from a location in the United States (other than in Alaska or Hawaii); and
- (iii) are serving on active duty outside the United States or in Alaska or Hawaii.

(C) The class of children described in this subparagraph are children of members of reserve components of the Armed Forces who—

- (i) are on active duty under an order to active duty under section 12301 or 12302 of title 10;
- (ii) were ordered to active duty from a location outside the United States (or in Alaska or Hawaii); and
- (iii) are serving on active duty outside the United States or in Alaska or Hawaii.

(d) Enrollment of certain children in overseas schools

(1) The Secretary of Defense may authorize the enrollment in schools of the defense dependents' education system of children in the following classes:

(A) Children of officers and employees of the United States (other than civilian officers and employees who are sponsors under section 932(2) of this title) stationed in overseas areas.

(B) Children of employees of contractors employed in carrying out work for the United States in overseas areas.

(C) Children of other citizens or nationals of the United States or of foreign nationals, if the Secretary determines that enrollment of such children is in the national interest.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (c) of this section, the Secretary may not waive the tuition requirements of subsection (b)(1) of this section with respect to children referred to in paragraph (1).

(Pub. L. 95-561, title XIV, §1404, Nov. 1, 1978, 92 Stat. 2366; Pub. L. 99-145, title XII, §1205, Nov. 8, 1985, 99 Stat. 721; Pub. L. 101-189, div. A, title III, §325(b), Nov. 29, 1989, 103 Stat. 1415; Pub. L. 108-136, div. A, title V, §563, Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1483.)

AMENDMENTS

2003—Pub. L. 108-136, §563(b), substituted "Space-available enrollment of students; tuition" for "Tuition-paying students" in section catchline.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 108-136, §563(a), designated existing provisions as par. (1) and added par. (2).

1989—Subsec. (d)(1)(A). Pub. L. 101-189 substituted "(other than civilian officers and employees who are sponsors under section 932(2) of this title)" for "(including employees of nonappropriated fund activities of the Department of Defense)".

1985—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 99-145 added subsec. (d).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1989 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 101-189, div. A, title III, §325(c), Nov. 29, 1989, 103 Stat. 1415, provided that: "The amendments made by this section [amending this section and section 932 of this title] shall apply with respect to periods of enrollment in schools of the defense dependents' education system beginning after September 30, 1989."

§ 923a. Enrollment of certain additional children on tuition-free basis

(a) Enrollment authorized

Under regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary may authorize the enrollment in schools of the defense dependents' education system on a tuition-free basis of—

(1) the children of full-time, locally-hired employees of the Department of Defense in an overseas area if such employees are citizens or nationals of the United States; and

(2) the children of a foreign military member assigned to the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers, Europe, but only in a school of the defense dependents' education system in Mons, Belgium.

(b) Funding

The Secretary may use funds available for the defense dependents' education system to provide

for the education of children enrolled in the defense dependents' education system under subsection (a).

(c) Special rules regarding enrollment of dependents of foreign military members assigned to Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers, Europe

(1) In the regulations required by subsection (a), the Secretary shall prescribe a methodology based on the estimated total number of dependents of sponsors under section 932(2) of this title enrolled in schools of the defense dependents' education system in Mons, Belgium, to determine the number of children described in paragraph (2) of subsection (a) who will be authorized to enroll under such subsection. The Secretary shall prescribe such methodology with the advice and assistance of the commander of the geographic combatant command with jurisdiction over Mons, Belgium.

(2) If the number of children described in paragraph (2) of subsection (a) who seek enrollment in schools of the defense dependents' education system in Mons, Belgium, exceeds the number authorized by the Secretary under paragraph (1), the Secretary may enroll the additional children on a space-available, tuition-free basis notwithstanding section 923(d)(2) of this title.

(Pub. L. 95-561, title XIV, §1404A, as added Pub. L. 109-163, div. A, title V, §571, Jan. 6, 2006, 119 Stat. 3270; amended Pub. L. 109-364, div. A, title V, §571(a), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2225; Pub. L. 110-181, div. A, title X, §1063(e)(1), Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 323; Pub. L. 111-84, div. A, title V, §535, Oct. 28, 2009, 123 Stat. 2292.)

AMENDMENTS

2009—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 111-84, §535(a), struck out “, and only through the 2010-2011 school year” before period at end.

Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 111-84, §535(b), inserted at end “The Secretary shall prescribe such methodology with the advice and assistance of the commander of the geographic combatant command with jurisdiction over Mons, Belgium.”

2008—Pub. L. 110-181, §1063(e)(1), made technical correction to directory language of Pub. L. 109-163, §571, which enacted this section.

2006—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 109-364, §571(a)(1), substituted “basis of—” for “basis of”, designated part of existing provisions as par. (1), substituted “; and” for period at end, and added par. (2).

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 109-364, §571(a)(2), added subsec. (c).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 110-181, div. A, title X, §1063(e), Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 323, provided that the amendment made by section 1063(e) of Pub. L. 110-181 is effective as of Jan. 6, 2006, and as if included in Pub. L. 109-163 as enacted.

§ 924. Annual educational assessment

(a) Contents

The Director shall assess each year the performance of the defense dependents' education system in providing an education of high quality to children enrolled in the system. Such assessment may include the use of educational assessment measures and such other means as the Director determines to be suitable for assessing student performance.

(b) Availability

The results of each annual assessment under subsection (a) of this section with respect to an individual enrolled in the defense dependents' education system shall be made available to the sponsor of such individual, and summary results of each such annual assessment shall be made available to Members of Congress and to professional employees in the system.

(Pub. L. 95-561, title XIV, §1405, Nov. 1, 1978, 92 Stat. 2366.)

§ 925. Budget request for school construction funds for Director of Dependents' Education

The President shall include in his budget for each fiscal year a separate request for funds for construction of school facilities by the Director.

(Pub. L. 95-561, title XIV, §1406, Nov. 1, 1978, 92 Stat. 2367.)

§ 926. School system for dependents in overseas areas

(a) Establishment and operation

The Secretary of Defense shall establish and operate a school system for dependents in overseas areas as part of the defense dependents' education system.

(b) Tuition and assistance when schools unavailable

(1) Under such circumstances as the Secretary of Defense may prescribe in regulations, the Secretary may provide tuition to allow dependents in an overseas area where a school operated by the Secretary is not reasonably available to attend schools other than schools established under subsection (a) of this section on a tuition-free basis. Schools to which tuition may be paid under this subsection may include private boarding schools in the United States. Any school to which tuition is paid under this subsection to allow a dependent in an overseas area to attend such school shall provide an educational program satisfactory to the Secretary.

(2)(A) The Secretary of Defense, and the Secretary of Homeland Security with respect to the Coast Guard when it is not operating as a service of the Navy, may provide financial assistance to sponsors of dependents in overseas areas where schools operated by the Secretary of Defense under subsection (a) of this section are not reasonably available in order to assist the sponsors to defray the costs incurred by the sponsors for the attendance of the dependents at schools in such areas other than schools operated by the Secretary of Defense.

(B) The Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall each prescribe regulations relating to the availability of financial assistance under subparagraph (A). Such regulations shall, to the maximum extent practicable, be consistent with Department of State regulations relating to the availability of financial assistance for the education of dependents of Department of State personnel overseas.

(c) Continuation of enrollment for certain dependents of members of Armed Forces involuntarily separated

(1) A member of the Armed Forces serving on active duty on September 30, 1990, who is invol-