

- Sec.
7652. Eligibility: individuals entitled to benefits under the GI Bill program for members of the Selected Reserve.
7653. Amount of assistance.
7654. Obligated service.
7655. Breach of agreement; liability.

SUBCHAPTER VI—EMPLOYEE INCENTIVE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

7671. Authority for program.
7672. Eligibility; agreement.
7673. Scholarship.
7674. Obligated service.
7675. Breach of agreement: liability.
[7676. Repealed.]

SUBCHAPTER VII—EDUCATION DEBT REDUCTION PROGRAM

7681. Authority for program.
7682. Eligibility.
7683. Education debt reduction.
[7684. Repealed.]

AMENDMENTS

2010—Pub. L. 111-163, title VI, § 603(d), May 5, 2010, 124 Stat. 1174, added items 7618 and 7619 and struck out former item 7618 “Expiration of program”.

2002—Pub. L. 107-135, title I, §§ 101(a)(2), 102(a)(2), Jan. 23, 2002, 115 Stat. 2447, 2448, struck out items 7676 “Expiration of program” and 7684 “Expiration of program”.

1998—Pub. L. 105-368, title VIII, §§ 802(b), 803(b), Nov. 11, 1998, 112 Stat. 3356, 3358, added headings for subchapters VI and VII and items 7671 to 7676 and 7681 to 7684.

1991—Pub. L. 102-40, title IV, § 402(c)(1), May 7, 1991, 105 Stat. 239, renumbered items 4301 to 4355 as 7601 to 7655, respectively.

1990—Pub. L. 101-366, title II, § 205(a)(2), Aug. 15, 1990, 104 Stat. 440, added heading for subchapter V and items 4351 to 4355.

SUBCHAPTER I—GENERAL

§ 7601. Establishment of program; purpose

(a) There is hereby established a program to be known as the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Professionals Educational Assistance Program (hereinafter in this chapter referred to as the “Educational Assistance Program”). The program consists of—

- (1) the scholarship program provided for in subchapter II of this chapter;
- (2) the tuition reimbursement program provided for in subchapter III of this chapter;
- (3) the Selected Reserve member stipend program provided for under subchapter V of this chapter;
- (4) the employee incentive scholarship program provided for in subchapter VI of this chapter; and
- (5) the education debt reduction program provided for in subchapter VII of this chapter.

(b) The purpose of the Educational Assistance Program is to assist in providing an adequate supply of trained health-care personnel for the Department and the Nation.

(Added Pub. L. 100-322, title II, § 216(b), May 20, 1988, 102 Stat. 518, § 4301; amended Pub. L. 101-366, title II, § 205(c)(1), Aug. 15, 1990, 104 Stat. 441; renumbered § 7601, Pub. L. 102-40, title IV, § 402(b)(1), May 7, 1991, 105 Stat. 238; Pub. L. 102-83, § 4(a)(2)(B)(vi), (3), (4), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 403, 404; Pub. L. 103-446, title XII,

§ 1201(e)(25), Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4686; Pub. L. 105-368, title VIII, § 805(1), Nov. 11, 1998, 112 Stat. 3358.)

AMENDMENTS

1998—Subsec. (a)(4), (5). Pub. L. 105-368 added pars. (4) and (5).

1994—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 103-446 substituted semicolon for comma at end.

1991—Pub. L. 102-40 renumbered section 4301 of this title as this section.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 102-83, § 4(a)(2)(B)(vi), substituted “Department of Veterans Affairs” for “Veterans’ Administration” in introductory provisions.

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

1990—Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 101-366 added par. (3).

PAYMENTS TO HEALTH-CARE PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES FOR TUITION LOANS

Pub. L. 102-585, title V, § 523(b), Nov. 4, 1992, 106 Stat. 4959, provided that Secretary of Veterans Affairs could not provide payments to health-care professional employees of Department of Veterans Affairs for payment of tuition loans, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105-368, title VIII, § 804, Nov. 11, 1998, 112 Stat. 3358.

TUITION LOAN PAYMENT PROGRAM

Pub. L. 102-389, title I, Oct. 6, 1992, 106 Stat. 1574, provided in part for an appropriation: “For payment of outstanding tuition loans to Department of Veterans Affairs health care professional employees (excluding physicians and dentists) who agree to remain in service for one year or more, \$5,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 1994: *Provided*, That the Secretary, in order to recruit and retain such employees, may make such payments, not to exceed \$3,000 during any calendar year, or \$12,000 in total, to any such employee who has an outstanding tuition loan from an educational institution approved by the Secretary that has led to a degree in the health care occupation in which such individual is employed: *Provided further*, That no payment shall be made in advance: *Provided further*, That regulations shall be promulgated by the Secretary to implement this program.”

§ 7602. Eligibility

(a)(1) To be eligible to participate in the Educational Assistance Program under subchapter II, III, or VI of this chapter, an individual must be accepted for enrollment or be currently enrolled as a student at a qualifying educational institution in a course of education or training that is approved by the Secretary and that leads toward completion of a degree in a field of education or training for which a scholarship may be awarded under subchapter II of this chapter, for which tuition reimbursement may be provided under subchapter III of this chapter, or for which a scholarship may be awarded under subchapter VI of this chapter, as the case may be.

(2) A qualifying educational institution for purposes of this section is an educational institution that is in a State and that (as determined by the Secretary) is an accredited institution.

(b) An individual is not eligible to apply to participate in the Educational Assistance Program under subchapter II, III, or VI of this chapter if the individual is obligated under any other Federal program to perform service after completion of the course of education or training of such individual referred to in subsection (a) of this section.

(Added Pub. L. 100-322, title II, § 216(b), May 20, 1988, 102 Stat. 518, § 4302; amended Pub. L.