

tober 1, 2013, and ending December 31, 2013 to carry out this section. Amounts appropriated pursuant to this subsection shall remain available without fiscal year limitation.”, and added par. (2).

Pub. L. 113-37, §2(b)(1)(A), inserted “and \$2,000,000 for the period beginning October 1, 2013, and ending December 31, 2013” after “2010 through 2013”.

Subsec. (j)(1). Pub. L. 113-59, §5(g)(6)(A), substituted “an eligible entity shall agree” for “the United States Olympic Committee shall agree”, “the eligible entity shall submit” for “the United States Olympic Committee shall submit”, “in the adapted sports opportunities funded by the grant,” for “in the integrated adaptive sports program,”, and “of such opportunities and programs.” for “of the integrated adaptive sports program.”

Subsec. (j)(3). Pub. L. 113-59, §5(g)(6)(B), added par. (3) and struck out former par. (3) which read as follows: “For any fiscal year after fiscal year 2010, the eligibility of the United States Olympic Committee to receive a grant under this section shall be contingent upon the submission of the report under paragraph (1) for the preceding fiscal year.”

Subsec. (l). Pub. L. 113-59, §5(e), substituted “may only provide assistance under this section for adaptive sports opportunities occurring during fiscal years 2010 through 2016” for “may not provide assistance under this section after December 31, 2013”.

Pub. L. 113-37, §2(b)(1)(B), substituted “The Secretary may not provide assistance under this section after December 31, 2013.” for “The Secretary may only provide assistance under this section during fiscal years 2010 through 2013.”

Subsec. (m). Pub. L. 113-59, §5(g)(7), struck out subsec. (m) which provided for applicability of this section and section 322 of this title to commonwealths and territories of the United States.

Subsec. (m). Pub. L. 113-37, §2(b)(2)(C), added subsec. (m).

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2013 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 113-37 effective Oct. 1, 2013, see section 4(a) of Pub. L. 113-37, set out as a note under section 322 of this title.

#### REGULATIONS

Pub. L. 113-59, §5(i), Dec. 20, 2013, 127 Stat. 662, provided that: “To ensure the uninterrupted provision of adaptive sports for disabled veterans and disabled members of the Armed Forces, any regulations that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs determines are necessary to implement the amendments made by this section [amending this section] may be promulgated by interim final rules to ensure the award of grants under section 521A of title 38, United States Code, as amended by this section, before the end of fiscal year 2014.”

#### DEADLINE FOR MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Pub. L. 110-389, title VII, §702(c), Oct. 10, 2008, 122 Stat. 4183, provided that: “The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may not award a grant under section 521A of title 38, United States Code, as added by subsection (a), until the United States Paralympics, Inc., and the Secretary have entered into a memorandum of understanding or cooperative agreement regarding implementation of the integrated adaptive sports program under that section. To the extent feasible, such memorandum or agreement shall be concluded not later than 240 days after the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 10, 2008].”

#### ASSISTANCE AT SPORTING EVENTS

Pub. L. 110-389, title VII, §703(c), Oct. 10, 2008, 122 Stat. 4185, provided that: “The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall direct the Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs—

“(1) to make available, to the extent determined appropriate by the Secretary, recreational therapists, physical therapists, and other medical staff to facili-

tate participation of veterans in sporting events conducted under the auspices of the United States Paralympics, Inc.; and

“(2) to allow such personnel to provide support to the programs of the United States Paralympics, Inc., without requiring the use of personal leave.”

#### § 522. Studies of rehabilitation of disabled persons

(a) The Secretary may conduct studies and investigations, and prepare reports, relative to the rehabilitation of disabled persons, the relative abilities, aptitudes, and capacities of the several groups of the variously handicapped, and how their potentialities can best be developed and their services best used in gainful and suitable employment including the rehabilitation programs of foreign nations.

(b) In carrying out this section, the Secretary (1) may cooperate with such public and private agencies as the Secretary considers advisable; and (2) may employ consultants who shall receive a reasonable per diem, as prescribed by the Secretary, for each day actually employed, plus necessary travel and other expenses.

(Added Pub. L. 102-83, §2(a), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 390.)

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

Prior section 522 was renumbered section 1522 of this title.

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in section 217 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 102-83, §2(a).

#### § 523. Coordination and promotion of other programs affecting veterans and their dependents

(a) The Secretary shall seek to achieve (1) the maximum feasible effectiveness, coordination, and interrelationship of services among all programs and activities affecting veterans and their dependents carried out by and under all other departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the executive branch, and (2) the maximum feasible coordination of such programs with programs carried out under this title. The Secretary shall actively promote the effective implementation, enforcement, and application of all provisions of law and regulations providing for special consideration, emphasis, or preference for veterans.

(b) The Secretary shall seek to achieve the effective coordination of the provision, under laws administered by the Department, of benefits and services (and information about such benefits and services) with appropriate programs (and information about such programs) conducted by State and local governmental agencies and by private entities at the State and local level. In carrying out this subsection, the Secretary shall place special emphasis on veterans who are 65 years of age or older.

(Added Pub. L. 102-83, §2(a), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 390.)

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

Prior sections 523 and 524 were renumbered sections 1523 and 1524 of this title, respectively.

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in section 220 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 102-83, §2(a).

**PILOT PROGRAM ON USE OF COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND LOCAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT ENTITIES TO ENSURE THAT VETERANS RECEIVE CARE AND BENEFITS FOR WHICH THEY ARE ELIGIBLE**

Pub. L. 111-163, title V, §506, May 5, 2010, 124 Stat. 1160, provided that:

“(a) **PILOT PROGRAM REQUIRED.**—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall carry out a pilot program to assess the feasibility and advisability of using community-based organizations and local and State government entities—

“(1) to increase the coordination of community, local, State, and Federal providers of health care and benefits for veterans to assist veterans who are transitioning from military service to civilian life in such transition;

“(2) to increase the availability of high quality medical and mental health services to veterans transitioning from military service to civilian life;

“(3) to provide assistance to families of veterans who are transitioning from military service to civilian life to help such families adjust to such transition; and

“(4) to provide outreach to veterans and their families to inform them about the availability of benefits and connect them with appropriate care and benefit programs.

“(b) **DURATION OF PROGRAM.**—The pilot program shall be carried out during the 2-year period beginning on the date that is 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act [May 5, 2010].

“(c) **PROGRAM LOCATIONS.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The pilot program shall be carried out at five locations selected by the Secretary for purposes of the pilot program.

“(2) **CONSIDERATIONS.**—In selecting locations for the pilot program, the Secretary shall consider the advisability of selecting locations in—

“(A) rural areas;

“(B) areas with populations that have a high proportion of minority group representation;

“(C) areas with populations that have a high proportion of individuals who have limited access to health care; and

“(D) areas that are not in close proximity to an active duty military installation.

“(d) **GRANTS.**—The Secretary shall carry out the pilot program through the award of grants to community-based organizations and local and State government entities.

“(e) **SELECTION OF GRANT RECIPIENTS.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—A community-based organization or local or State government entity seeking a grant under the pilot program shall submit to the Secretary an application therefor in such form and in such manner as the Secretary considers appropriate.

“(2) **ELEMENTS.**—Each application submitted under paragraph (1) shall include the following:

“(A) A description of the consultations, if any, with the Department of Veterans Affairs in the development of the proposal under the application.

“(B) A plan to coordinate activities under the pilot program, to the greatest extent possible, with the local, State, and Federal providers of services for veterans to reduce duplication of services and to enhance the effect of such services.

“(f) **USE OF GRANT FUNDS.**—The Secretary shall prescribe appropriate uses of grant funds received under the pilot program.

“(g) **REPORT ON PROGRAM.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 180 days after the completion of the pilot program, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the pilot program.

“(2) **ELEMENTS.**—The report required by paragraph (1) shall include the following:

“(A) The findings and conclusions of the Secretary with respect to the pilot program.

“(B) An assessment of the benefits to veterans of the pilot program.

“(C) The recommendations of the Secretary as to the advisability of continuing the pilot program.”

**§ 525. Publication of laws relating to veterans**

(a) The Secretary may compile and publish all Federal laws relating to veterans' relief, including laws administered by the Department as well as by other agencies of the Government. Such compilation and publication shall be in such form as the Secretary considers advisable for the purpose of making currently available in convenient form for the use of the Department and full-time representatives of the several service organizations an annotated, indexed, and cross-referenced statement of the laws providing veterans' relief.

(b) The Secretary may maintain such compilation on a current basis either by the publication, from time to time, of supplementary documents or by complete revision of the compilation.

(c) The distribution of the compilation to the representatives of the several service organizations shall be as determined by the Secretary.

(Added Pub. L. 102-83, §2(a), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 391.)

**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

Prior section 525 was renumbered section 1525 of this title.

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in section 215 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 102-83, §2(a).

**§ 527. Evaluation and data collection**

(a) The Secretary, pursuant to general standards which the Secretary shall prescribe in regulations, shall measure and evaluate on a continuing basis the effect of all programs authorized under this title, in order to determine their effectiveness in achieving stated goals in general, and in achieving such goals in relation to their cost, their effect on related programs, and their structure and mechanisms for delivery of services. Such information as the Secretary may consider necessary for purposes of such evaluations shall be made available to the Secretary, upon request, by all departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the executive branch.

(b) In carrying out this section, the Secretary shall collect, collate, and analyze on a continuing basis full statistical data regarding participation (including the duration thereof), provision of services, categories of beneficiaries, planning and construction of facilities, acquisition of real property, proposed excessing of land, accretion and attrition of personnel, and categorized expenditures attributable thereto, under all programs carried out under this title.

(c) The Secretary shall make available to the public, and on a regular basis provide to the appropriate committees of the Congress, copies of all completed evaluative research studies and summaries of evaluations of program impact and effectiveness carried out, and tabulations and analyses of all data collected, under this section.

(Added Pub. L. 102-83, §2(a), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 391.)