

such individual, without competition, to a career or career conditional appointment.

(Added Pub. L. 106-398, §1 [[div. A], title IX, §922(a)(1)], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A-234; amended Pub. L. 109-163, div. A, title VI, §687(c)(8), Jan. 6, 2006, 119 Stat. 3334; Pub. L. 111-84, div. A, title X, §1073(a)(20), title XI, §1103, Oct. 28, 2009, 123 Stat. 2473, 2485; Pub. L. 115-91, div. A, title VI, §618(a)(1)(J), title XVI, §1649(b), (d)(1)(C), Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1426, 1752; Pub. L. 116-92, div. A, title XVI, §1637, Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 1749.)

AMENDMENTS

2019—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 116-92 substituted “advanced degree, or certificate” for “or advanced degree, or a certification.”

2017—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 115-91, §1649(d)(1)(C)(i), substituted “a cyber discipline” for “an information assurance discipline”.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 115-91, §618(a)(1)(J), inserted “or 373” before “of title 37” in pars. (1) and (2).

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 115-91, §1649(b), designated existing provisions as par. (1) and added par. (2).

Subsec. (f)(1). Pub. L. 115-91, §1649(d)(1)(C)(ii), substituted “cyber disciplines” for “information assurance”.

Subsec. (g)(1). Pub. L. 115-91, §1649(d)(1)(C)(iii), substituted “a cyber position” for “an information technology position”.

2009—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 111-84, §1103(b), substituted “subsection (f),” for “subsection (g),” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (e)(1). Pub. L. 111-84, §1073(a)(20), substituted “subsection (b)” for “section (b)”.

Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 111-84, §1103(a), added subsec. (g).

2006—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 109-163, §687(c)(8)(A), added subsec. (e) and struck out heading and text of former subsec. (e). Text read as follows:

“(1) A person who voluntarily terminates service before the end of the period of obligated service required under an agreement entered into under subsection (b) shall refund to the United States an amount determined by the Secretary of Defense as being appropriate to obtain adequate service in exchange for financial assistance and otherwise to achieve the goals set forth in section 2200(a) of this title.

“(2) An obligation to reimburse the United States imposed under paragraph (1) is for all purposes a debt owed to the United States.

“(3) The Secretary of Defense may waive, in whole or in part, a refund required under paragraph (1) if the Secretary determines that recovery would be against equity and good conscience or would be contrary to the best interests of the United States.”

Subsecs. (f), (g). Pub. L. 109-163, §687(c)(8)(B), (C), redesignated subsec. (g) as (f) and struck out heading and text of former subsec. (f). Text read as follows: “A discharge in bankruptcy under title 11 that is entered less than five years after the termination of an agreement under this section does not discharge the person signing such agreement from a debt arising under such agreement or under subsection (e).”

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(c) of Pub. L. 109-163, see section 687(f) of Pub. L. 109-163, set out as a note under section 510 of this title.

§ 2200b. Grant program

(a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary of Defense may provide grants of financial assistance to institutions of higher education to support the estab-

lishment, improvement, or administration of programs of education in cyber disciplines referred to in section 2200(a) of this title.

(b) **PURPOSES.**—The proceeds of grants under this section may be used by an institution of higher education for the following purposes:

- (1) Faculty development.
- (2) Curriculum development.
- (3) Laboratory improvements.
- (4) Faculty research in information security.

(Added Pub. L. 106-398, §1 [[div. A], title IX, §922(a)(1)], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A-235; amended Pub. L. 115-91, div. A, title XVI, §1649(d)(1)(D), Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1753.)

AMENDMENTS

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 115-91 substituted “cyber disciplines” for “information assurance disciplines”.

§ 2200c. Special considerations in awarding scholarships and grants

(a) **CENTERS OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN CYBER EDUCATION.**—In the selection of a recipient for the award of a scholarship or grant under this chapter, consideration shall be given to whether—

(1) in the case of a scholarship, the institution at which the recipient pursues a degree is a Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Education; and

(2) in the case of a grant, the recipient is a Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Education.

(b) **CERTAIN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.**—In the selection of a recipient for the award of a scholarship or grant under this chapter, consideration shall be given to whether—

(1) in the case of a scholarship, the institution of higher education at which the recipient pursues a degree is an institution described in section 371(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1067q(a)); and

(2) in the case of a grant, the recipient is an institution described in such section.

(Added Pub. L. 106-398, §1 [[div. A], title IX, §922(a)(1)], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A-236; amended Pub. L. 115-91, div. A, title XVI, §1649(d)(1)(E), (F), Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1753; Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title XVI, §1633(a), (b)(1), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 2125.)

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 substituted “Special considerations in awarding scholarships and grants” for “Centers of Academic Excellence in Cyber Education” in section catchline, designated existing provisions as subsec. (a), inserted heading, and added subsec. (b).

2017—Pub. L. 115-91 substituted “Cyber” for “Information Assurance” in heading and in pars. (1) and (2).

CHANGE OF NAME

Pub. L. 115-91, div. A, title XVI, §1649(e)(2), Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1753, provided that: “Any institution of higher education designated by the Director of the National Security Agency as a Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education is redesignated as a Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Education. Any reference in a law (other than this section), map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to a Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education shall be