

benefit structure, if so identified in writing by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for purposes of chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code; and

“(3) after service described in paragraph (2), becomes subject to and thereafter entitled to benefits under chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, shall, for purposes of section 302 of the Federal Employees’ Retirement System Act of 1986 [Pub. L. 99-335] (100 Stat. 601; 5 U.S.C. 8331 note) be considered to have become subject to chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, pursuant to an election under section 301 of such Act [5 U.S.C. 8331 note].”

#### § 8403. Relationship to the Social Security Act

Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the benefits payable under the System are in addition to the benefits payable under the Social Security Act.

(Added Pub. L. 99-335, title I, §101(a), June 6, 1986, 100 Stat. 522.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Social Security Act, referred to in text, is act Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, 49 Stat. 620, which is classified generally to chapter 7 (§301 et seq.) of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 1305 of Title 42 and Tables.

#### SUBCHAPTER II—BASIC ANNUITY

#### § 8410. Eligibility for annuity

Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, an employee or Member must complete at least 5 years of civilian service creditable under section 8411 in order to be eligible for an annuity under this subchapter.

(Added Pub. L. 99-335, title I, §101(a), June 6, 1986, 100 Stat. 522.)

#### § 8411. Creditable service

(a)(1) The total service of an employee or Member is the full years and twelfth parts thereof, excluding from the aggregate the fractional part of a month, if any.

(2) Credit may not be allowed for a period of separation from the service in excess of 3 calendar days.

(b) For the purpose of this chapter, creditable service of an employee or Member includes—

(1) employment as an employee, and any service as a Member (including the period from the date of the beginning of the term for which elected or appointed to the date of taking office as a Member), after December 31, 1986;

(2) except as provided in subsection (f), service with respect to which deductions and withholdings under section 204(a)(1) of the Federal Employees’ Retirement Contribution Temporary Adjustment Act of 1983 have been made;

(3) except as provided in subsection (f) or (h), any civilian service (performed before January 1, 1989, other than any service under paragraph (1) or (2)) which, but for the amendments made by subsections (a)(4) and (b) of section 202 of the Federal Employees’ Retirement System

Act of 1986, would be creditable under subchapter III of chapter 83 of this title (determined without regard to any deposit or redeposit requirement under such subchapter, any requirement that the individual become subject to such subchapter after performing the service involved, or any requirement that the individual give notice in writing to the official by whom such individual is paid of such individual’s desire to become subject to such subchapter);

(4) a period of service (other than any service under any other paragraph of this subsection and other than any military service) that was creditable under the Foreign Service Pension System described in subchapter II of chapter 8<sup>1</sup> of the Foreign Service Act of 1980, if the employee or Member waives credit for such service under the Foreign Service Pension System and makes a payment to the Fund equal to the amount that would have been deducted from pay under section 8422(a) had the employee been subject to this chapter during such period of service (together with interest on such amount computed under paragraphs (2) and (3) of section 8334(e));

(5) a period of service (other than any service under any other paragraph of this subsection, any military service, and any service performed in the employ of a Federal Reserve Bank) that was creditable under the Bank Plan (as defined in subsection (i)), if the employee waives credit for such service under the Bank Plan and makes a payment to the Fund equal to the amount that would have been deducted from pay under section 8422(a) had the employee been subject to this chapter during such period of service (together with interest on such amount computed under paragraphs (2) and (3) of section 8334(e)); and

(6) service performed by any individual as an employee paid from nonappropriated funds of an instrumentality of the Department of Defense or the Coast Guard described in section 2105(c) that is not otherwise creditable, if the individual elects (in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Office) to have such service credited under this paragraph.

Paragraph (5) shall not apply in the case of any employee as to whom subsection (g) (or, to the extent subchapter III of chapter 83 is involved, section 8332(n)) otherwise applies.

(c)(1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2), (3), and (5), an employee or Member shall be allowed credit for—

(A) each period of military service performed before January 1, 1957; and

(B) each period of military service performed after December 31, 1956, and before the separation on which title to annuity is based, if a deposit (including interest, if any) is made with respect to such period in accordance with section 8422(e).

(2) If an employee or Member is awarded retired pay based on any period of military service, the service of the employee or Member may not include credit for such period of military service unless the retired pay is awarded—

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.

(A) based on a service-connected disability—  
 (i) incurred in combat with an enemy of the United States; or

(ii) caused by an instrumentality of war and incurred in line of duty during a period of war as defined by section 1101 of title 38; or

(B) under chapter 1223 of title 10 (or under chapter 67 of that title as in effect before the effective date of the Reserve Officer Personnel Management Act).

(3) An employee or Member who has made a deposit under section 8334(j) (or a similar prior provision of law) with respect to a period of military service, and who has not taken a refund of such deposit—

(A) shall be allowed credit for such service without regard to the deposit requirement under paragraph (1)(B); and

(B) shall be entitled, upon filing appropriate application therefor with the Office, to a refund equal to the difference between—

(i) the amount deposited with respect to such period under such section 8334(j) (or prior provision), excluding interest; and

(ii) the amount which would otherwise have been required with respect to such period under paragraph (1)(B).

(4)(A) Notwithstanding paragraph (2), for purposes of computing a survivor annuity for a survivor of an employee or Member—

(i) who was awarded retired pay based on any period of military service, and

(ii) whose death occurs before separation from the service,

creditable service of the deceased employee or Member shall include each period of military service includable under subparagraph (A) or (B) of paragraph (1) or under paragraph (3). In carrying out this subparagraph, any amount deposited under section 8422(e)(5) shall be taken into account.

(B) A survivor annuity computed based on an amount which, under authority of subparagraph (A), takes into consideration any period of military service shall be reduced by the amount of any survivor's benefits—

(i) payable to a survivor (other than a child) under a retirement system for members of the uniformed services;

(ii) if, or to the extent that, such benefits are based on such period of military service.

(C) The Office of Personnel Management shall prescribe regulations to carry out this paragraph, including regulations under which—

(i) a survivor may elect not to be covered by this paragraph; and

(ii) this paragraph shall be carried out in any case which involves a former spouse.

(5) If, after January 1, 1997, an employee or Member waives retired pay that is subject to a court order for which there has been effective service on the Secretary concerned for purposes of section 1408 of title 10, the military service on which the retired pay is based may be credited as service for purposes of this chapter only if the employee or Member authorizes the Director to deduct and withhold from the annuity payable

to the employee or Member under this subchapter an amount equal to the amount that, if the annuity payment was instead a payment of the employee's or Member's retired pay, would have been deducted and withheld and paid to the former spouse covered by the court order under such section 1408. The amount deducted and withheld under this paragraph shall be paid to that former spouse. The period of civil service employment by the employee or Member shall not be taken into consideration in determining the amount of the deductions and withholding or the amount of the payment to the former spouse. The Director of the Office of Personnel Management shall prescribe regulations to carry out this paragraph.

(d) Credit under this chapter shall be allowed for leaves of absence without pay granted an employee while performing military service, or while receiving benefits under subchapter I of chapter 81. An employee or former employee who returns to duty after a period of separation is deemed, for the purpose of this subsection, to have been on leave of absence without pay for that part of the period in which that individual was receiving benefits under subchapter I of chapter 81. Credit may not be allowed for so much of other leaves of absence without pay as exceeds 6 months in the aggregate in a calendar year.

(e) Credit shall be allowed for periods of approved leave without pay granted an employee to serve as a full-time officer or employee of an organization composed primarily of employees (as defined by section 8331(1) or 8401(11)), subject to the employee arranging to pay, through the employee's employing agency, within 60 days after commencement of such leave without pay, amounts equal to the retirement deductions and agency contributions which would be applicable under sections 8422(a) and 8423(a), respectively, if the employee were in pay status. If the election and all payments provided by this subsection are not made, the employee may not receive credit for the periods of leave without pay, notwithstanding the third sentence of subsection (d).

(f)(1) An employee or Member who has received a refund of retirement deductions under subchapter III of chapter 83 with respect to any service described in subsection (b)(2) or (b)(3) may not be allowed credit for such service under this chapter unless such employee or Member deposits an amount equal to 1.3 percent of basic pay for such service, with interest. A deposit under this paragraph may be made only with respect to a refund received pursuant to an application filed with the Office before the date on which the employee or Member first becomes subject to this chapter.

(2) An employee or Member may not be allowed credit under this chapter for any service described in subsection (b)(3) for which retirement deductions under subchapter III of chapter 83 have not been made, unless such employee or Member deposits an amount equal to 1.3 percent of basic pay for such service, with interest.

(3) Interest under paragraph (1) or (2) shall be computed in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3) of section 8334(e) and regulations prescribed by the Office.

(4) For the purpose of survivor annuities, deposits authorized by the preceding provisions of this subsection may also be made by a survivor of an employee or Member.

(g) Any employee who—

(1) served in a position in which the employee was excluded from coverage under this subchapter because the employee was covered under a retirement system established under section 10 of the Federal Reserve Act; and

(2) transferred without a break in service to a position to which the employee was appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate, and in which position the employee is subject to this subchapter,

shall be treated for all purposes of this subchapter as if any service that would have been creditable under the retirement system established under section 10 of the Federal Reserve Act was service performed while subject to this subchapter if any employee and employer deductions, contributions or rights with respect to the employee's service are transferred from such retirement system to the Fund.

(h) An employee or Member shall be allowed credit for service as a volunteer or volunteer leader under part A of title VIII of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, as a full-time volunteer enrolled in a program of at least 1 year's duration under part A, B,<sup>1</sup> or C of title I of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, or as a volunteer or volunteer leader under the Peace Corps Act performed at any time prior to the separation on which the entitlement to any annuity under this subchapter is based if the employee or Member has made a deposit with interest, if any, with respect to such service under section 8422(f).

(i)<sup>2</sup> For purposes of subsection (b)(5), the term "Bank Plan" means the benefit structure in which employees of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System appointed on or after January 1, 1984, participate, which benefit structure is a component of the Retirement Plan for Employees of the Federal Reserve System, established under section 10 of the Federal Reserve Act (and any redesignated or successor version of such benefit structure, if so identified in writing by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for purposes of this chapter).

(i)(1)<sup>2</sup> Upon application to the Office of Personnel Management, any individual who was an employee on the date of enactment of this paragraph, and who has on such date or thereafter acquired 5 years or more of creditable civilian service under this section (exclusive of service for which credit is allowed under this subsection) shall be allowed credit (as service as a congressional employee) for service before December 31, 1990, while employed by the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, the Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee, the Democratic National Congressional Committee, or the Republican National Congressional Committee, if—

(A) such employee has at least 4 years and 6 months of service on such committees as of December 31, 1990; and

(B) such employee deposits to the Fund an amount equal to 1.3 percent of the base pay for such service, with interest.

(2) The Office shall accept the certification of the President of the Senate (or the President's designee) or the Speaker of the House of Representatives (or the Speaker's designee), as the case may be, concerning the service of, and the amount of compensation received by, an employee with respect to whom credit is to be sought under this subsection.

(3) An individual shall not be granted credit for such service under this subsection if eligible for credit under section 8332(m) for such service.

(k)(1)<sup>3</sup> The Office of Personnel Management shall accept, for the purposes of this chapter, the certification of the head of a nonappropriated fund instrumentality of the United States concerning service of the type described in subsection (b)(6) that was performed for such nonappropriated fund instrumentality.

(2) Service credited under subsection (b)(6) may not also be credited under any other retirement system provided for employees paid from nonappropriated funds of a nonappropriated fund instrumentality.

(l)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the service of an individual finally convicted of an offense described in paragraph (2) shall not be taken into account for purposes of this chapter, except that this sentence applies only to service rendered as a Member (irrespective of when rendered). Any such individual (or other person determined under section 8424(d), if applicable) shall be entitled to be paid so much of such individual's lump-sum credit as is attributable to service to which the preceding sentence applies.

(2) An offense described in this paragraph is any offense described in section 8332(o)(2)(B) for which the following apply:

(A) Every act or omission of the individual (referred to in paragraph (1)) that is needed to satisfy the elements of the offense occurs while the individual is a Member, the President, the Vice President, or an elected official of a State or local government.

(B) Every act or omission of the individual that is needed to satisfy the elements of the offense directly relates to the performance of the individual's official duties as a Member, the President, the Vice President, or an elected official of a State or local government.

(C) The offense is committed after the date of enactment of this subsection.

(3) An individual convicted of an offense described in paragraph (2) shall not, after the date of the final conviction, be eligible to participate in the retirement system under this chapter while serving as a Member.

(4) The Office of Personnel Management shall prescribe any regulations necessary to carry out this subsection. Such regulations shall include—

(A) provisions under which interest on any lump-sum payment under the second sentence of paragraph (1) shall be limited in a manner similar to that specified in the last sentence of section 8316(b); and

<sup>2</sup> So in original. Two subsecs. (i) have been enacted.

<sup>3</sup> So in original. No subsec. (j) has been enacted.

(B) provisions under which the Office may provide for—

(i) the payment, to the spouse or children of any individual referred to in the first sentence of paragraph (1), of any amounts which (but for this clause) would otherwise have been nonpayable by reason of such first sentence, subject to paragraph (5); and

(ii) an appropriate adjustment in the amount of any lump-sum payment under the second sentence of paragraph (1) to reflect the application of clause (i).

(5) Regulations to carry out clause (i) of paragraph (4)(B) shall include provisions to ensure that the authority to make any payment under such clause to the spouse or children of an individual shall be available only to the extent that the application of such clause is considered necessary and appropriate taking into account the totality of the circumstances, including the financial needs of the spouse or children, whether the spouse or children participated in an offense described in paragraph (2) of which such individual was finally convicted, and what measures, if any, may be necessary to ensure that the convicted individual does not benefit from any such payment.

(6) For purposes of this subsection—

(A) the terms “finally convicted” and “final conviction” refer to a conviction (i) which has not been appealed and is no longer appealable because the time for taking an appeal has expired, or (ii) which has been appealed and the appeals process for which is completed;

(B) the term “Member” has the meaning given such term by section 2106, notwithstanding section 8401(20); and

(C) the term “child” has the meaning given such term by section 8441.

(Added Pub. L. 99-335, title I, §101(a), June 6, 1986, 100 Stat. 522; amended Pub. L. 99-556, title I, §103, title V, §502(b), Oct. 27, 1986, 100 Stat. 3131, 3140; Pub. L. 100-238, title I, §§104(b), 105(a), Jan. 8, 1988, 101 Stat. 1746; Pub. L. 102-83, §5(c)(2), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 406; Pub. L. 102-242, title IV, §466(b), Dec. 19, 1991, 105 Stat. 2385; Pub. L. 103-82, title III, §371(b)(1), Sept. 21, 1993, 107 Stat. 910; Pub. L. 103-337, div. A, title XVI, §1677(a)(3), Oct. 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 3019; Pub. L. 104-201, div. A, title VI, §637(b), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2580; Pub. L. 106-168, title II, §202(a), Dec. 12, 1999, 113 Stat. 1817; Pub. L. 106-554, §1(a)(4) [div. A, §901(a)(2)], Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2763, 2763A-196; Pub. L. 107-107, div. A, title XI, §1132(b)(1), Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1243; Pub. L. 110-81, title IV, §401(b), Sept. 14, 2007, 121 Stat. 756; Pub. L. 112-105, §15(a)(2), Apr. 4, 2012, 126 Stat. 301.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 204(a)(1) of the Federal Employees' Retirement Contribution Temporary Adjustment Act of 1983 [Pub. L. 98-168], referred to in subsec. (b)(2), is set out as a note under section 8331 of this title.

Subsections (a)(4) and (b) of section 202 of the Federal Employees' Retirement System Act of 1986 [Pub. L. 99-335], referred to in subsec. (b)(3), amended section 8331(1) and (2) of this title.

The Foreign Service Act of 1980, referred to in subsec. (b)(4), is Pub. L. 96-465, Oct. 17, 1980, 94 Stat. 2071. Sub-

chapter II of chapter 8 of the Act probably means subchapter II of chapter 8 of title I of the Act which is classified generally to part II (§4071 et seq.) of subchapter VIII of chapter 52 of Title 22, Foreign Relations and Intercourse. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 3901 of Title 22 and Tables.

Chapter 67 of that title as in effect before the effective date of the Reserve Officer Personnel Management Act, referred to in subsec. (c)(2)(B), means chapter 67 (§1331 et seq.) of Title 10, Armed Forces, prior to its transfer to part II of subtitle E of Title 10, its renumbering as chapter 1223, and its general revision by section 1662(j)(1) of Pub. L. 103-337. A new chapter 67 (§1331) of Title 10 was added by section 1662(j)(7) of Pub. L. 103-337. For effective date of the Reserve Officer Personnel Management Act (Pub. L. 103-337, title XVI), see section 1691 of Pub. L. 103-337, set out as an Effective Date note under section 10001 of Title 10.

Section 10 of the Federal Reserve Act, referred to in subsecs. (g) and (i), is section 10 of act Dec. 23, 1913, ch. 6, 38 Stat. 260. For classification of section 10 to the Code, see Codification note set out under section 241 of Title 12, Banks and Banking, and Tables.

The Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, referred to in subsec. (h), is Pub. L. 88-452, Aug. 20, 1964, 73 Stat. 508. Part A of title VIII of that Act is part A of title VIII of Pub. L. 88-452 as added by Pub. L. 90-222, title I, §110, Dec. 23, 1967, 81 Stat. 722, which was classified generally to part A (§2992 et seq.) of subchapter VIII of chapter 34 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, prior to its repeal by Pub. L. 93-113, title VI, §603, Oct. 1, 1973, 87 Stat. 417. See sections 4951 et seq. and 5055 of Title 42.

The Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, referred to in subsec. (h), is Pub. L. 93-113, Oct. 1, 1973, 87 Stat. 394. Parts A and C of title I of the Act are classified generally to parts A (§4951 et seq.) and C (§4991 et seq.), respectively, of subchapter I of chapter 66 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare. Part B of title I of the Act, which was classified generally to part B (§4971 et seq.) of subchapter I of chapter 66 of Title 42, was repealed by Pub. L. 111-13, title II, §2121, Apr. 21, 2009, 123 Stat. 1584. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 4950 of Title 42 and Tables.

The Peace Corps Act, referred to in subsec. (h), is Pub. L. 87-293, Sept. 22, 1961, 75 Stat. 612, which is classified principally to chapter 34 (§2501 et seq.) of Title 22, Foreign Relations and Intercourse. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 2501 of Title 22 and Tables.

The date of enactment of this paragraph, referred to in subsec. (i)(1), is the date of enactment of Pub. L. 106-554, which was approved Dec. 21, 2000.

The date of enactment of this subsection, referred to in subsec. (l)(2)(C), is the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-81, which was approved Sept. 14, 2007.

##### AMENDMENTS

2012—Subsec. (l)(2)(A), (B). Pub. L. 112-105 inserted “, the President, the Vice President, or an elected official of a State or local government” after “Member”.

2007—Subsec. (l). Pub. L. 110-81 added subsec. (l).

2001—Subsec. (b)(6). Pub. L. 107-107, §1132(b)(1)(A), added par. (6).

Subsec. (k). Pub. L. 107-107, §1132(b)(1)(B), added subsec. (k).

2000—Subsec. (i). Pub. L. 106-554 added subsec. (i) relating to credit for service as congressional employee for certain service before Dec. 31, 1990.

1999—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 106-168, §202(a)(1), in par. (3), struck out “and” at end, in par. (4), substituted “other paragraph” for “of the preceding provisions” and “; and” for period at end, and added par. (5) and concluding provisions.

Subsec. (i). Pub. L. 106-168, §202(a)(2), added subsec. (i) defining “Bank Plan” for purposes of subsec. (b)(5).

1996—Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 104-201, §637(b)(2), in introductory provisions, substituted “Except as provided

in paragraphs (2), (3), and (5)” for “Except as provided in paragraph (2) or (3)”.

Subsec. (c)(5). Pub. L. 104-201, § 637(b)(1), added par. (5).

1994—Subsec. (c)(2)(B). Pub. L. 103-337 substituted “chapter 1223 of title 10 (or under chapter 67 of that title as in effect before the effective date of the Reserve Officer Personnel Management Act)” for “chapter 67 of title 10”.

1993—Subsec. (b)(3). Pub. L. 103-82, § 371(b)(1)(A), substituted “subsection (f) or (h)” for “subsection (f)”.

Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 103-82, § 371(b)(1)(B), added subsec. (h).

1991—Subsec. (c)(2)(A)(ii). Pub. L. 102-83 substituted “section 1101 of title 38” for “section 301 of title 38”.

Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 102-242 added subsec. (g).

1988—Subsec. (c)(4)(A). Pub. L. 100-238, § 104(b), substituted “section 8422(e)(5)” for “subsection (f)(4)” in concluding provisions.

Subsec. (f)(1). Pub. L. 100-238, § 105(a), inserted at end “A deposit under this paragraph may be made only with respect to a refund received pursuant to an application filed with the Office before the date on which the employee or Member first becomes subject to this chapter.”

1986—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 99-556, § 103(1), inserted “except as provided in subsection (f),”.

Subsec. (c)(4). Pub. L. 99-556, § 502(b), added par. (4).

Subsec. (f)(1). Pub. L. 99-556, § 103(2), inserted “(b)(2) or”.

### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2001 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 107-107 applicable only to separations from service as an employee of the United States on or after Dec. 28, 2001, see section 1132(c) of Pub. L. 107-107, set out as a note under section 8332 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1999 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 106-168 effective Dec. 12, 1999, and applicable only to individuals who separate from service subject to chapter 84 of this title on or after Dec. 12, 1999, see section 202(d) of Pub. L. 106-168, set out as a note under section 8402 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1996 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 104-201 effective Jan. 1, 1997, see section 637(c) of Pub. L. 104-201, set out as a note under section 8332 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1994 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 103-337 effective Dec. 1, 1994, except as otherwise provided, see section 1691 of Pub. L. 103-337, set out as an Effective Date note under section 10001 of Title 10, Armed Forces.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1993 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 103-82 effective Oct. 1, 1993, and applicable with respect to any individual entitled to an annuity on the basis of a separation from service occurring before, on, or after Oct. 1, 1993, subject to rule relating to annuities based on earlier separations, see sections 371(c) and 392 of Pub. L. 103-82, set out as notes under section 8332 of this title and section 4951 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, respectively.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1991 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 102-242 applicable with respect to any individual who transfers to a position in which he or she is subject to subchapter III of chapter 83 of this title or chapter 84 of this title, on or after Oct. 1, 1991, see section 466(c) of Pub. L. 102-242, set out as a note under section 8332 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1986 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 502(b) of Pub. L. 99-556 applicable to a survivor of an employee or member who dies

on or after the 180th day after Oct. 27, 1986, and to other survivors upon application, see section 502(c) of Pub. L. 99-556, set out as a note under section 8332 of this title.

### 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.

### RETIREMENT CREDIT FOR CERTAIN GOVERNMENT SERVICE PERFORMED ABROAD

Pub. L. 107-228, div. A, title III, § 321, Sept. 30, 2002, 116 Stat. 1380, provided that:

“(a) RETIREMENT CREDIT FOR CERTAIN GOVERNMENT SERVICE PERFORMED ABROAD.—Subject to subsection (b)(1), credit under chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, shall be allowed for any service performed by an individual if or to the extent that—

“(1) it was performed by such individual—

“(A) after December 31, 1988, and before May 24, 1998;

“(B) at a United States diplomatic mission, consular post (other than a consular agency), or other Foreign Service post abroad; and

“(C) under a temporary appointment pursuant to sections 309 and 311 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 3949 and 3951);

“(2) at the time of performing such service, such individual would have satisfied all eligibility requirements under regulations of the Department (as in effect on the date of the enactment of this Act [Sept. 30, 2002]) for a family member limited noncareer appointment (within the meaning of such regulations, as in effect on such date of enactment), except that, in applying this paragraph, an individual not employed by the Department while performing such service shall be treated as if then so employed;

“(3) such service would have been creditable under section 8411(b)(3) of such title 5 if—

“(A) the service had been performed before January 1, 1989; and

“(B) the deposit requirements of section 8411(f) of such title 5 had been met with respect to such service;

“(4) such service would not otherwise be creditable under the Federal Employees’ Retirement System or any other retirement system for employees of the United States Government (disregarding title II of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 401 et seq.]); and

“(5) the total amount of service performed by such individual (satisfying paragraphs (1) through (4)) is not less than 90 days.

“(b) REQUIREMENTS.—

“(1) REQUIREMENTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL.—In order to receive credit under chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, for any service described in subsection (a), the individual who performed such service (or, if deceased, any person who is or would be eligible for a survivor annuity under the Federal Employees’ Retirement System based on the service of such individual)—

“(A) shall file a written application with the Office of Personnel Management not later than 36 months after the effective date of the regulations prescribed to carry out this section (as specified in those regulations); and

“(B) shall remit to the Office (for deposit in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund) the total amount that, under section 8422 of such title 5, should have been deducted from the basic pay of such individual for such service if such service had then been creditable under such chapter 84.

“(2) GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTIONS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—In addition to any other payment that it is required to make under chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, a department, agency, or other instrumentality of the United States shall remit to the Office of Personnel Management (for deposit in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the Fund) the amount described in subparagraph (B).

“(B) AMOUNT DESCRIBED.—The amount described in this subparagraph is, with respect to a remittance under paragraph (1), the total amount of Government contributions that would, under section 8423 of title 5, United States Code, have been required of the instrumentality involved (to the extent that it was the employing entity during the period of service to which such remittance relates) in connection with such service.

“(C) SPECIAL RULE.—If an amount cannot be remitted under this paragraph because an instrumentality has ceased to exist, such amount shall instead be treated as part of the supplemental liability referred to in section 8423(b)(1)(A) or (B) of title 5, United States Code (whichever would be appropriate).

“(3) RELATED REQUIREMENTS.—Any remittance under paragraph (1) or (2)—

“(A) shall be made in such time, form, and manner as the Office of Personnel Management may by regulation require; and

“(B) shall be computed with interest (in accordance with section 8334(e) of title 5, United States Code, and such requirements as the Office may by regulation prescribe).

“(4) NOTIFICATION AND ASSISTANCE REQUIREMENTS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Office of Personnel Management shall take such action as may be necessary and appropriate to inform individuals entitled to have any service credited under this section, or to have any annuity computed or recomputed under this section, of their entitlement to such credit, computation, or recomputation.

“(B) ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS.—The Office shall, on request, assist any individual referred to in subparagraph (A) in obtaining from any department, agency, or other instrumentality of the United States such information in the possession of such instrumentality as may be necessary to verify the entitlement of such individual to have any service credited, or to have any annuity computed or recomputed, pursuant to this section.

“(C) ASSISTANCE FROM INSTRUMENTALITIES.—Any department, agency, or other instrumentality of the United States that possesses any information with respect to any service described in subsection (a) shall, at the request of the Office, furnish such information to the Office.

“(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) ABROAD.—The term ‘abroad’ has the meaning given such term under section 102 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 3902).

“(2) BASIC PAY.—The term ‘basic pay’ has the meaning given such term under section 8401 of title 5, United States Code.

“(3) CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT AND DISABILITY FUND.—The term ‘Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund’ or ‘Fund’ means the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund under section 8348 of title 5, United States Code.

“(4) TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT.—The term ‘temporary appointment’ means an appointment that is limited by its terms to a period of one year or less.

“(d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be considered to permit or require the making of any contributions to the Thrift Savings Fund that would not otherwise have been permitted or required had this section not been enacted.

“(e) APPLICABILITY.—

“(1) ANNUITIES COMMENCING ON OR AFTER EFFECTIVE DATE OF IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS.—An annuity or survivor annuity—

“(A) which is based on the service of an individual who performed service described in subsection (a), and

“(B) which commences on or after the effective date of the regulations prescribed to carry out this section (as determined under subsection (b)(1)(A)), shall (subject to subsection (b)(1)) be computed taking into account all service described in subsection (a) that was performed by such individual.

“(2) ANNUITIES WITH COMMENCEMENT DATE PRECEDING EFFECTIVE DATE OF IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS.—

“(A) RECOMPUTATION CASES.—An annuity or survivor annuity—

“(i) which is based on the service of an individual who performed service described in subsection (a), and

“(ii) which commences before the effective date referred to in paragraph (1)(B), shall (subject to subsection (b)(1)) be recomputed taking into account all service described in subsection (a) that was performed by such individual.

“(B) OTHER CASES.—An annuity or survivor annuity—

“(i) which is based on the service of an individual who performed service described in subsection (a),

“(ii) the requirements for entitlement which could not be met without taking into account service described in subsection (a), and

“(iii) which (if service described in subsection (a) had been taken into account, and an appropriate application been submitted) would have commenced before the effective date referred to in paragraph (1)(B),

shall (subject to subsection (b)(1)) be computed taking into account all service described in subsection (a) that was performed by such individual.

“(C) RETROACTIVE EFFECT.—Any computation or recomputation of an annuity or survivor annuity pursuant to this paragraph shall—

“(i) if pursuant to subparagraph (A), be effective as of the commencement date of the annuity or survivor annuity involved; and

“(ii) if pursuant to subparagraph (B), be effective as of the commencement date that would have applied if application for the annuity or survivor annuity involved had been submitted on the earliest date possible in order for it to have been approved.

“(D) LUMP-SUM PAYMENT.—Any amounts which by virtue of subparagraph (C) are payable for any months preceding the first month (on or after the effective date referred to in paragraph (1)(B)) as of which annuity or survivor annuity payments become payable fully reflecting the computation or recomputation under subparagraph (A) or (B) (as the case may be) shall be payable in the form of a lump-sum payment.

“(E) ORDER OF PRECEDENCE.—Section 8424(d) of title 5, United States Code, shall apply in the case of any payment under subparagraph (D) payable to an individual who has died.

“(f) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Office of Personnel Management, in consultation with the Secretary, shall prescribe such regulations and take such action as may be necessary and appropriate to implement this section.”

[For definitions of “Department” and “Secretary” as used in section 321 of Pub. L. 107-228, set out above, see section 3 of Pub. L. 107-228, set out as a note under section 2651 of Title 22, Foreign Relations and Intercourse.]

## § 8412. Immediate retirement

(a) An employee or Member who is separated from the service after attaining the applicable minimum retirement age under subsection (h) and completing 30 years of service is entitled to an annuity.

(b) An employee or Member who is separated from the service after becoming 60 years of age