

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 Repealed.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 regarding the establishment of the degree granting authority.

(2) Upon any modification or redesignation of existing degree granting authority, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives a report containing the rationale for the proposed modification or redesignation and any subsequent recommendation of the Secretary of Education on the proposed modification or redesignation.

(3) The Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives a report containing an explanation of any action by the appropriate academic accrediting agency or organization not to accredit the Air University to award any new or existing degree.

(Added Pub. L. 103-337, div. A, title IX, §913(a)(1), Oct. 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 2828; amended Pub. L. 106-65, div. A, title V, §543(a), (b)(1), Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 607; Pub. L. 108-375, div. A, title V, §556(a), (c)(1), Oct. 28, 2004, 118 Stat. 1914, 1915; Pub. L. 110-181, div. A, title V, §527, Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 105; Pub. L. 110-417, [div. A], title V, §543(i)(1), Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4464.)

AMENDMENTS

2008—Pub. L. 110-417 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section consisted of subsecs. (a) and (b) relating to the authority of Air University to confer academic degrees and regulations under which authority would be exercised.

Subsec. (a)(4), (5). Pub. L. 110-181 added par. (4) and redesignated former par. (4) as (5).

2004—Pub. L. 108-375, §556(c)(1), substituted “conferral of degrees” for “graduate-level degrees” in section catchline.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 108-375, §556(a), substituted “may confer academic degrees as follows:” for “may confer—” in introductory provisions, “The” for “the” in pars. (1) to (3), period for semicolon in par. (1), and period for “; and” in par. (2) and added par. (4).

1999—Pub. L. 106-65, §543(b)(1), substituted “graduate-level degrees” for “master of airpower art and science” in section catchline.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 106-65, §543(a), amended heading and text of subsec. (a) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “Upon the recommendation of the faculty of the School of Advanced Airpower Studies of the Air University, the Commander of the university may confer the degree of master of airpower art and science upon graduates of the school who fulfill the requirements for the degree.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 110-417 applicable to any degree granting authority established, modified, or redesignated on or after Oct. 14, 2008, for an institution of professional military education referred to in such amendment, see section 543(j) of Pub. L. 110-417, set out as a note under section 2161 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 103-337, div. A, title IX, §913(b), Oct. 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 2828, provided that: “The authority provided