

303a(e) for specific provisions relating to repayment required when individual receives accession bonus payment but fails to accept commission or appointment as officer or to commence or complete agreed upon period of active duty.

Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 109-364 substituted “December 31, 2007” for “December 31, 2006”.

Pub. L. 109-163, § 624(f), substituted “December 31, 2006” for “December 31, 2005”.

2004—Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 108-375 substituted “December 31, 2005” for “December 31, 2004”.

2003—Subsecs. (a), (f)(1). Pub. L. 108-136, § 623, inserted “or an appointment” after “commission”.

Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 108-136, § 614(e), substituted “December 31, 2004” for “December 31, 2003”.

2002—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 107-314, § 1062(c)(2), struck out par. (1) designation before “The Secretary”.

Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 107-314, § 614(e), substituted “December 31, 2003” for “December 31, 2002”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 110-181 effective as of Dec. 31, 2007, and subject to various special provisions, see section 610 of Pub. L. 110-181, set out as a Correction of Lapsed Authorities for Payment of Bonuses, Special Pays, and Similar Benefits for Members of the Uniformed Services note under section 2130a of Title 10, Armed Forces.

SAVINGS PROVISION

For savings provision relating to payment or repayment of any bonus, incentive pay, special pay, or similar pay obligated to be paid before Apr. 1, 2006, under a provision of this section amended by section 687(b) of Pub. L. 109-163, see section 687(f) of Pub. L. 109-163, set out as a note under section 510 of Title 10, Armed Forces.

§ 325. Incentive bonus: savings plan for education expenses and other contingencies

(a) **BENEFIT AND ELIGIBILITY.**—The Secretary concerned may purchase United States savings bonds under this section for a member of the armed forces who is eligible as follows:

(1) A member who, before completing three years of service on active duty, enters into a commitment to perform qualifying service.

(2) A member who, after completing three years of service on active duty, but not more than nine years of service on active duty, enters into a commitment to perform qualifying service.

(3) A member who, after completing nine years of service on active duty, enters into a commitment to perform qualifying service.

(b) **QUALIFYING SERVICE.**—For the purposes of this section, qualifying service is service on active duty in a specialty designated by the Secretary concerned as critical to meet requirements (whether or not such specialty is designated as critical to meet wartime or peacetime requirements) for a period that—

(1) is not less than six years; and

(2) does not include any part of a period for which the member is obligated to serve on active duty under an enlistment or other agreement for which a benefit has previously been paid under this section.

(c) **FORMS OF COMMITMENT TO ADDITIONAL SERVICE.**—For the purposes of this section, a commitment means—

(1) in the case of an enlisted member, a reenlistment; and

(2) in the case of a commissioned officer, an agreement entered into with the Secretary concerned.

(d) **AMOUNTS OF BONDS.**—The total of the face amounts of the United States savings bonds authorized to be purchased for a member under this section for a commitment shall be as follows:

(1) In the case of a purchase for a member under paragraph (1) of subsection (a), \$5,000.

(2) In the case of a purchase for a member under paragraph (2) of subsection (a), the amount equal to the excess of \$15,000 over the total of the face amounts of any United States savings bonds previously purchased for the member under this section.

(3) In the case of a purchase for a member under paragraph (3) of subsection (a), the amount equal to the excess of \$30,000 over the total of the face amounts of any United States savings bonds previously purchased for the member under this section.

(e) **TOTAL AMOUNT OF BENEFIT.**—The total amount of the benefit authorized for a member when United States savings bonds are purchased for the member under this section by reason of a commitment by that member shall be the sum of—

(1) the purchase price of the United States savings bonds; and

(2) the amounts that would be deducted and withheld for the payment of individual income taxes if the total amount computed under this subsection for that commitment were paid to the member as a bonus.

(f) **AMOUNT WITHHELD FOR TAXES.**—The total amount payable for a member under subsection (e)(2) for a commitment by that member shall be withheld, credited, and otherwise treated in the same manner as amounts deducted and withheld from the basic pay of the member.

(g) **REPAYMENT.**—If a person does not complete the qualifying service for which the person is obligated under a commitment for which a benefit has been paid under this section, the person shall be subject to the repayment provisions of section 303a(e) of this title.

(h) **RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER SPECIAL PAYS.**—The benefit authorized under this section is in addition to any other bonus or incentive or special pay that is paid or payable to a member under any other provision of this chapter for any portion of the same qualifying service.

(i) **REGULATIONS.**—This section shall be administered under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense for the armed forces under his jurisdiction and by the Secretary of Homeland Security for the Coast Guard when the Coast Guard is not operating as a service in the Navy.

(Added Pub. L. 107-107, div. A, title VI, § 622(a)(1), Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1140; amended Pub. L. 107-296, title XVII, § 1704(c), Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2314; Pub. L. 109-163, div. A, title VI, § 687(b)(33), Jan. 6, 2006, 119 Stat. 3332.)

AMENDMENTS

2006—Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 109-163, amended heading and text of subsec. (g) generally, substituting provi-

sions referring to repayment provisions of section 303a(e) for specific provisions relating to refunds required when person fails to complete qualifying service for which person is obligated under commitment for which benefit was paid.

2002—Subsec. (i). Pub. L. 107-296 substituted “of Homeland Security” for “of Transportation”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2002 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 107-296 effective on the date of transfer of the Coast Guard to the Department of Homeland Security, see section 1704(g) of Pub. L. 107-296, set out as a note under section 101 of Title 10, Armed Forces.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 107-107, div. A, title VI, §622(b), Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1142, provided that: “Section 325 of title 37, United States Code, as added by subsection (a), shall apply with respect to reenlistments and other agreements for qualifying service, as described in that section, that are entered into on or after October 1, 2001.”

SAVINGS PROVISION

For savings provision relating to payment or repayment of any bonus, incentive pay, special pay, or similar pay obligated to be paid before Apr. 1, 2006, under a provision of this section amended by section 687(b) of Pub. L. 109-163, see section 687(f) of Pub. L. 109-163, set out as a note under section 510 of Title 10, Armed Forces.

§ 326. Incentive bonus: conversion to military occupational specialty to ease personnel shortage

(a) INCENTIVE BONUS AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary concerned may pay a bonus under this section to an eligible member of a regular or reserve component of the armed forces who executes a written agreement to convert to, and serve for a period of not less than three years in, a military occupational specialty for which there is a shortage of trained and qualified personnel.

(b) ELIGIBLE MEMBERS.—A member is eligible to enter into an agreement under subsection (a) if, at the time the agreement is executed, the member is serving in—

- (1) pay grade E-6, with not more than 10 years of service computed under section 205 of this title; or
- (2) pay grade E-5 or below, regardless of years of service.

(c) AMOUNT AND PAYMENT OF BONUS.—(1) A bonus under this section may not exceed \$4,000.

(2) A bonus payable under this section shall be disbursed in one lump sum when the member's conversion to the military occupational specialty is approved by the chief personnel officer of the regular or reserve component of the member's armed force.

(d) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER PAY AND ALLOWANCES.—A bonus paid to a member under this section is in addition to any other pay and allowances to which the member is entitled.

(e) REPAYMENT.—A member who does not convert to and complete the period of service in the military occupational specialty specified in the agreement executed under subsection (a) shall be subject to the repayment provisions of section 303a(e) of this title.

(f) REGULATIONS.—The Secretaries concerned shall prescribe regulations to carry out this sec-

tion. Regulations prescribed by the Secretary of a military department shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of Defense.

(g) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—No agreement under this section may be entered into after December 31, 2017.

(Added Pub. L. 108-136, div. A, title VI, §625(a), Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1506; amended Pub. L. 108-375, div. A, title VI, §622, Oct. 28, 2004, 118 Stat. 1955; Pub. L. 109-163, div. A, title VI, §687(b)(34), Jan. 6, 2006, 119 Stat. 3333; Pub. L. 109-364, div. A, title VI, §614(g), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2249; Pub. L. 110-181, div. A, title VI, §614(f), Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 149; Pub. L. 110-417, [div. A], title VI, §614(f), Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4485; Pub. L. 111-84, div. A, title VI, §615(6), Oct. 28, 2009, 123 Stat. 2354; Pub. L. 111-383, div. A, title VI, §615(6), Jan. 7, 2011, 124 Stat. 4237; Pub. L. 112-81, div. A, title VI, §615(6), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1450; Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title VI, §§615(6), 617, Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1777, 1778; Pub. L. 113-66, div. A, title VI, §615(6), Dec. 26, 2013, 127 Stat. 781; Pub. L. 113-291, div. A, title VI, §615(7), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3401; Pub. L. 114-92, div. A, title VI, §615(7), Nov. 25, 2015, 129 Stat. 839; Pub. L. 114-328, div. A, title VI, §615(7), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2159.)

AMENDMENTS

2016—Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 114-328 substituted “December 31, 2017” for “December 31, 2016”.

2015—Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 114-92 substituted “December 31, 2016” for “December 31, 2015”.

2014—Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 113-291 substituted “December 31, 2015” for “December 31, 2014”.

2013—Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 112-239, §617, substituted “\$4,000.” for “\$4,000, in the case of a member of a regular component of the armed forces, and \$2,000, in the case of a member of a reserve component of the armed forces.”

Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 113-66 substituted “December 31, 2014” for “December 31, 2013”.

Pub. L. 112-239, §615(6), substituted “December 31, 2013” for “December 31, 2012”.

2011—Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 112-81 substituted “December 31, 2012” for “December 31, 2011”.

Pub. L. 111-383 substituted “December 31, 2011” for “December 31, 2010”.

2009—Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 111-84 substituted “December 31, 2010” for “December 31, 2009”.

2008—Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 110-417 substituted “December 31, 2009” for “December 31, 2008”.

Pub. L. 110-181 substituted “December 31, 2008” for “December 31, 2007”.

2006—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 109-163, amended heading and text of subsec. (e) generally, substituting provisions referring to repayment provisions of section 303a(e) for specific provisions relating to refunds required when member fails to serve in specified military occupational specialty for agreed upon period.

Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 109-364 substituted “December 31, 2007” for “December 31, 2006”.

2004—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 108-375, §622(a)(1), inserted “of a regular or reserve component” after “an eligible member”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 108-375, §622(a)(2), substituted comma for dash after “if”, struck out “(1) the member is entitled to basic pay; and” and par. (2) designation before “at the time”, and redesignated subpars. (A) and (B) of former par. (2) as pars. (1) and (2), respectively.

Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 108-375, §622(b), inserted before period at end “, in the case of a member of a regular component of the armed forces, and \$2,000, in the case of a member of a reserve component of the armed forces”.