Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 96-466, §406(c), added subsec. (d). 1976—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 94-502 substituted "Department of Defense" for "Veterans' Administration".

### Effective Date of 1980 Amendment

Amendment by Pub. L. 96-466 effective Oct. 1, 1980, see section 802(d)(2) of Pub. L. 96-466, set out as a note under section 3224 of this title.

### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1976 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 94-502 effective Jan. 1, 1982, because new enrollments after Dec. 31, 1981, in the educational assistance program provided by this chapter, were authorized after application of provisions of section 408(a) of Pub. L. 94-502, see section 408(b) of Pub. L. 94-502, set out as a note under section 3221 of this title.

### EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Jan. 1, 1977, see section 406 of Pub. L. 94-502, set out as a note under section 3201 of this title.

REFUNDS FOR CERTAIN SERVICE ACADEMY GRADUATES

Pub. L. 101-366, title II, §207, Aug. 15, 1990, 104 Stat. 442, as amended by Pub. L. 102-83, §5(c)(2), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 406, directed Secretary of Veterans Affairs to refund, on receipt before Jan. 1, 1992, of an application from an individual, not later than 60 days after receiving such application, the amount, if any, of the individual's unused contributions to the VEAP Account; if the individual has received educational assistance under this chapter, to pay to the individual (out of funds appropriated to the readjustment benefits account) a sum equal to the amount by which the amount of the educational assistance that the individual would have received under chapter 34 of this title for the pursuit of such program exceeds the amount of the educational assistance that the individual did receive under this chapter for the pursuit of such program; or if the individual has not received educational assistance under this chapter, to pay to the individual (out of funds appropriated to the Department of Veterans Affairs Readjustment Benefits account) a sum equal to the amount of educational assistance that the individual would have received under chapter 34 of this title for the pursuit of a program of education if the individual had been entitled to assistance under such program during the period ending on Dec. 31, 1989; and to refund to the Secretary of Defense the unused contributions by such Secretary to the VEAP Account on behalf of such individual.

EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PILOT PROGRAM; PAYMENT OF MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION BY SECRETARY; MANNER, SCOPE, ETC., OF PAYMENTS

Manner, scope, etc., of payments by Secretary in lieu of payments of monthly contributions by persons participating in educational assistance program, see section 903 of Pub. L. 96-342, set out as a note under section 2141 of Title 10, Armed Forces.

MATCHING FUNDS FROM DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AFTER JANUARY 1, 1982, IF NEW ENROLLMENTS ARE AUTHORIZED AFTER DECEMBER 31, 1981

For provisions of section 408(b) of Pub. L. 94-502 directing that "Department of Defense" be substituted for "Veterans' Administration" in subsec. (b) of this section, effective Jan. 1, 1982, if new enrollments after Dec. 31, 1981, in the educational assistance program provided by this chapter are authorized after application of section 408(a) of Pub. L. 94-502, see section 408 of Pub. L. 94-502, set out as a note under section 3221 of this title.

# § 3223. Refunds of contributions upon disenrollment

(a) Contributions made to the program by a participant may be refunded only after the par-

ticipant has disenrolled from the program or as provided in section 3224 of this title.

(b) If a participant disenrolls from the program prior to discharge or release from active duty, such participant's contributions will be refunded on the date of the participant's discharge or release from active duty or within 60 days of receipt of notice by the Secretary of the participant's discharge or disenrollment, except that refunds may be made earlier in instances of hardship or other good reason as prescribed in regulations issued jointly by the Secretary and the Secretary of Defense.

(c) If a participant disenrolls from the program after discharge or release from active duty, the participant's contributions shall be refunded within 60 days of receipt of an application for a refund from the participant.

(d) In the event the participant (1) dies while on active duty, (2) dies after discharge or release from active duty, or (3) disenrolls or is disenrolled from the program without having utilized any entitlement, the participant may have accrued under the program, or, in the event the participant utilizes part of such participant's entitlement and disenrolls or is disenrolled from the program, the amount contributed by the Secretary of Defense under the authority of section 3222(c) of this title remaining in the fund shall be refunded to such Secretary.

(Added Pub. L. 94-502, title IV, §404, Oct. 15, 1976, 90 Stat. 2395, §1623; amended Pub. L. 98-160, title VII, §702(7), Nov. 21, 1983, 97 Stat. 1009; Pub. L. 101-237, title IV, §423(b)(1)(A), (4)(A), (7), Dec. 18, 1989, 103 Stat. 2092, 2093; renumbered §3223 and amended Pub. L. 102-83, §5(a), (c)(1), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 406.)

### AMENDMENTS

1991—Pub. L. 102–83,  $\S5(a),$  renumbered section 1623 of this title as this section.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 102–83, §5(c)(1), substituted "3224" for "1624".

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 102-83, §5(c)(1), substituted "3222(c)" for "1622(c)".

1989—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 101–237, §423(b)(1)(A), (4)(A), substituted "Secretary" for "Administrator" wherever appearing and inserted "of Defense" after "Secretary" at end.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 101-237, §423(b)(7), inserted "of Defense" after first reference to "Secretary" and substituted "such" for "the" before second reference to "Secretary".

1983—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 98-160 inserted "of this title" after "section 1624".

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 98-160 inserted "of this title" after "section 1622(c)".

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Jan. 1, 1977, see section 406 of Pub. L. 94-502, set out as a note under section 3201 of this title.

## § 3224. Death of participant

In the event of a participant's death, the amount of such participant's unused contributions to the fund shall be paid to the living person or persons first listed below:

(1) The beneficiary or beneficiaries designated by such participant under such participant's Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance policy.

(2) The surviving spouse of the participant.