

## CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 and not as part of the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 which comprises this subchapter.

**§ 1726. Compensation and terms of service****(a) Living allowances**

The Secretary shall provide each participant in the Public Lands Corps and each resource assistant with a living allowance in an amount established by the Secretary.

**(b) Educational credit**

The Secretary may provide a Corps participant with an educational credit that may be applied toward a program of postsecondary education at an institution of higher education that agrees to allow the credit for participation in the Corps.

**(c) Terms of service****(1) In general**

Each participant in the Corps and each resource assistant shall agree to participate in the Corps or serve as a resource assistant, as the case may be, for such term of service as may be established by the Secretary enrolling or selecting the individual.

**(2) Indian Youth Service Corps**

With respect to the Indian Youth Service Corps established under section 1727b of this title, the Secretary shall establish the term of service of participants in consultation with the affected Indian tribe.

**(d) Hiring****(1) In general**

The Secretary may—

(A) grant to a member of the Public Lands Corps credit for time served with the Public Lands Corps, which may be used toward future Federal hiring; and

(B) provide to a former member of the Public Lands Corps noncompetitive hiring status for a period of not more than 2 years after the date on which the member's service with the Public Lands Corps is complete.

**(2) Time-limited appointment**

For purposes of section 9602 of title 5, a former member of the Corps hired by the Secretary under paragraph (1)(B) for a time-limited appointment shall be considered to be appointed initially under open, competitive examination.

**(e) Applicability to qualified youth or conservation corps**

The hiring and compensation standards described in this section shall apply to any individual participating in an appropriate conservation project through a qualified youth or conservation corps, including an individual placed through a contract or cooperative agreement, as approved by the Secretary.

(Pub. L. 91-378, title II, §207, as added Pub. L. 103-82, title I, §105(6), Sept. 21, 1993, 107 Stat. 852; amended Pub. L. 109-154, §2(e), Dec. 30, 2005, 119 Stat. 2892; Pub. L. 114-289, title III, §302(3), Dec.

16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1487; Pub. L. 116-9, title IX, §9003(e), Mar. 12, 2019, 133 Stat. 834.)

## AMENDMENTS

2019—Pub. L. 116-9, §9003(e)(1), substituted “Compensation and terms of service” for “Living allowances and terms of service” in section catchline.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 116-9, §9003(e)(3), added subsec. (b). Former subsec. (b) redesignated (c).

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 116-9, §9003(e)(4), designated existing provisions as par. (1), inserted heading, and added par. (2).

Pub. L. 116-9, §9003(e)(2), redesignated subsec. (b) as (c). Former subsec. (c) redesignated (d).

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 116-9, §9003(e)(5), designated existing provisions as par. (1) and inserted heading, redesignated former pars. (1) and (2) as subpars. (A) and (B), respectively, of par. (1) and realigned margins, and added par. (2).

Pub. L. 116-9, §9003(e)(2), redesignated subsec. (c) as (d).

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 116-9, §9003(e)(6), added subsec. (e).

2016—Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 114-289 substituted “2 years” for “120 days”.

2005—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 109-154, §2(e)(1), added subsec. (a) and struck out heading and text of former subsec. (a). Text read as follows: “The Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture shall provide each participant in the Public Lands Corps and each resource assistant with a living allowance in an amount not to exceed the maximum living allowance authorized by section 140(a)(3) of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 for participants in a national service program assisted under subtitle C of title I of such Act.”

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 109-154, §2(e)(2), added subsec. (c).

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Oct. 1, 1993, see section 123 of Pub. L. 103-82, set out as an Effective Date of 1993 Amendment note under section 1701 of this title.

**§ 1727. National service educational awards****(a) Educational benefits and awards**

If a participant in the Public Lands Corps or a resource assistant also serves in an approved national service position designated under subtitle C of title I of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 [42 U.S.C. 12571 et seq.], the participant or resource assistant shall be eligible for a national service educational award in the manner prescribed in subtitle D of such title [42 U.S.C. 12601 et seq.] upon successfully complying with the requirements for the award. The period during which the national service educational award may be used, the purposes for which the award may be used, and the amount of the award shall be determined as provided under such subtitle.

**(b) Forbearance in collection of Stafford loans**

For purposes of section 1078 of title 20, in the case of borrowers who are either participants in the Corps or resource assistants, upon written request, a lender shall grant a borrower forbearance on such terms as are otherwise consistent with the regulations of the Secretary of Education, during periods in which the borrower is serving as such a participant or a resource assistant.

(Pub. L. 91-378, title II, §208, as added Pub. L. 103-82, title I, §105(6), Sept. 21, 1993, 107 Stat. 853.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

The National and Community Service Act of 1990, referred to in subsec. (a), is Pub. L. 101-610, Nov. 16, 1990, 104 Stat. 3127, as amended. Subtitles C and D of title I of the Act are classified generally to divisions C (§12571 et seq.) and D (§12601 et seq.), respectively, of subchapter I of chapter 129 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 12501 of Title 42 and Tables.

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Oct. 1, 1993, see section 123 of Pub. L. 103-82, set out as an Effective Date of 1993 Amendment note under section 1701 of this title.

**§ 1727a. Reporting and data collection****(a) Report**

Not later than 2 years after March 12, 2019, and annually thereafter, the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service, in coordination with the Secretaries, shall submit to Congress a report that includes data on the Corps, including—

- (1) the number of participants enrolled in the Corps and the length of the term of service for each participant;
- (2) the projects carried out by Corps participants, categorized by type of project and Federal agency;
- (3) the total amount and sources of funding provided for the service of participants;
- (4) the type of service performed by participants and the impact and accomplishments of the service; and
- (5) any other similar data determined to be appropriate by the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service or the Secretaries.

**(b) Data**

Not later than 1 year after March 12, 2019, and annually thereafter, the Secretaries shall submit to the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service the data described in subsection (a).

**(c) Data collection**

The Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service may coordinate with qualified youth or conservation corps to improve the collection of the required data described in subsection (a).

**(d) Coordination****(1) In general**

The Secretaries shall, to the maximum extent practicable, coordinate with each other to carry out activities authorized under this subchapter, including—

- (A) the data collection and reporting requirements of this section; and
- (B) implementing and issuing guidance on eligibility for noncompetitive hiring status under section 1726(d) of this title.

**(2) Designation of coordinators**

The Secretary shall designate a coordinator to coordinate and serve as the primary point of contact for any activity of the Corps carried out by the Secretary.

(Pub. L. 91-378, title II, §209, as added Pub. L. 116-9, title IX, §9003(f)(2), Mar. 12, 2019, 133 Stat. 835.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

This subchapter, referred to in subsec. (d)(1), was in the original “this Act”, and was translated as reading “this title”, meaning title II of Pub. L. 91-378, known as the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 209 of Pub. L. 91-378 was renumbered section 211 and is classified to section 1728 of this title.

**§ 1727b. Indian Youth Service Corps****(a) In general**

There is established within the Public Lands Corps a program to be known as the “Indian Youth Service Corps” that—

- (1) enrolls participants between the ages of 16 and 30, inclusive, and veterans age 35 or younger, a majority of whom are Indians;
- (2) is established pursuant to an agreement between an Indian tribe and a qualified youth or conservation corps for the benefit of the members of the Indian tribe; and
- (3) carries out appropriate conservation projects on eligible service land.

**(b) Authorization of cooperative agreements**

The Secretary may enter into cooperative agreements with Indian tribes and qualified youth or conservation corps for the establishment and administration of the Indian Youth Service Corps.

**(c) Guidelines**

Not later than 18 months after March 12, 2019, the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with Indian tribes, shall issue guidelines for the management of the Indian Youth Service Corps, in accordance with this subchapter and any other applicable Federal laws.

(Pub. L. 91-378, title II, §210, as added Pub. L. 116-9, title IX, §9003(g), Mar. 12, 2019, 133 Stat. 835.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

This subchapter, referred to in subsec. (c), was in the original “this Act”, and was translated as reading “this title”, meaning title II of Pub. L. 91-378, known as the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 210 of Pub. L. 91-379 was renumbered section 212 and is classified to section 1729 of this title.

**§ 1728. Nondisplacement**

The nondisplacement requirements of section 12637 of title 42 shall be applicable to all activities carried out by the Public Lands Corps, to all activities carried out under this subchapter by a qualified youth or conservation corps, and to the selection and service of resource assistants.

(Pub. L. 91-378, title II, §211, formerly §209, as added Pub. L. 103-82, title I, §105(6), Sept. 21, 1993, 107 Stat. 853; renumbered §211, Pub. L. 116-9, title IX, §9003(f)(1), Mar. 12, 2019, 133 Stat. 835.)

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 211 of Pub. L. 91-378 was renumbered section 213 and is classified to section 1730 of this title.