

(g) REPAYMENT.—An enlisted member who receives aviation incentive pay or an aviation bonus under this section and who fails to fulfill the eligibility requirements for the receipt of the incentive pay or bonus or complete the period of service for which the incentive pay or bonus is paid, as specified in the written agreement under subsection (d) in the case of a bonus, shall be subject to the repayment provisions of section 373 of this title.

(h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) AVIATION SERVICE.—The term “aviation service” means participation in aerial flight performed, under regulations prescribed by the Secretary concerned, by an eligible enlisted member who is a remotely piloted aircraft pilot.

(2) OPERATIONAL FLYING DUTY.—The term “operational flying duty” means flying performed under competent orders by enlisted members of the regular or reserve components while serving in assignments in which basic flying skills are normally maintained in the performance of assigned duties as determined by the Secretary concerned, and flying duty performed by members in training that leads to designation as a remotely piloted aircraft pilot by the Secretary concerned.

(3) PROFICIENCY FLYING DUTY.—The term “proficiency flying duty” means flying performed under competent orders by enlisted members of the regular or reserve components while serving in assignments in which such skills would normally not be maintained in the performance of assigned duties.

(i) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—No agreement may be entered into under this section after December 31, 2018.

(Added Pub. L. 115–91, div. A, title VI, §617(a), Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1424.)

§ 335. Special bonus and incentive pay authorities for officers in health professions

(a) HEALTH PROFESSIONS BONUS.—The Secretary concerned may pay a health professions bonus under this section to a person, including an officer in the uniformed services, who is a graduate of an accredited school in a health profession and who—

(1) accepts a commission or appointment as an officer in a regular or reserve component of a uniformed service, or affiliates with a reserve component of a uniformed service, and agrees to serve on active duty in a regular component or in an active status in a reserve component in a health profession;

(2) accepts a commission or appointment as an officer and whose health profession specialty is designated by the Secretary of Defense as a critically short wartime specialty; or

(3) agrees to remain on active duty or continue serving in an active status in a reserve component in a health profession.

(b) HEALTH PROFESSIONS INCENTIVE PAY.—The Secretary concerned may pay incentive pay under this section to an officer in a regular or reserve component of a uniformed service who—

(1) is entitled to basic pay under section 204 of this title or compensation under section 206 of this title; and

(2) is serving on active duty or in an active status in a designated health profession specialty or skill.

(c) BOARD CERTIFICATION INCENTIVE PAY.—The Secretary concerned may pay board certification incentive pay under this section to an officer in a regular or reserve component of a uniformed service who—

(1) is entitled to basic pay under section 204 of this title or compensation under section 206 of this title;

(2) is board certified in a designated health profession specialty or skill; and

(3) is serving on active duty or in an active status in such designated health profession specialty or skill.

(d) ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA.—The Secretary concerned may impose such additional criteria for the receipt of a bonus or incentive pay under this section as the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

(e) MAXIMUM AMOUNT AND METHOD OF PAYMENT.—

(1) MAXIMUM AMOUNT.—The Secretary concerned shall determine the amounts of a bonus or incentive pay to be paid under this section, except that—

(A) a health professions bonus paid under paragraph (1) of subsection (a) may not exceed \$100,000 for each 12-month period of obligated service agreed to under subsection (f);

(B) a health professions bonus paid under paragraph (2) of subsection (a) may not exceed \$200,000 for each 12-month period of obligated service agreed to under subsection (f);

(C) a health professions bonus paid under paragraph (3) of subsection (a) may not exceed \$150,000 for each 12-month period of obligated service agreed to under subsection (f);

(D) health professions incentive pay under subsection (b) may be paid monthly and may not exceed, in any 12-month period—

(i) \$200,000 for medical officers and dental officers; and

(ii) \$50,000 for officers in other health professions; and

(E) board certification incentive pay under subsection (c) may not exceed \$15,000 for each 12-month period an officer remains certified in the designated health profession specialty or skill.

(2) LUMP SUM OR INSTALLMENTS.—A health professions bonus under subsection (a) may be paid in a lump sum or in periodic installments, as determined by the Secretary concerned. Board certification incentive pay under subsection (c) may be paid monthly, in a lump sum at the beginning of the certification period, or in periodic installments during the certification period, as determined by the Secretary concerned.

(3) FIXING BONUS AMOUNT.—Upon acceptance by the Secretary concerned of the written

agreement required by subsection (f), the total amount of the health professions bonus to be paid under the agreement shall be fixed.

(f) WRITTEN AGREEMENT FOR BONUS.—To receive a bonus under this section, an officer determined to be eligible for the bonus shall enter into a written agreement with the Secretary concerned that specifies—

- (1) the amount of the bonus;
- (2) the method of payment of the bonus under subsection (e)(2);
- (3) the period of obligated service;
- (4) whether the service will be performed on active duty or in an active status in a reserve component; and
- (5) the type or conditions of the service.

(g) RESERVE COMPONENT OFFICERS.—An officer in a reserve component authorized incentive pay under subsection (b) or (c) who is not serving on continuous active duty and is entitled to compensation under section 204 of this title or compensation under section 206 of this title may be paid a monthly amount of incentive pay that is proportionate to the basic pay or compensation received under this title.

(h) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER PAY AND ALLOWANCES.—

(1) HEALTH PROFESSIONS BONUS.—A bonus paid to a person or officer under subsection (a) shall be in addition to any other pay and allowance to which the person or officer is entitled, except that a person or officer may not receive a payment under such subsection and section 332 of this title for the same period of obligated service.

(2) HEALTH PROFESSIONS INCENTIVE PAY.—Incentive pay paid to an officer under subsection (b) shall be in addition to any other pay and allowance to which an officer is entitled, except that an officer may not receive a payment under such subsection and section 353 of this title for the same skill and period of service.

(3) BOARD CERTIFICATION INCENTIVE PAY.—Incentive pay paid to an officer under subsection (c) shall be in addition to any other pay and allowance to which an officer is entitled, except that an officer may not receive a payment under such subsection and section 353(b) of this title for the same skill and period of service covered by the certification.

(i) REPAYMENT.—An officer who receives a bonus or incentive pay under this section and who fails to fulfill the eligibility requirements for the receipt of the bonus or incentive pay or complete the period of service for which the bonus or incentive pay is paid, as specified in the written agreement under subsection (f) in the case of a bonus, shall be subject to the repayment provisions of section 373 of this title.

(j) HEALTH PROFESSION DEFINED.—In this section, the term “health profession” means the following:

- (1) Any health profession performed by officers in the Medical Corps of a uniformed service or by officers designated as a medical officer.
- (2) Any health profession performed by officers in the Dental Corps of a uniformed service or by officers designated as a dental officer.

(3) Any health profession performed by officers in the Medical Service Corps of a uniformed service or by officers designated as a medical service officer or biomedical sciences officer.

(4) Any health profession performed by officers in the Medical Specialist Corps of a uniformed service or by officers designated as a medical specialist.

(5) Any health profession performed by officers of the Nurse Corps of a uniformed service or by officers designated as a nurse.

(6) Any health profession performed by officers in the Veterinary Corps of a uniformed service or by officers designated as a veterinary officer.

(7) Any health profession performed by officers designated as a physician assistant.

(8) Any health profession performed by officers in the regular or reserve corps¹ of the Public Health Service.

(k) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—No agreement may be entered into under this section after December 31, 2022.

(Added Pub. L. 110–181, div. A, title VI, §661(a)(2), Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 169; amended Pub. L. 110–417, [div. A], title VI, §618(c), Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4486; Pub. L. 111–84, div. A, title VI, §614(5), Oct. 28, 2009, 123 Stat. 2354; Pub. L. 111–383, div. A, title VI, §614(5), Jan. 7, 2011, 124 Stat. 4237; Pub. L. 112–81, div. A, title VI, §614(5), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1450; Pub. L. 112–239, div. A, title VI, §614(5), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1777; Pub. L. 113–66, div. A, title VI, §614(5), Dec. 26, 2013, 127 Stat. 781; Pub. L. 113–291, div. A, title VI, §614(5), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3401; Pub. L. 114–92, div. A, title VI, §614(5), Nov. 25, 2015, 129 Stat. 839; Pub. L. 114–328, div. A, title VI, §614(5), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2158; Pub. L. 115–91, div. A, title VI, §614(5), Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1422; Pub. L. 115–232, div. A, title VI, §611(d)(4), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1797; Pub. L. 116–92, div. A, title VI, §611(d)(4), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 1426; Pub. L. 116–283, div. A, title VI, §§611(d)(4), 612(a)–(e), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3673, 3674; Pub. L. 117–81, div. A, title VI, §611(d)(4), Dec. 27, 2021, 135 Stat. 1769.)

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AMENDMENTS

2021—Subsec. (e)(1)(A). Pub. L. 116–283, §612(a), substituted “\$100,000” for “\$30,000”.

Subsec. (e)(1)(B). Pub. L. 116–283, §612(b), substituted “\$200,000” for “\$100,000”.

Subsec. (e)(1)(C). Pub. L. 116–283, §612(c), substituted “\$150,000” for “\$75,000”.

Subsec. (e)(1)(D)(i). Pub. L. 116–283, §612(d)(1), substituted “\$200,000” for “\$100,000”.

Subsec. (e)(1)(D)(ii). Pub. L. 116–283, §612(d)(2) substituted “\$50,000” for “\$15,000”.

Subsec. (e)(1)(E). Pub. L. 116–283, §612(e), substituted “\$15,000” for “\$6,000”.

Subsec. (k). Pub. L. 117–81 substituted “December 31, 2022” for “December 31, 2021”.

Pub. L. 116–283, §611(d)(4), substituted “December 31, 2021” for “December 31, 2020”.

2019—Subsec. (k). Pub. L. 116–92 substituted “December 31, 2020” for “December 31, 2019”.

¹ See Change of Name note below.

2018—Subsec. (k). Pub. L. 115-232 substituted “December 31, 2019” for “December 31, 2018”.

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

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

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

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

2013—Subsec. (k). 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. (k). 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. (k). Pub. L. 111-84 substituted “December 31, 2010” for “December 31, 2009”.

2008—Subsec. (e)(1)(D)(i). Pub. L. 110-417 substituted “dental officers” for “dental surgeons”.

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 2021 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title VI, §612(f), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3674, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section] shall apply with respect to special bonus and incentive pays payable under section 335 of title 37, United States Code, pursuant to agreements entered into under that section on or after the date of the enactment of this Act [Jan. 1, 2021].”

TARGETED BONUS AUTHORITY TO INCREASE DIRECT ACCESSIONS

Pub. L. 110-417, [div. A], title VI, §620(a), Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4489, provided that:

“(1) DESIGNATION OF CRITICALLY SHORT WARTIME HEALTH SPECIALTIES.—For purposes of section 335 of title 37, United States Code, as added by section 661 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110-181; 122 Stat. 169), the following health professions are designated as a critically short wartime specialty under subsection (a)(2) of such section:

“(A) Psychologists who have been awarded a diploma as a Diplomate in Psychology by the American Board of Professional Psychology and are fully licensed and such other mental health practitioners as the Secretary concerned determines to be necessary.

“(B) Registered nurses.

“(2) SPECIAL AGREEMENT AUTHORITY.—Under the authority provided by this section [enacting this note and section 302c-1 of this title], the Secretary concerned may enter into an agreement under subsection (f) of section 335 of title 37, United States Code, to pay a health professions bonus under such section to a person who accepts a commission or appointment as an officer and whose health profession specialty is specified in paragraph (1) of this subsection.

“(3) SECRETARY CONCERNED DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term ‘Secretary concerned’ has the meaning given that term in section 101(5) of title 37, United States Code.

“(4) EFFECTIVE PERIOD.—The designations made by this subsection and the authority to enter into an agreement under paragraph (2) of this subsection expire on September 30, 2010.”

§ 336. Contracting bonus for cadets and midshipmen enrolled in the Senior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps

(a) CONTRACTING BONUS AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary concerned may pay a bonus under this section to a cadet or midshipman enrolled in the Senior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps who executes a written agreement described in subsection (c).

(b) AMOUNT OF BONUS.—The amount of a bonus under subsection (a) may not exceed \$5,000.

(c) AGREEMENT.—A written agreement referred to in subsection (a) is a written agreement by the cadet or midshipman—

(1) to complete field training or a practice cruise under section 2104(b)(6)(A)(ii) of title 10;

(2) to complete advanced training under chapter 103 of title 10;

(3) to accept a commission or appointment as an officer of the armed forces; and

(4) to serve on active duty.

(d) PAYMENT METHOD.—Upon acceptance of a written agreement under subsection (a) by the Secretary concerned, the total amount of the bonus payable under the agreement becomes fixed. The agreement shall specify when the bonus will be paid and whether the bonus will be paid in a lump sum or in installments.

(e) REPAYMENT.—A person who, having received all or part of a bonus under subsection (a), fails to fulfill the terms of the written agreement required by such subsection for receipt of the bonus shall be subject to the repayment provisions of section 373 of this title.

(f) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary concerned shall issue such regulations as may be necessary to carry out this section.

(g) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—No agreement under this section may be entered into after December 31, 2022.

(Added Pub. L. 113-66, div. A, title VI, §617(a), Dec. 26, 2013, 127 Stat. 781; amended Pub. L. 113-291, div. A, title VI, §614(6), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3401; Pub. L. 114-92, div. A, title VI, §614(6), Nov. 25, 2015, 129 Stat. 839; Pub. L. 114-328, div. A, title VI, §614(6), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2158; Pub. L. 115-91, div. A, title VI, §614(6), Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1422; Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VI, §611(d)(5), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1797; Pub. L. 116-92, div. A, title VI, §611(d)(5), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 1426; Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title VI, §611(d)(5), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3673; Pub. L. 117-81, div. A, title VI, §611(d)(5), Dec. 27, 2021, 135 Stat. 1769.)

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