

amended Pub. L. 102-40, title IV, §402(b)(1), (d)(1), May 7, 1991, 105 Stat. 238, 239; Pub. L. 102-83, §4(a)(3), (4), (b)(1), (2)(E), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 404, 405.)

AMENDMENTS

1991—Pub. L. 102-40, §402(b)(1), renumbered section 4317 of this title as this section.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 102-40, §402(d)(1), substituted “7603” for “4303”.

Subsec. (b)(1), (4). Pub. L. 102-83, §4(b)(1), (2)(E), substituted “Secretary” for “Administrator”.

Subsec. (b)(5). Pub. L. 102-83, §4(a)(3), (4), substituted “Department” for “Veterans’ Administration” in two places.

Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 102-40, §402(d)(1), substituted “7616(b)(4)” for “4316(b)(4)” in subpar. (C) and “7613” for “4313” in subpar. (D).

§ 7618. Additional program requirements

(a) PROGRAM MODIFICATION.—Notwithstanding any provision of this subchapter, the Secretary shall carry out this subchapter after the date of the enactment of this section by modifying the Scholarship Program in such a manner that the program and hiring processes are designed to fully employ Scholarship Program graduates as soon as possible, if not immediately, upon graduation and completion of necessary certifications, and to actively assist and monitor graduates to ensure certifications are obtained in a minimal amount of time following graduation.

(b) CLINICAL TOURS.—The Secretary shall require participants in the Scholarship Program to perform clinical tours in assignments or locations determined by the Secretary while the participants are enrolled in the course of education or training for which the scholarship is provided.

(c) MENTORS.—The Secretary shall ensure that at the commencement of the period of obligated service of a participant in the Scholarship Program, the participant is assigned to a mentor who is employed in the same facility where the participant performs such service.

(Added Pub. L. 111-163, title VI, §603(c)(2), May 5, 2010, 124 Stat. 1173.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The date of the enactment of this section, referred to in subsec. (a), is the date of enactment of Pub. L. 111-163, which was approved May 5, 2010.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 7618 was renumbered section 7619 of this title.

§ 7619. Expiration of program

The Secretary may not furnish scholarships to new participants in the Scholarship Program after December 31, 2019.

(Added Pub. L. 100-322, title II, §216(b), May 20, 1988, 102 Stat. 525, §4318; renumbered §7618, Pub. L. 102-40, title IV, §402(b)(1), May 7, 1991, 105 Stat. 238; amended Pub. L. 102-83, §4(b)(1), (2)(E), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 404, 405; Pub. L. 102-585, title V, §523(a), Nov. 4, 1992, 106 Stat. 4959; Pub. L. 104-110, title I, §101(j), Feb. 13, 1996, 110 Stat. 769; Pub. L. 105-114, title II, §207(a), Nov. 21, 1997, 111 Stat. 2289; renumbered §7619 and amended Pub. L. 111-163, title VI, §603(a), (c)(1), May 5,

2010, 124 Stat. 1173; Pub. L. 113-146, title III, §302(a), Aug. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 1788.)

AMENDMENTS

2014—Pub. L. 113-146 substituted “December 31, 2019” for “December 31, 2014”.

2010—Pub. L. 111-163, §603(c)(1), renumbered section 7618 of this title as this section.

Pub. L. 111-163, §603(a), substituted “December 31, 2014” for “December 31, 1998”.

1997—Pub. L. 105-114 substituted “December 31, 1998” for “December 31, 1997”.

1996—Pub. L. 104-110 substituted “December 31, 1997” for “December 31, 1995”.

1992—Pub. L. 102-585 substituted “December 31, 1995” for “September 30, 1992”.

1991—Pub. L. 102-40 renumbered section 4318 of this title as this section.

Pub. L. 102-83 substituted “Secretary” for “Administrator”.

RATIFICATION OF ACTIONS DURING PERIOD OF EXPIRED AUTHORITY

Any action taken by Secretary of Veterans Affairs before Feb. 13, 1996, under provision of law amended by title I of Pub. L. 104-110 that was taken during period beginning on date on which authority of Secretary under such provision of law expired and ending on Feb. 13, 1996, considered to have same force and effect as if such amendment had been in effect at time of that action, see section 103 of Pub. L. 104-110, set out as a note under section 1710 of this title.

SUBCHAPTER III—TUITION REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

§ 7621. Authority for program

As part of the Educational Assistance Program, the Secretary shall carry out a tuition reimbursement program under this subchapter. The program shall be known as the Department of Veterans Affairs Nurse Education Tuition Reimbursement Program (hereinafter in this chapter referred to as the “Tuition Reimbursement Program”).

(Added Pub. L. 100-322, title II, §216(b), May 20, 1988, 102 Stat. 525, §4321; renumbered §7621, Pub. L. 102-40, title IV, §402(b)(1), May 7, 1991, 105 Stat. 238; amended Pub. L. 102-83, §4(a)(2)(B)(vi), (b)(1), (2)(E), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 403-405.)

AMENDMENTS

1991—Pub. L. 102-40 renumbered section 4321 of this title as this section.

Pub. L. 102-83 substituted “Secretary” for “Administrator” and “Department of Veterans Affairs” for “Veterans’ Administration”.

§ 7622. Eligibility; application; agreement

(a) To be eligible to participate in the Tuition Reimbursement Program, an individual must be a full-time employee in the Department permanently assigned to a Department health-care facility and must be enrolled in a course of training offered by an institution approved by the Secretary leading toward completion of (1) an associate or higher degree in nursing, or (2) a masters degree or doctoral degree in nursing.

(b) In selecting applicants for acceptance in the Tuition Reimbursement Program, the Secretary (in addition to according priorities as set forth in section 7603(d) of this title) shall give special consideration and emphasis to individuals pursuing a course of study which will expe-