

made by paragraph (1) [amending this section] shall take effect on December 30, 2021.”

TERMINATION OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

For termination, effective Dec. 30, 2021, of provisions in subsec. (d) of this section requiring submittal of annual report to Congress, see section 1702(a), (b) of Pub. L. 116–92, set out as a note under section 111 of this title.

§ 1789. Chaplain-led programs: authorized support

(a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary of a military department may provide support services described in subsection (b) to support chaplain-led programs to assist members of the armed forces on active duty and their immediate family members, and members of reserve components in an active status and their immediate family members, in building and maintaining a strong family structure.

(b) **AUTHORIZED SUPPORT SERVICES.**—The support services referred to in subsection (a) are costs of transportation, food, lodging, child care, supplies, fees, and training materials for members of the armed forces and their family members while participating in programs referred to in that subsection, including participation at retreats and conferences.

(c) **IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS.**—In this section, the term “immediate family members”, with respect to a member of the armed forces, means—

- (1) the member’s spouse; and
- (2) any child (as defined in section 1072(6) of this title) of the member who is described in subparagraph (D) of section 1072(2) of this title.

(Added Pub. L. 108–136, div. A, title V, § 582(a)(1), Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1489.)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 108–136, div. A, title V, § 582(b), Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1490, provided that: “Section 1789 of title 10, United States Code, as added by subsection (a), shall take effect on October 1, 2003.”

§ 1790. Military personnel citizenship processing

Using funds provided for operation and maintenance and notwithstanding section 2215 of this title, the Secretary of Defense may reimburse the Secretary of Homeland Security for costs associated with the processing and adjudication by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) of applications for naturalization described in sections 328(b)(4) and 329(b)(4) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1439(b)(4) and 1440(b)(4)). Such reimbursements shall be deposited and remain available as provided by subsections (m) and (n) of section 286 of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1356). Such reimbursements shall be based on actual costs incurred by USCIS for processing applications for naturalization, and shall not exceed \$7,500,000 per fiscal year.

(Added Pub. L. 112–74, div. A, title VIII, § 8070(a), Dec. 23, 2011, 125 Stat. 822; amended Pub. L. 112–239, div. A, title X, § 1076(f)(22), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1953.)

AMENDMENTS

2013—Pub. L. 112–239, in section catchline, substituted “Military personnel citizenship processing” for “MILI-

TARY PERSONNEL CITIZENSHIP PROCESSING”, and in text, struck out “AUTHORIZATION OF PAYMENTS.—” before “Using funds” and substituted “this title” for “title 10, United States Code”, “8 U.S.C. 1439(b)(4)” for “8 U.S.C. §§ 1439(b)(4)”, and “subsections (m) and (n) of section 286 of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1356)” for “sections 286(m) and (n) of such Act (8 U.S.C. § 1356(m))”.

SUBCHAPTER II—MILITARY CHILD CARE

Sec. 1791. 1792. 1793. 1794. 1795. 1796. 1797. 1798. 1799. 1800.	Funding for military child care. Child care employees. Parent fees. Child abuse prevention and safety at facilities. Parent partnerships with child development centers. Subsidies for family home day care. Early childhood education program. Child care services and youth program services for dependents: financial assistance for providers. Child care services and youth program services for dependents: participation by children and youth otherwise ineligible. Definitions.
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AMENDMENTS

1999—Pub. L. 106–65, div. A, title V, § 584(a)(2), Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 636, added items 1798, 1799, and 1800 and struck out former item 1798 “Definitions”.

§ 1791. Funding for military child care

It is the policy of Congress that the amount of appropriated funds available during a fiscal year for operating expenses for military child development centers and programs shall be not less than the amount of child care fee receipts that are estimated to be received by the Department of Defense during that fiscal year.

(Added Pub. L. 104–106, div. A, title V, § 568(a)(1), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 332.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this subchapter were contained in Pub. L. 101–189, div. A, title XV, Nov. 29, 1989, 103 Stat. 1589, which was set out as a note under section 113 of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 104–106, § 568(e)(2).

REDUCTION IN WAIT LISTS FOR CHILD CARE AT MILITARY INSTALLATIONS

Pub. L. 116–92, div. A, title V, § 580(c), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 1407, provided that:

“(1) **REMEDIAL ACTION.**—The Secretary of Defense shall take steps the Secretary determines necessary to reduce the waiting lists for child care at military installations to ensure that members of the Armed Forces have meaningful access to child care during tours of duty.

“(2) **REPORT.**—Not later than June 1, 2020, the Secretary of Defense shall provide a report to the Committees on Armed Forces of the Senate and the House of Representatives regarding—

- “(A) action taken under paragraph (1); and
- “(B) any additional resources (including additional funding for and child care facilities and workers) the Secretary determines necessary to increase access described in paragraph (1).”

ENHANCING MILITARY CHILDCARE PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Pub. L. 115–91, div. A, title V, § 558, Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1405, provided that:

“(a) **HOURS OF OPERATION OF MILITARY CHILDCARE DEVELOPMENT CENTERS.**—Each Secretary of a military de-

partment shall ensure, to the extent practicable, that the hours of operation of each childcare development center under the jurisdiction of the Secretary are established and maintained in manner that takes into account the demands and circumstances of members of the Armed Forces, including members of the reserve components, who use such center in facilitation of the performance of their military duties.

“(b) MATTERS TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.—The demands and circumstances to be taken into account under subsection (a) for purposes of setting and maintaining the hours of operation of a childcare development center shall include the following:

“(1) Mission requirements of units whose members use the childcare development center.

“(2) The unpredictability of work schedules, and fluctuations in day-to-day work hours, of such members.

“(3) The potential for frequent and prolonged absences of such members for training, operations, and deployments.

“(4) The location of the childcare development center on the military installation concerned, including the location in connection with duty locations of members and applicable military family housing.

“(5) Such other matters as the Secretary of the military department concerned considers appropriate for purposes of this section.

“(c) CHILDCARE COORDINATORS FOR MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.—Each Secretary of a military department may provide for a childcare coordinator at each military installation under the jurisdiction of the Secretary at which are stationed significant numbers of members of the Armed Forces with accompanying dependent children, as determined by the Secretary. The childcare coordinator may work with the commander of the installation to ensure that childcare is available and responsive to the needs of members assigned to the installation.”

REPORTS ON CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CHILD CARE FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES

Pub. L. 111-383, div. A, title V, § 587, Jan. 7, 2011, 124 Stat. 4230, provided that:

“(a) REPORTS REQUIRED.—Not later than six months after the date of the enactment of this Act [Jan. 7, 2011], and every two years thereafter, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report on Department of Defense child development centers and financial assistance for child care provided by the Department of Defense off-installation to members of the Armed Forces.

“(b) ELEMENTS.—Each report required by subsection (a) shall include the following, current as of the date of such report:

“(1) The number of child development centers currently located on military installations.

“(2) The number of dependents of members of the Armed Forces utilizing such child development centers.

“(3) The number of dependents of members of the Armed Forces that are unable to utilize such child development centers due to capacity limitations.

“(4) The types of financial assistance available for child care provided by the Department of Defense off-installation to members of the Armed Forces (including eligible members of the reserve components).

“(5) The extent to which members of the Armed Forces are utilizing such financial assistance for child care off-installation.

“(6) The methods by which the Department of Defense reaches out to eligible military families to increase awareness of the availability of such financial assistance.

“(7) The formulas used to calculate the amount of such financial assistance provided to members of the Armed Forces.

“(8) The funding available for such financial assistance in the Department of Defense and in the military departments.

“(9) The barriers to access, if any, to such financial assistance faced by members of the Armed Forces, including whether standards and criteria of the Department of Defense for child care off-installation may affect access to child care.

“(10) Any other matters the Secretary considers appropriate in connection with such report, including with respect to the enhancement of access to Department of Defense child care development centers and financial assistance for child care off-installation for members of the Armed Forces.”

§ 1792. Child care employees

(a) REQUIRED TRAINING.—(1) The Secretary of Defense shall prescribe regulations implementing a training program for child care employees. Those regulations shall apply uniformly among the military departments. Subject to paragraph (2), satisfactory completion of the training program shall be a condition of employment of any person as a child care employee.

(2) Under those regulations, the Secretary shall require that each child care employee complete the training program not later than six months after the date on which the employee is employed as a child care employee.

(3) The training program established under this subsection shall cover, at a minimum, training in the following:

(A) Early childhood development.

(B) Activities and disciplinary techniques appropriate to children of different ages.

(C) Child abuse prevention and detection.

(D) Cardiopulmonary resuscitation and other emergency medical procedures.

(b) TRAINING AND CURRICULUM SPECIALISTS.—

(1) The Secretary of Defense shall require that at least one employee at each military child development center be a specialist in training and curriculum development. The Secretary shall ensure that such employees have appropriate credentials and experience.

(2) The duties of such employees shall include the following:

(A) Special teaching activities at the center.

(B) Daily oversight and instruction of other child care employees at the center.

(C) Daily assistance in the preparation of lesson plans.

(D) Assistance in the center's child abuse prevention and detection program.

(E) Advising the director of the center on the performance of other child care employees.

(3) Each employee referred to in paragraph (1) shall be an employee in a competitive service position.

(c) COMPETITIVE RATES OF PAY.—For the purpose of providing military child development centers with a qualified and stable civilian workforce, employees at a military installation who are directly involved in providing child care and are paid from nonappropriated funds—

(1) in the case of entry-level employees, shall be paid at rates of pay competitive with the rates of pay paid to other entry-level employees at that installation who are drawn from the same labor pool; and

(2) in the case of other employees, shall be paid at rates of pay substantially equivalent to the rates of pay paid to other employees at that installation with similar training, seniority, and experience.