

2000—Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 106-398 inserted “an officer of the Coast Guard or Coast Guard Reserve designated as a physician assistant,” after “nurse.”

1997—Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 105-85 made technical correction to directory language of Pub. L. 104-201, §614(b)(2)(B). See 1996 Amendment note below.

1996—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 104-201, §614(b)(1), substituted “Secretary concerned” for “Secretary of Defense” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 104-201, §614(b)(2)(B), as amended by Pub. L. 105-85, inserted before semicolon at end “, or an officer in the Regular or Reserve Corps of the Public Health Service”.

Pub. L. 104-201, §614(b)(2)(A), struck out “or” after “Nurse Corps of the Army or Navy.”

Pub. L. 104-106 struck out “or” after “Air Force,” and inserted “, an officer of the Nurse Corps of the Army or Navy, or an officer of the Air Force designated as a nurse” before semicolon at end.

1992—Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 102-484 substituted “Navy,” for “Navy or” and inserted before semicolon at end “, or an officer in the Army Medical Specialist Corps”.

1991—Pub. L. 102-25 amended section catchline generally.

1990—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 101-510 added subsec. (d).

1989—Pub. L. 101-189, §704(b)(1), struck out “in the Public Health Service Corps” after “psychologists” in section catchline.

Subsecs. (a), (b). Pub. L. 101-189, §704(c), inserted headings.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 101-189, §704(a), added subsec. (c).

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

CHANGE OF NAME

Reference to Reserve Corps of the Public Health Service deemed to be a reference to the Ready Reserve Corps, see section 204(c)(3) of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1997 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 105-85, div. A, title X, §1073(c), Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 1904, provided that the amendment made by that section is effective as of Sept. 23, 1996, and as if included in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1997, Pub. L. 104-201, as enacted.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 100-140, §2(c), Oct. 26, 1987, 101 Stat. 831, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [enacting this section and amending section 303a of this title] shall take effect on October 1, 1987 or on the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 26, 1987], whichever is later, and shall apply with respect to pay periods beginning on or after that effective date.”

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of authorities, functions, personnel, and assets of the Coast Guard, including the authorities and functions of the Secretary of Transportation relating thereto, to the Department of Homeland Security, and for treatment of related references, see sections 468(b), 551(d), 552(d), and 557 of Title 6, Domestic Security, and the Department of Homeland Security Reorganization Plan of November 25, 2002, as modified, set out as a note under section 542 of Title 6.

IMPLEMENTATION OF SUBSECTION (d)

Pub. L. 101-510, div. A, title VI, §618(b), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1579, provided that: “The Secretary of Defense may not implement subsection (d) of section 302c of title 37, United States Code (as added by subsection (a)), unless the Secretary submits to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives a report—

“(1) justifying the need of the military departments for the authority provided in such subsection; and

“(2) describing the manner in which that authority will be implemented.”

[Report submitted to Committees on Apr. 29, 1994.]

IMPLEMENTATION OF SPECIAL PAY FOR ARMY, NAVY, AND AIR FORCE PSYCHOLOGISTS

Pub. L. 101-189, div. A, title VII, §704(d), Nov. 29, 1989, 103 Stat. 1471, provided that: “The Secretary of Defense may not implement subsection (c) of section 302c of title 37, United States Code (as added by subsection (a)), unless the Secretary submits to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives a report—

“(1) justifying the need of the military departments for the authority provided in such subsection; and

“(2) describing the manner in which that authority will be implemented.”

[Report submitted to Committees on Apr. 20, 1994.]

§ 302c-1. Special pay: accession and retention bonuses for psychologists

(a) ACCESSION BONUS.—

(1) ACCESSION BONUS AUTHORIZED.—A person described in paragraph (2) who executes a written agreement described in subsection (d) to accept a commission as an officer of the armed forces and remain on active duty for a period of not less than four consecutive years may, upon acceptance of the agreement by the Secretary concerned, be paid an accession bonus in an amount, subject to subsection (c)(1), determined by the Secretary concerned.

(2) ELIGIBLE PERSONS.—A person described in paragraph (1) is any person who—

(A) is a graduate of an accredited school of psychology; and

(B) holds a valid State license to practice as a doctoral level psychologist.

(3) LIMITATION ON ELIGIBILITY.—A person may not be paid a bonus under this subsection if—

(A) the person, in exchange for an agreement to accept an appointment as an officer, received financial assistance from the Department of Defense to pursue a course of study in psychology; or

(B) the Secretary concerned determines that the person is not qualified to become and remain certified as a psychologist.

(b) MULTIYEAR RETENTION BONUS.—

(1) RETENTION BONUS AUTHORIZED.—An officer described in paragraph (2) who executes a written agreement described in subsection (d) to remain on active duty for up to four years after completion of any other active-duty service commitment may, upon acceptance of the agreement by the Secretary concerned, be paid a retention bonus as provided in this section.

(2) ELIGIBLE OFFICERS.—An officer described in paragraph (1) is an officer of the armed forces who—

(A) is a psychologist of the armed forces;

(B) is in a pay grade below pay grade O-7;

(C) has at least eight years of creditable service (computed as described in section 302b(f) of this title) or has completed any active-duty service commitment incurred for psychology education and training;

(D) has completed initial residency training (or will complete such training before

September 30 of the fiscal year in which the officer enters into the agreement under this subsection); and

(E) holds a valid State license to practice as a doctoral level psychologist.

(c) **MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF BONUS.**—

(1) **ACCESSION BONUS.**—The amount of an accession bonus under subsection (a) may not exceed \$400,000.

(2) **RETENTION BONUS.**—The amount of a retention bonus under subsection (b) may not exceed \$25,000 for each year of the agreement of the officer concerned.

(d) **AGREEMENT.**—The agreement referred to in subsections (a) and (b) shall provide that, consistent with the needs of the armed force concerned, the person or officer executing the agreement will be assigned to duty, for the period of obligated service covered by the agreement, as an officer of such armed force as a psychologist.

(e) **REPAYMENT.**—

(1) **ACCESSION BONUS.**—A person who, after signing an agreement under subsection (a), is not commissioned as an officer of the armed forces, does not become licensed as a psychologist, or does not complete the period of active duty specified in the agreement shall be subject to the repayment provisions of section 303a(e) of this title.

(2) **RETENTION BONUS.**—An officer who does not complete the period of active duty specified in the agreement entered into under subsection (b) shall be subject to the repayment provisions of section 303a(e) of this title.

(f) **TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.**—No agreement under subsection (a) or (b) may be entered into after December 31, 2018.

(Added Pub. L. 110-417, [div. A], title VI, § 620(b)(1), Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4490; amended Pub. L. 111-84, div. A, title VI, § 612(b)(1), Oct. 28, 2009, 123 Stat. 2353; Pub. L. 111-383, div. A, title VI, § 612(b)(1), Jan. 7, 2011, 124 Stat. 4236; Pub. L. 112-81, div. A, title VI, § 612(b)(1), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1449; Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title VI, § 612(b)(1), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1776; Pub. L. 113-66, div. A, title VI, § 612(b)(1), Dec. 26, 2013, 127 Stat. 780; Pub. L. 113-291, div. A, title VI, § 612(b)(1), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3400; Pub. L. 114-92, div. A, title VI, § 612(b)(1), Nov. 25, 2015, 129 Stat. 838; Pub. L. 114-328, div. A, title VI, § 612(b)(1), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2158; Pub. L. 115-91, div. A, title VI, § 612(b)(1), Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1421.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2017—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 115-91 substituted “December 31, 2018” for “December 31, 2017”.

2016—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 114-328 substituted “December 31, 2017” for “December 31, 2016”.

2015—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 114-92 substituted “December 31, 2016” for “December 31, 2015”.

2014—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 113-291 substituted “December 31, 2015” for “December 31, 2014”.

2013—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 113-66 substituted “December 31, 2014” for “December 31, 2013”.

Pub. L. 112-239 substituted “December 31, 2013” for “December 31, 2012”.

2011—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 112-81 substituted “December 31, 2012” for “December 31, 2011”.

Pub. L. 111-383 substituted “December 31, 2011” for “December 31, 2010”.

2009—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 111-84 substituted “December 31, 2010” for “December 31, 2009”.

§ 302d. Special pay: accession bonus for registered nurses

(a) **ACCESSION BONUS AUTHORIZED.**—(1) A person who is a registered nurse and who, during the period beginning on November 29, 1989, and ending on December 31, 2018, executes a written agreement described in subsection (c) to accept a commission as an officer and remain on active duty for a period of not less than three years may, upon the acceptance of the agreement by the Secretary concerned, be paid an accession bonus in an amount determined by the Secretary concerned.

(2) The amount of an accession bonus under paragraph (1) may not exceed \$30,000.

(b) **LIMITATION ON ELIGIBILITY FOR BONUS.**—A person may not be paid a bonus under subsection (a) if—

(1) the person, in exchange for an agreement to accept an appointment as an officer, received financial assistance from the Department of Defense to pursue a baccalaureate degree; or

(2) the Secretary concerned determines that the person is not qualified to become and remain licensed as a registered nurse.

(c) **AGREEMENT.**—The agreement referred to in subsection (a) shall provide that, consistent with the needs of the uniformed service concerned, the person executing the agreement will be assigned to duty, for the period of obligated service covered by the agreement, as an officer of the Nurse Corps of the Army or Navy, an officer of the Air Force designated as a nurse, or an officer designated as a nurse in the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service.

(d) **REPAYMENT.**—An officer who does not become and remain licensed as a registered nurse during the period for which the payment is made, or who does not complete the period of active duty specified in the agreement entered into under subsection (a), shall be subject to the repayment provisions of section 303a(e) of this title.

(Added Pub. L. 101-189, div. A, title VII, § 705(a)(1), Nov. 29, 1989, 103 Stat. 1471; amended Pub. L. 101-510, div. A, title VI, § 613(a), title XIV, § 1484(d)(2), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1577, 1716; Pub. L. 102-484, div. A, title VI, § 612(g), Oct. 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 2421; Pub. L. 103-160, div. A, title VI, § 611(b), Nov. 30, 1993, 107 Stat. 1679; Pub. L. 103-337, div. A, title VI, § 612(b), Oct. 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 2783; Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title VI, § 612(b), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 359; Pub. L. 104-201, div. A, title VI, § 612(b), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2543; Pub. L. 105-85, div. A, title VI, § 612(b), Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 1786; Pub. L. 105-261, div. A, title VI, § 612(b), Oct. 17, 1998, 112 Stat. 2039; Pub. L. 106-65, div. A, title VI, § 612(b), Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 650; Pub. L. 106-398, § 1 [(div. A), title VI, § 622(b)], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A-151; Pub. L. 107-107, div. A, title VI,