

Par. (14). Pub. L. 102-586, §8(c)(2)(B), as amended by Pub. L. 103-171, which directed the amendment of par. (14) by substituting “section 5304(l) of title 25” for “section 5304(c) of title 25”, could not be executed because the words “section 5304(c) of title 25” did not appear subsequent to execution of the amendment by Pub. L. 102-401, §3(b)(2). See below.

Pub. L. 102-401, §3(b)(2), substituted “section 5304(l) of title 25” for “section 5304(c) of title 25”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2015 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 114-95 effective Dec. 10, 2015, except with respect to certain noncompetitive programs and competitive programs, see section 5 of Pub. L. 114-95, set out as a note under section 6301 of Title 20, Education.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1997 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 105-33 effective as if included in the enactment of title VI of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, Pub. L. 104-193, see section 5603 of Pub. L. 105-33, set out as a note under section 618 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1996 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 104-193 effective Oct. 1, 1996, see section 615 of Pub. L. 104-193, set out as a note under section 9858f of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1992 AMENDMENTS

Amendment by Pub. L. 102-586 effective Nov. 4, 1992, but not applicable with respect to fiscal years beginning before Oct. 1, 1992, see section 8(d) of Pub. L. 102-586, set out as a note under section 9858h of this title.

Amendment by Pub. L. 102-401 effective Oct. 7, 1992, but not applicable with respect to fiscal years beginning before Oct. 1, 1992, see section 4 of Pub. L. 102-401, set out as a note under section 9835 of this title.

**§ 9858o. Parental rights and responsibilities**

**(a) In general**

Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed or applied in any manner to infringe on or usurp the moral and legal rights and responsibilities of parents or legal guardians.

**(b) Parental rights to use child care certificates**

Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed in a manner—

- (1) to favor or promote the use of grants and contracts for the receipt of child care services under this subchapter over the use of child care certificates; or
- (2) to disfavor or discourage the use of such certificates for the purchase of child care services, including those services provided by private or nonprofit entities, such as faith-based providers.

(Pub. L. 97-35, title VI, §658Q, as added Pub. L. 101-508, title V, §5082(2), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388-249; amended Pub. L. 102-401, §3(a), Oct. 7, 1992, 106 Stat. 1959; Pub. L. 102-586, §8(c)(1), Nov. 4, 1992, 106 Stat. 5036; Pub. L. 113-186, §11, Nov. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 2001.)

AMENDMENTS

2014—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 113-186 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a), inserted heading, and added subsec. (b).

1992—Pub. L. 102-401 and Pub. L. 102-586 made identical technical corrections to directory language of Pub. L. 101-508, §5082(2), which added this section.

**§ 9858p. Severability**

If any provision of this subchapter or the application thereof to any person or circumstance

is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions of applications of this subchapter which can be given effect without regard to the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this subchapter shall be severable.

(Pub. L. 97-35, title VI, §658R, as added Pub. L. 101-508, title V, §5082(2), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388-249; amended Pub. L. 102-401, §3(a), Oct. 7, 1992, 106 Stat. 1959; Pub. L. 102-586, §8(c)(1), Nov. 4, 1992, 106 Stat. 5036.)

AMENDMENTS

1992—Pub. L. 102-401 and Pub. L. 102-586 made identical technical corrections to directory language of Pub. L. 101-508, §5082(2), which added this section.

**§ 9858q. Miscellaneous provisions**

Notwithstanding any other law, the value of any child care provided or arranged (or any amount received as payment for such care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care) under this subchapter shall not be treated as income for purposes of any other Federal or Federally-assisted program that bases eligibility, or the amount of benefits, on need.

(Pub. L. 97-35, title VI, §658S, as added Pub. L. 102-586, §8(b), Nov. 4, 1992, 106 Stat. 5035; amended Pub. L. 103-171, §8, Dec. 2, 1993, 107 Stat. 1994.)

AMENDMENTS

1993—Pub. L. 103-171 made technical correction to directory language of Pub. L. 102-586, §8(b), which added this section.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Nov. 4, 1992, but not applicable with respect to fiscal years beginning before Oct. 1, 1992, see section 8(d) of Pub. L. 102-586, set out as an Effective Date of 1992 Amendment note under section 9858h of this title.

**§ 9858r. Studies on waiting lists**

**(a) Study**

The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct studies to determine, for each State, the number of families that—

- (1) are eligible to receive assistance under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 [42 U.S.C. 9857 et seq.];
- (2) have applied for the assistance, identified by the type of assistance requested; and
- (3) have been placed on a waiting list for the assistance.

**(b) Report**

The Comptroller General shall prepare a report containing the results of each study and shall submit the report to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions of the Senate, and the Committee on Education and the Workforce of the House of Representatives—

- (1) not later than 2 years after November 19, 2014; and
- (2) every 2 years thereafter.

**(c) Definition**

In this section, the term “State” has the meaning given the term in section 658P of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858n).