

Amendment note under section 16163 of Title 10, Armed Forces.

§ 3323. Administration

(a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the provisions specified in sections 3034(a)(1) and 3680(c) shall apply to the provision of educational assistance under this chapter.

(2) SPECIAL RULE.—In applying the provisions referred to in paragraph (1) to an individual entitled to educational assistance under this chapter for purposes of this section, the reference in such provisions to the term “eligible veteran” shall be deemed to refer to an individual entitled to educational assistance under this chapter.

(3) RULE FOR APPLYING SECTION 3474.—In applying section 3474 to an individual entitled to educational assistance under this chapter for purposes of this section, the reference in such section 3474 to the term “educational assistance allowance” shall be deemed to refer to educational assistance payable under section 3313.

(4) RULE FOR APPLYING SECTION 3482.—In applying section 3482(g) to an individual entitled to educational assistance under this chapter for purposes of this section—

(A) the first reference to the term “educational assistance allowance” in such section 3482(g) shall be deemed to refer to educational assistance payable under section 3313; and

(B) the first sentence of paragraph (1) of such section 3482(g) shall be applied as if such sentence ended with “equipment”.

(b) INFORMATION ON BENEFITS.—

(1) TIMING FOR PROVIDING.—The Secretary shall provide the information described in paragraph (2) to each member of the Armed Forces at such times as the Secretary and the Secretary of Defense shall jointly prescribe in regulations.

(2) DESCRIPTION OF INFORMATION.—The information described in this paragraph is information on benefits, limitations, procedures, eligibility requirements (including time-in-service requirements), and other important aspects of educational assistance under this chapter, including application forms for such assistance under section 5102.

(3) TO WHOM PROVIDED.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall furnish the information and forms described in paragraph (2), and other educational materials on educational assistance under this chapter, to educational institutions, training establishments, military education personnel, and such other persons and entities as the Secretary considers appropriate.

(c) REGULATIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall prescribe regulations for the administration of this chapter.

(2) UNIFORMITY.—Any regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense for purposes of this chapter shall apply uniformly across the Armed Forces.

(Added Pub. L. 110-252, title V, §5003(a)(1), June 30, 2008, 122 Stat. 2374; amended Pub. L. 111-377, title I, § 112(c), Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 4122.)

AMENDMENTS

2011—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 111-377 substituted “sections 3034(a)(1) and 3680(c)” for “section 3034(a)(1)”.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Aug. 1, 2009, see section 5003(d) of Pub. L. 110-252, set out as an Effective Date of 2008 Amendment note under section 16163 of Title 10, Armed Forces.

§ 3324. Allocation of administration and costs

(a) ADMINISTRATION.—Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the Secretary shall administer the provision of educational assistance under this chapter.

(b) COSTS.—Payments for entitlement to educational assistance earned under this chapter shall be made from funds appropriated to, or otherwise made available to, the Department for the payment of readjustment benefits.

(Added Pub. L. 110-252, title V, §5003(a)(1), June 30, 2008, 122 Stat. 2375.)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Aug. 1, 2009, see section 5003(d) of Pub. L. 110-252, set out as an Effective Date of 2008 Amendment note under section 16163 of Title 10, Armed Forces.

§ 3325. Reporting requirement

(a) IN GENERAL.—For each academic year—

(1) the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report on the operation of the program provided for in this chapter; and

(2) the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the operation of the program provided for in this chapter and the program provided for under chapter 35 of this title.

(b) CONTENTS OF SECRETARY OF DEFENSE REPORTS.—The Secretary of Defense shall include in each report submitted under this section—

(1) information—

(A) indicating the extent to which the benefit levels provided under this chapter are adequate to achieve the purposes of inducing individuals to enter and remain in the Armed Forces and of providing an adequate level of financial assistance to help meet the cost of pursuing a program of education;

(B) indicating whether it is necessary for the purposes of maintaining adequate levels of well-qualified active-duty personnel in the Armed Forces to continue to offer the opportunity for educational assistance under this chapter to individuals who have not yet entered active-duty service; and

(C) describing the efforts under section 3323(b) of this title to inform members of the Armed Forces of the active duty service requirements for entitlement to educational assistance under this chapter and the results from such efforts; and

(2) such recommendations for administrative and legislative changes regarding the provision of educational assistance to members of the Armed Forces and veterans, and their de-

pendents, as the Secretary of Defense considers appropriate.

(c) CONTENTS OF SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS REPORTS.—The Secretary shall include in each report submitted under this section—

(1) information concerning the level of utilization of educational assistance and of expenditures under this chapter and under chapter 35 of this title;

(2) appropriate student outcome measures, such as the number of credit hours, certificates, degrees, and other qualifications earned by beneficiaries under this chapter and chapter 35 of this title during the academic year covered by the report;

(3) the information received by the Secretary under section 3326 of this title; and

(4) such recommendations for administrative and legislative changes regarding the provision of educational assistance to members of the Armed Forces and veterans, and their dependents, as the Secretary considers appropriate.

(d) TERMINATION.—No report shall be required under this section after January 1, 2021.

(Added Pub. L. 112-154, title IV, §402(a)(1), Aug. 6, 2012, 126 Stat. 1188; amended Pub. L. 114-315, title IV, §404(a)(1), Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1554.)

AMENDMENTS

2016—Subsec. (c)(3), (4). Pub. L. 114-315 added par. (3) and redesignated former par. (3) as (4).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2016 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 114-315, title IV, §404(c), Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1554, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [enacting section 3326 of this title and amending this section] shall take effect on the date that is 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 16, 2016].”

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTAL OF FIRST REPORT

Pub. L. 112-154, title IV, §402(a)(3), Aug. 6, 2012, 126 Stat. 1189, provided that: “The first reports required under section 3325 of title 38, United States Code, as added by paragraph (1), shall be submitted by not later than November 1, 2013.”

§ 3326. Report on student progress

(a) SUBMITTAL OF INFORMATION BY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.—As a condition of approval under chapter 36 of this title of a course offered by an educational institution (as defined in section 3452 of this title), each year, each educational institution (as so defined) that received a payment in that year on behalf of an individual entitled to educational assistance under this chapter shall submit to the Secretary such information regarding the academic progress of the individual as the Secretary may require.

(b) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later than March 1 of each year, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report that includes a summary of the information provided by educational institutions under subsection (a) for the calendar year preceding the year during which such report is submitted.

(Added Pub. L. 114-315, title IV, §404(a)(2), Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1554; amended Pub. L. 115-48, title I, §114, Aug. 16, 2017, 131 Stat. 985.)

AMENDMENTS

2017—Pub. L. 115-48 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a), inserted heading, and added subsec. (b).

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective 1 year after Dec. 16, 2016, see section 404(c) of Pub. L. 114-315, set out as an Effective Date of 2016 Amendment note under section 3325 of this title.

§ 3327. Election to receive educational assistance

(a) INDIVIDUALS ELIGIBLE TO ELECT PARTICIPATION IN POST-9/11 EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE.—An individual may elect to receive educational assistance under this chapter if such individual—

(1) as of August 1, 2009—

(A) is entitled to basic educational assistance under chapter 30 of this title and has used, but retains unused, entitlement under that chapter;

(B) is entitled to educational assistance under chapter 107, 1606, or 1607 of title 10 and has used, but retains unused, entitlement under the applicable chapter;

(C) is entitled to basic educational assistance under chapter 30 of this title but has not used any entitlement under that chapter;

(D) is entitled to educational assistance under chapter 107, 1606, or 1607 of title 10 but has not used any entitlement under such chapter;

(E) is a member of the Armed Forces who is eligible for receipt of basic educational assistance under chapter 30 of this title and is making contributions toward such assistance under section 3011(b) or 3012(c) of this title; or

(F) is a member of the Armed Forces who is not entitled to basic educational assistance under chapter 30 of this title by reason of an election under section 3011(c)(1) or 3012(d)(1) of this title; and

(2) as of the date of the individual's election under this paragraph, meets the requirements for entitlement to educational assistance under this chapter.

(b) CESSATION OF CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD GI BILL.—Effective as of the first month beginning on or after the date of an election under subsection (a) of an individual described by paragraph (1)(E) of that subsection, the obligation of the individual to make contributions under section 3011(b) or 3012(c) of this title, as applicable, shall cease, and the requirements of such section shall be deemed to be no longer applicable to the individual.

(c) REVOCATION OF REMAINING TRANSFERRED ENTITLEMENT.—

(1) ELECTION TO REVOKE.—If, on the date an individual described in paragraph (1)(A) or (1)(C) of subsection (a) makes an election under that subsection, a transfer of the entitlement of the individual to basic educational assistance under section 3020 of this title is in effect and a number of months of the entitlement so transferred remain unutilized, the individual may elect to revoke all or a portion of the entitlement so transferred that remains unutilized.

(2) AVAILABILITY OF REVOKED ENTITLEMENT.—Any entitlement revoked by an individual