# §4113. Transition Assistance Program personnel

(a) REQUIREMENT TO CONTRACT.—In accordance with section 1144 of title 10, the Secretary shall enter into a contract with an appropriate private entity or entities to provide the functions described in subsection (b) at all locations where the program described in such section is carried out.

(b) FUNCTIONS.—Contractors under subsection (a) shall provide to members of the Armed Forces who are being separated from active duty (and the spouses of such members) the services described in section 1144(a)(1) of title 10, including the following:

(1) Counseling.

(2) Assistance in identifying employment and training opportunities and help in obtaining such employment and training.

(3) Assessment of academic preparation for enrollment in an institution of higher learning or occupational training.

(4) Other related information and services under such section.

(5) Such other services as the Secretary considers appropriate.

(Added Pub. L. 108-183, title III, §309(a)(1), Dec. 16, 2003, 117 Stat. 2663; amended Pub. L. 109-233, title IV, §402(e)(2), June 15, 2006, 120 Stat. 411; Pub. L. 112-56, title II, §223(a)(1), Nov. 21, 2011, 125 Stat. 717.)

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### Prior Provisions

A prior section 4113, Pub. L. 85–857, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1247; Pub. L. 89–785, title I, \$110, Nov. 7, 1966, 80 Stat. 1371; Pub. L. 94–581, title I, \$110(9), title II, \$209(a)(5), (c)(5), Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2849, 2860, 2862, related to travel expenses of employees prior to repeal by Pub. L. 102–40, title IV, \$401(a)(3), May 7, 1991, 105 Stat. 210. See section 7424 of this title.

## AMENDMENTS

2011—Pub. L. 112–56 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section related to outstationing of Transition Assistance Program personnel.

2006—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 109–233 substituted "section 6304(a)" for "section 7723(a)".

## Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

#### Deadline for Implementation

Pub. L. 112-56, title II, §223(b), Nov. 21, 2011, 125 Stat. 718, provided that: "The Secretary of Labor shall enter into the contract required by section 4113 of title 38, United States Code, as added by subsection (a), not later than two years after the date of the enactment of this Act [Nov. 21, 2011]."

Pub. L. 108-183, title III, §309(b), Dec. 16, 2003, 117 Stat. 2663, provided that: "Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 16, 2003], the Secretary of Labor shall implement section 4113 of title 38, United States Code, as added by subsection (a), and shall have employees of the Veterans' Employment and Training Service, or contractors, to carry out that section at the military installations involved by such date."

# §4114. Credentialing and licensure of veterans: demonstration project

(a) DEMONSTRATION PROJECT AUTHORIZED.—The Assistant Secretary for Veterans' Employment

and Training shall carry out a demonstration project on credentialing in accordance with this section for the purpose of facilitating the seamless transition of members of the Armed Forces from service on active duty to civilian employment.

(b) IDENTIFICATION OF MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTIES AND ASSOCIATED CREDENTIALS AND LICENSES.—(1) The Assistant Secretary for Veterans' Employment and Training shall, in consultation with the Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training, select not more than five military occupational specialties for purposes of the demonstration project. Each specialty so selected by the Assistant Secretary for Veterans' Employment and Training shall require a skill or set of skills that is required for civilian employment in an industry with high growth or high worker demand.

(2) The Assistant Secretary shall enter into a contract with an appropriate entity representing a coalition of State governors to consult with appropriate Federal, State, and industry officials and identify requirements for credentials, certifications, and licenses that require a skill or set of skills required by a military occupational specialty selected under paragraph (1).

(3) The Assistant Secretary shall analyze the requirements identified under paragraph (2) to determine which requirements may be satisfied by the skills, training, or experience acquired by members of the Armed Forces with the military occupational specialties selected under paragraph (1).

ELIMINATION  $\mathbf{OF}$ BARRIERS (c) TO CREDENTIALING AND LICENSURE.-The Assistant Secretary shall cooperate with appropriate Federal, State, and industry officials to reduce or eliminate any barriers to providing a credential, certification, or license to a veteran who acquired any skill, training, or experience while serving as a member of the Armed Forces with a military occupational specialty selected under subsection (b)(1) that satisfies the Federal and State requirements for the credential, certification, or license.

(d) PERIOD OF PROJECT.—The period during which the Assistant Secretary shall carry out the demonstration project under this section shall be the two-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of the VOW to Hire Heroes Act of 2011.

(Added Pub. L. 109-461, title VI, §604(a)(1), Dec. 22, 2006, 120 Stat. 3437; amended Pub. L. 112-56, title II, §237(a), Nov. 21, 2011, 125 Stat. 725.)

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## References in Text

The date of the enactment of the VOW to Hire Heroes Act of 2011, referred to in subsec. (d), is the date of enactment of Pub. L. 112-56, which was approved Nov. 21, 2011.

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

Prior sections 4114 to 4119 were repealed by Pub. L. 102-40, title IV, §401(a)(3), May 7, 1991, 105 Stat. 210. Section 4114, Pub. L. 85-857, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1247;

Section 4114, Pub. L. 85-857, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1247; Pub. L. 87-574, §4(2), Aug. 6, 1962, 76 Stat. 309; Pub. L. 89-785, title I, §111(a)-(c), Nov. 7, 1966, 80 Stat. 1371; Pub. L. 91-496, §§1, 3, Oct. 22, 1970, 84 Stat. 1092; Pub. L. 93-82,