

in such program pursuant to an authorization under paragraph (1).

(d) ASSOCIATE DEGREES.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), an academic degree at the level of associate may be conferred under section 9317 of this title upon any person who has completed a program prescribed by the Community College of the Air Force.

(2) No degree may be conferred upon any person under this section unless the Secretary of Education determines that the standards for the award of academic degrees in agencies of the United States have been met.

(Added Pub. L. 94-361, title VI, §602, July 14, 1976, 90 Stat. 928; amended Pub. L. 96-513, title V, §514(9), Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2935; Pub. L. 103-160, div. A, title XI, §1182(a)(12), Nov. 30, 1993, 107 Stat. 1772; Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title X, §1078(a), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 451; Pub. L. 105-85, div. A, title V, §552(a), (b), Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 1748; Pub. L. 108-375, div. A, title V, §556(b), Oct. 28, 2004, 118 Stat. 1915; Pub. L. 112-81, div. A, title V, §555(a), (b), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1415.)

AMENDMENTS

2011—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 112-81, §555(a)(2), added subsec. (c). Former subsec. (c) redesignated (d).

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 112-81, §555(a)(1), (b), redesignated subsec. (c) as (d) and substituted “person” for “enlisted member” in two places.

2004—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 108-375 amended heading and text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows:

“(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the commander of the Air Education and Training Command of the Air Force may confer an academic degree at the level of associate upon any enlisted member who has completed the program prescribed by the Community College of the Air Force.

“(2) No degree may be conferred upon any enlisted member under this section unless (A) the Community College of the Air Force certifies to the commander of the Air Education and Training Command of the Air Force that such member has satisfied all the requirements prescribed for such degree, and (B) the Secretary of Education determines that the standards for the award of academic degrees in agencies of the United States have been met.”

1997—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 105-85, §552(b)(1), inserted heading.

Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 105-85, §552(a)(1), substituted “enlisted members described in subsection (b)” for “enlisted members of the Air Force”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 105-85, §552(a)(4), added subsec. (b). Former subsec. (b) redesignated subsec. (c)(1).

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 105-85, §552(a)(2), (3), (b)(2), redesignated subsec. (b) as subsec. (c)(1), inserted subsec. heading, substituted “Subject to paragraph (2),” for “Subject to subsection (c),” and redesignated former subsec. (c) as subsec. (c)(2) and pars. (1) and (2) of former subsec. (c) as subpars. (A) and (B), respectively, of subsec. (c)(2).

1996—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 104-106 substituted “Air Force” for “armed forces”.

1993—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 103-160, §1182(a)(12)(A), substituted “Air Education and Training Command” for “Air Training Command”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 103-160, §1182(a)(12)(B), substituted “Air Education and Training Command of the Air Force” for “Air Force Training Command”.

1980—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 96-513 substituted “Secretary of Education” for “Commissioner of Education of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2011 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 112-81, div. A, title V, §555(c), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1416, provided that: “Subsection (c) of section 9315

of title 10, United States Code (as added by subsection (a)(2)), shall apply to persons covered by paragraph (1) of such subsection who are categorized by the Secretary concerned as seriously wounded, ill, or injured after September 11, 2001. With respect to any such person who is separated from active duty during the period beginning on September 12, 2001, and ending on the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 31, 2011], the 10-year period specified in paragraph (3) of such subsection shall be deemed to commence on the date of the enactment of this Act.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1997 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 105-85, div. A, title V, §552(c), Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 1748, provided that: “Subsection (b) of section 9315 of such title, as added by subsection (a)(4), applies with respect to enrollments in the Community College of the Air Force after March 31, 1996.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1996 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title X, §1078(b), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 451, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall apply with respect to enrollments in the Community College of the Air Force after March 31, 1996.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1980 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 96-513 effective Dec. 12, 1980, see section 701(b)(3) of Pub. L. 96-513, set out as a note under section 101 of this title.

[§ 9316. Repealed. Pub. L. 110-417, [div. A], title III, § 353(a), Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4425]

Section, added Pub. L. 101-510, div. A, title XIV, §1439(c), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1689, related to training and support for A-10 aircraft.

§ 9317. Degree granting authority for Air University

(a) AUTHORITY.—Except as provided in sections 9314 and 9315 of this title, under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Air Force, the commander of the Air University may, upon the recommendation of the faculty of the Air University components, confer appropriate degrees upon graduates who meet the degree requirements.

(b) LIMITATION.—A degree may not be conferred under this section unless—

(1) the Secretary of Education has recommended approval of the degree in accordance with the Federal Policy Governing Granting of Academic Degrees by Federal Agencies; and

(2) the Air University is accredited by the appropriate civilian academic accrediting agency or organization to award the degree, as determined by the Secretary of Education.

(c) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.—(1) When seeking to establish degree granting authority under this section, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives—

(A) a copy of the self assessment questionnaire required by the Federal Policy Governing Granting of Academic Degrees by Federal Agencies, at the time the assessment is submitted to the Department of Education’s National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity; and

(B) the subsequent recommendations and rationale of the Secretary of Education regard-