

REDEMPTION OF OBLIGATIONS HELD PRIOR TO OCT. 4, 1961; REINVESTMENT OF PROCEEDS

Pub. L. 87-350, §1(b) Oct. 4, 1961, 75 Stat. 770, provided that all special issues in which the civil service retirement and disability fund was invested in accordance with subsecs. (d) and (e) of this section before Oct. 4, 1961, were to be redeemed and the moneys reinvested by the Secretary of the Treasury in equal annual amounts over the period of ten calendar years beginning with the calendar year 1962.

**§ 8349. Offset relating to certain benefits under the Social Security Act**

(a)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter, if an individual under section 8402(b)(2) is entitled, or would on proper application be entitled, to old-age insurance benefits under title II of the Social Security Act, the annuity otherwise payable to such individual shall be reduced under this subsection.

(2) A reduction under this subsection commences beginning with the first month for which the individual both—

(A) is entitled to an annuity under this subchapter; and

(B) is entitled, or would on proper application be entitled, to old-age insurance benefits under title II of the Social Security Act.

(3)(A)(i) Subject to clause (ii) and subparagraphs (B) and (C), the amount of a reduction under this subsection shall be equal to the difference between—

(I) the old-age insurance benefit which would be payable to the individual for the month referred to in paragraph (2); and

(II) the old-age insurance benefit which would be so payable, excluding all wages derived from Federal service of the individual, and assuming the individual were fully insured (as defined by section 214(a) of the Social Security Act).

(ii) For purposes of this subsection, the amount of a benefit referred to in subclause (I) or (II) of clause (i) shall be determined without regard to subsections (b) through (l) of section 203 of the Social Security Act, and without regard to the requirement that an application for such benefit be filed.

(B) A reduction under this subsection—

(i) may not exceed an amount equal to the product of—

(I) the old-age insurance benefit to which the individual is entitled (or would on proper application be entitled) for the month referred to in paragraph (2), determined without regard to subsections (b) through (l) of section 203 of the Social Security Act; and

(II) a fraction, as determined under section 8421(b)(3) with respect to the individual, except that the reference to “service” in subparagraph (A) of such section shall be considered to mean Federal service; and

(ii) may not cause the annuity payment for an individual to be reduced below zero.

(C) An amount computed under subclause (I) or (II) of subparagraph (A)(i), or under subparagraph (B)(i)(I), for purposes of determining the amount of a reduction under this subsection shall be adjusted under section 8340 of this title.

(4) A reduction under this subsection applies with respect to the annuity otherwise payable to

such individual under this subchapter (other than under section 8337) for the month involved—

(A) based on service of such individual; and

(B) without regard to section 8345(j), if otherwise applicable.

(5) The operation of the preceding paragraphs of this subsection shall not be considered for purposes of applying the provisions of the second sentence of section 215(a)(7)(B)(i) or the provisions of section 215(d)(5)(ii) of the Social Security Act in determining any amount under subclause (I) or (II) of paragraph (3)(A)(i) or paragraph (3)(B)(i)(I) for purposes of this subsection.

(b)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter—

(A) a disability annuity to which an individual described in section 8402(b)(2) is entitled under this subchapter, and

(B) a survivor annuity to which a person is entitled under this subchapter based on the service of an individual described in section 8402(b)(2),

shall be subject to reduction under this subsection if that individual or person is also entitled (or would on proper application also be entitled) to any similar benefits under title II of the Social Security Act based on the wages and self-employment income of such individual described in section 8402(b)(2).

(2)(A) Subject to subparagraph (B), reductions under this subsection shall be made in a manner consistent with the manner in which reductions under subsection (a) are computed and otherwise made.

(B) Reductions under this subsection shall be discontinued if, or for so long as, entitlement to the similar benefits under title II of the Social Security Act (as referred to in paragraph (1)) is terminated (or, in the case of an individual who has not made proper application therefor, would be terminated).

(3) For the purpose of applying section 224 of the Social Security Act to the disability insurance benefit used to compute the reduction under this subsection, the amount of the CSRS annuity considered shall be the amount of the CSRS annuity before application of this section.

(4) The Office shall prescribe regulations to carry out this subsection.

(c) For the purpose of this section, the term “Federal service” means service which is employment for the purposes of title II of the Social Security Act and chapter 21 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 by reason of the amendments made by section 101 of the Social Security Amendments of 1983.

(d) In administering subsections (a) through (c)—

(1) the terms “an individual under section 8402(b)(2)” and “an individual described in section 8402(b)(2)” shall each be considered to include any individual—

(A) who is subject to this subchapter as a result of any provision of law described in section 8347(o), and

(B) whose employment (as described in section 8347(o)) is also employment for purposes of title II of the Social Security Act and chapter 21 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; and

(2) the term “Federal service”, as applied with respect to any individual to whom this section applies as a result of paragraph (1), means any employment referred to in paragraph (1)(B) performed after December 31, 1983.

(Added Pub. L. 99-335, title II, §201(b)(1), June 6, 1986, 100 Stat. 589; amended Pub. L. 99-514, §2, Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2095; Pub. L. 100-238, title I, §108(b)(2), Jan. 8, 1988, 101 Stat. 1748.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Social Security Act, referred to in text, is act Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, 49 Stat. 620. Title II of the Social Security Act is classified generally to subchapter II (§401 et seq.) of chapter 7 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare. Sections 203, 214, 215, and 224 of the Social Security Act are classified to sections 403, 414, 415, and 424a, respectively, of Title 42. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 1305 of Title 42 and Tables.

Chapter 21 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, referred to in subsecs. (c) and (d)(1)(B), is classified to chapter 21 (§3101 et seq.) of Title 26, Internal Revenue Code.

Section 101 of the Social Security Amendments of 1983 [Pub. L. 98-21], referred to in subsec. (c), amended section 3121 of Title 26 and sections 409 and 410 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, and enacted provisions set out as notes under section 3121 of Title 26 and section 410 of Title 42.

##### AMENDMENTS

1988—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 100-238 added subsec. (d).

1986—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 99-514 substituted “Internal Revenue Code of 1986” for “Internal Revenue Code of 1954”.

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-238 effective Jan. 1, 1987, see section 108(b)(3) of Pub. L. 100-238, set out as a note under section 8334 of this title.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Jan. 1, 1987, see section 702(a) of Pub. L. 99-335, set out as a note under section 8401 of this title.

##### OFFSETS TO PREVENT FULL DOUBLE COVERAGE FOR EMPLOYEES OF PARK POLICE AND SECRET SERVICE

For provisions relating to offsets for prevention of full double coverage for employees of Park Police and Secret Service, see section 103(e) of Pub. L. 100-238, set out as a note under section 8334 of this title.

### § 8350. Retirement counseling

(a) For the purposes of this section, the term “retirement counselor”, when used with respect to an agency, means an employee of the agency who is designated by the head of the agency to furnish information on benefits under this subchapter and chapter 84 of this title and counseling services relating to such benefits to other employees of the agency.

(b) The Director of the Office of Personnel Management shall establish a training program for all retirement counselors of agencies of the Federal Government.

(c)(1) The training program established under subsection (b) of this section shall provide for comprehensive training in the provisions and

administration of this subchapter and chapter 84 of this title, shall be designed to promote fully informed retirement decisions by employees and Members under this subchapter and individuals subject to chapter 84 of this title, and shall be revised as necessary to assure that the information furnished to retirement counselors of agencies under the program is current.

(2) The Director shall conduct a training session under the training program at least once every 3 months.

(3) Once each year, each retirement counselor of an agency shall successfully complete a training session conducted under the training program.

(Added Pub. L. 99-335, title II, §205(a), June 6, 1986, 100 Stat. 592; amended Pub. L. 99-556, title II, §202, Oct. 27, 1986, 100 Stat. 3135.)

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##### AMENDMENTS

1986—Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 99-556 substituted “subsection (b)” for “subsection (b)(1)”.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective June 6, 1986, see section 702(b)(3) of Pub. L. 99-335, set out as a note under section 8401 of this title.

##### ENHANCING FINANCIAL LITERACY

Pub. L. 108-469, §2, Dec. 21, 2004, 118 Stat. 3892, provided that:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board (in this section referred to as the ‘Board’) shall periodically evaluate whether the tools available to participants provide the information needed to understand, evaluate, and compare financial products, services, and opportunities offered through the Thrift Savings Plan. The Board shall use these evaluations to improve its existing education program for Thrift Savings Plan participants.

“(b) REPORT ON FINANCIAL LITERACY EFFORTS.—The Board shall annually report to the Committee on Governmental Affairs [now Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs] of the Senate and the Committee on Government Reform [now Committee on Oversight and Accountability] of the House of Representatives on its Thrift Savings Plan education efforts on behalf of plan participants.

“(c) STRATEGY.—As part of the retirement training offered by Office of Personnel Management under section 8350 of title 5, United States Code, the Office, in consultation with the Board, shall—

“(1) not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act [Dec. 21, 2004], develop and implement a retirement financial literacy and education strategy for Federal employees that—

“(A) shall educate Federal employees on the need for retirement savings and investment; and

“(B) provide information related to how Federal employees can receive additional information on how to plan for retirement and calculate what their retirement investment should be in order to meet their retirement goals; and

“(2) submit a report to the Committee on Governmental Affairs [now Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs] of the Senate and the Committee on Government Reform [now Committee on Oversight and Accountability] of the House of Representatives on the strategy described under paragraph (1).”