waivers or modifications issued pursuant to subsection (a) on affected individuals and the programs under title IV of the Act [20 U.S.C. 1070 et seq.], and the basis for such determination, and include in such report the Secretary's recommendations for changes to the statutory or regulatory provisions that were the subject of such waiver or modification.

# (d) No delay in waivers and modifications

Sections 482(c) and 492 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1089(c), 1098a) shall not apply to the waivers and modifications authorized or required by this part.

(Pub. L. 108-76, §2, Aug. 18, 2003, 117 Stat. 904.)

# References in Text

The Higher Education Act of 1965, referred to in subsecs. (a) and (c), is Pub. L. 89-329, Nov. 8, 1965, 79 Stat. 1219. Title IV of the Act is classified generally to this subchapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1001 of this title and Tables.

#### CODIFICATION

Section was formerly set out in a note under section 1070 of this title.

Section was enacted as part of the Higher Education Relief Opportunities for Students Act of 2003, and not as part of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 which comprises this subchapter.

# CHANGE OF NAME

Committee on Education and the Workforce of House of Representatives changed to Committee on Education and Labor of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 6, One Hundred Sixteenth Congress, Jan. 9, 2019.

# §1098cc. Tuition refunds or credits for members of armed forces

# (a) Sense of Congress

It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) all institutions offering postsecondary education should provide a full refund to students who are affected individuals for that portion of a period of instruction such student was unable to complete, or for which such individual did not receive academic credit, because he or she was called up for active duty or active service; and

(2) if affected individuals withdraw from a course of study as a result of such active duty or active service, such institutions should make every effort to minimize deferral of enrollment or reapplication requirements and should provide the greatest flexibility possible with administrative deadlines related to those applications.

## (b) Definition of full refund

For purposes of this section, a full refund includes a refund of required tuition and fees, or a credit in a comparable amount against future tuition and fees.

(Pub. L. 108-76, §3, Aug. 18, 2003, 117 Stat. 906.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section was formerly set out in a note under section  $1070\ {\rm of}\ {\rm this}\ {\rm title}.$ 

Section was enacted as part of the Higher Education Relief Opportunities for Students Act of 2003, and not as part of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 which comprises this subchapter.

# §1098dd. Use of professional judgment

A financial aid administrator shall be considered to be making a necessary adjustment in accordance with section 1087tt(a) of this title if the administrator makes adjustments with respect to the calculation of the expected student or parent contribution (or both) of an affected individual, and adequately documents the need for the adjustment.

(Pub. L. 108-76, §4, Aug. 18, 2003, 117 Stat. 906.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section was formerly set out in a note under section 1070 of this title.

Section was enacted as part of the Higher Education Relief Opportunities for Students Act of 2003, and not as part of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 which comprises this subchapter.

# § 1098ee. Definitions

In this part:

# (1) Active duty

The term "active duty" has the meaning given such term in section 101(d)(1) of title 10, except that such term does not include active duty for training or attendance at a service school.

## (2) Affected individual

The term "affected individual" means an individual who—

(A) is serving on active duty during a war or other military operation or national emergency;

(B) is performing qualifying National Guard duty during a war or other military operation or national emergency;

(C) resides or is employed in an area that is declared a disaster area by any Federal, State, or local official in connection with a national emergency; or

(D) suffered direct economic hardship as a direct result of a war or other military operation or national emergency, as determined by the Secretary.

## (3) Military operation

The term "military operation" means a contingency operation as such term is defined in section 101(a)(13) of title 10.

# (4) National emergency

The term "national emergency" means a national emergency declared by the President of the United States.

## (5) Serving on active duty

The term "serving on active duty during a war or other military operation or national emergency" shall include service by an individual who is—

(A) a Reserve of an Armed Force ordered to active duty under section 12301(a), 12301(g), 12302, 12304, or 12306 of title 10 or any retired member of an Armed Force ordered to active duty under section 688 of such title, for service in connection with a war or other military operation or national emergency, regardless of the location at which such active duty service is performed; and

(B) any other member of an Armed Force on active duty in connection with such war, operation, or emergency or subsequent actions or conditions who has been assigned to a duty station at a location other than the location at which such member is normally assigned.

# (6) Qualifying National Guard duty

The term "qualifying National Guard duty during a war or other military operation or national emergency" means service as a member of the National Guard on full-time National Guard duty (as defined in section 101(d)(5) of title 10) under a call to active service authorized by the President or the Secretary of Defense for a period of more than 30 consecutive days under section 502(f) of title 32, in connection with a war, another military operation, or a national emergency declared by the President and supported by Federal funds.

(Pub. L. 108-76, §5, Aug. 18, 2003, 117 Stat. 906.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section was formerly set out in a note under section 1070 of this title.

Section was enacted as part of the Higher Education Relief Opportunities for Students Act of 2003, and not as part of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 which comprises this subchapter.

# §1099. Transferred

#### CODIFICATION

Section, Pub. L. 97-320, title VII, §701(b), Oct. 15, 1982, 96 Stat. 1538, which related to exemption from State disclosure requirements, was transferred to section 1098g of this title.

## PART H-PROGRAM INTEGRITY

#### CODIFICATION

Part H of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, Pub. L. 89–329, which comprises this part, was formerly classified to part G of this subchapter. See Codification note preceding section 1087a of this title.

Pub. L. 105-244, title IV, §491(1), Oct. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1758, added heading and struck out former heading "Program Integrity Triad".

# PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior part H, consisting of part I of title IV of Pub. L. 89-329, was redesignated part I of this subchapter.

# SUBPART 1-STATE ROLE

# CODIFICATION

Subpart 1 of part H of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, comprising this subpart, was originally added to Pub. L. 89-329, title IV, by Pub. L. 102-325, title IV, §499, July 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 635, and amended by Pub. L. 103-208, Dec. 20, 1993, 107 Stat. 2457. Subpart 1 is shown herein, however, as having been added by Pub. L. 105-244, title IV, §491(2), Oct. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1759, without reference to those intervening amendments because of the extensive revision of subpart 1 by Pub. L. 105-244.

# §1099a. State responsibilities

# (a) State responsibilities

As part of the integrity program authorized by this part, each State, through one State agency or several State agencies selected by the State, shall—

(1) furnish the Secretary, upon request, information with respect to the process for licensing or other authorization for institutions of higher education to operate within the State;

(2) notify the Secretary promptly whenever the State revokes a license or other authority to operate an institution of higher education; and

(3) notify the Secretary promptly whenever the State has credible evidence that an institution of higher education within the State—

(A) has committed fraud in the administration of the student assistance programs authorized by this subchapter; or

(B) has substantially violated a provision of this subchapter.

# (b) Institutional responsibility

Each institution of higher education shall provide evidence to the Secretary that the institution has authority to operate within a State at the time the institution is certified under subpart 3 of this part.

(Pub. L. 89-329, title IV, §495, as added Pub. L. 105-244, title IV, §491(2), Oct. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1758.)

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

Prior sections 1099a to 1099a-3 were omitted in the general amendment of this subpart by Pub. L. 105-244. Section 1099a, Pub. L. 89-329, title IV, §494, as added

Pub. L. 102-325, title IV, § 499, July 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 635, authorized State postsecondary review program.

authorized State postsecondary review program. Section 1099a-1, Pub. L. 89-329, title IV, §494A, as added Pub. L. 102-325, title IV, §499, July 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 635, related to State postsecondary review entity agreements.

Section 1099a-2, Pub. L. 89-329, title IV, §494B, as added Pub. L. 102-325, title IV, §499, July 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 637, related to Federal reimbursement of State postsecondary review costs.

Section 1099a-3, Pub. L. 89-329, title IV, §494C, as added Pub. L. 102-325, title IV, §499, July 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 637; amended Pub. L. 103-208, §2(1)(1), (2), Dec. 20, 1993, 107 Stat. 2478, related to functions of State review entities.

SUBPART 2-ACCREDITING AGENCY RECOGNITION

# CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 105-244, title IV, §492(a)(1), Oct. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1759, substituted "RECOGNITION" for "APPROVAL" in heading.

# § 1099b. Recognition of accrediting agency or association

# (a) Criteria required

No accrediting agency or association may be determined by the Secretary to be a reliable authority as to the quality of education or training offered for the purposes of this chapter or for other Federal purposes, unless the agency or association meets criteria established by the Secretary pursuant to this section. The Secretary shall, after notice and opportunity for a hearing, establish criteria for such determinations. Such criteria shall include an appropriate measure or measures of student achievement. Such criteria shall require that—

(1) the accrediting agency or association shall be a State, regional, or national agency