

provided in subsection (b), educational assistance” for “Educational assistance”, and added subsec. (b).

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 110-181 effective as of Oct. 28, 2004, as if included in the enactment of Pub. L. 108-375 to which such amendment related, see section 530(c) of Pub. L. 110-181, set out as a note under section 16164 of this title.

#### § 16166. Administration of program

(a) **ADMINISTRATION.**—Educational assistance under this chapter shall be provided through the Department of Veterans Affairs, under agreements to be entered into by the Secretary of Defense, and by the Secretary of Homeland Security, with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Such agreements shall include administrative procedures to ensure the prompt and timely transfer of funds from the Secretary concerned to the Department of Veterans Affairs for the making of payments under this chapter.

(b) **PROGRAM MANAGEMENT.**—Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the provisions of sections 503, 511, 3470, 3471, 3474, 3476, 3482(g), 3483, and 3485 of title 38 and the provisions of subchapters I and II of chapter 36 of such title (with the exception of sections 3686(a), 3687, and 3692) shall be applicable to the provision of educational assistance under this chapter. The term “eligible veteran” and the term “person”, as used in those provisions, shall be deemed for the purpose of the application of those provisions to this chapter to refer to a person eligible for educational assistance under this chapter.

(c) **FLIGHT TRAINING.**—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may approve the pursuit of flight training (in addition to a course of flight training that may be approved under section 3680A(b) of title 38) by an individual entitled to educational assistance under this chapter if—

(1) such training is generally accepted as necessary for the attainment of a recognized vocational objective in the field of aviation;

(2) the individual possesses a valid private pilot certificate and meets, on the day the member begins a course of flight training, the medical requirements necessary for a commercial pilot certificate; and

(3) the flight school courses meet Federal Aviation Administration standards for such courses and are approved by the Federal Aviation Administration and the State approving agency.

(d) **TRUST FUND.**—Amounts for payments for benefits under this chapter shall be derived from the Department of Defense Education Benefits Fund under section 2006 of this title.

(Added Pub. L. 108-375, div. A, title V, § 527(a), Oct. 28, 2004, 118 Stat. 1893.)

#### § 16167. Sunset

(a) **SUNSET.**—The authority to provide educational assistance under this chapter shall terminate on the date that is four years after the date of the enactment of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016.

(b) **LIMITATION ON PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE PENDING SUNSET.**—Notwithstanding any other

provision of this chapter, during the period beginning on the date of the enactment of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 and ending on the date that is four years after the date of the enactment of that Act, educational assistance may be provided under this chapter only to a member otherwise eligible for educational assistance under this chapter who received educational assistance under this chapter for a course of study at an educational institution for the enrollment period at the educational institution that immediately preceded the date of the enactment of that Act.

(c) **ELIGIBILITY FOR POST-9/11 EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE.**—A member who loses eligibility for benefits under this chapter pursuant to subsection (b) shall be allowed to elect (in such form and manner as the Secretary of Veterans Affairs may prescribe) to have such service previously credited toward this chapter credited towards establishing eligibility for educational assistance under chapter 33 of title 38, notwithstanding the provisions of section 16163(e) of this title or section 3322(h)(1) of title 38.

(Added Pub. L. 114-92, div. A, title V, § 555(a), Nov. 25, 2015, 129 Stat. 824; amended Pub. L. 115-48, title I, § 106(a), Aug. 16, 2017, 131 Stat. 977.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The date of the enactment of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016, referred to in subsecs. (a) and (b), is the date of enactment of Pub. L. 114-92, which was approved Nov. 25, 2015.

##### AMENDMENTS

2017—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 115-48 added subsec. (c).

#### CHAPTER 1608—HEALTH PROFESSIONS STIPEND PROGRAM

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#### § 16201. Financial assistance: health-care professionals in reserve components

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.**—For the purpose of obtaining adequate numbers of commissioned officers in the reserve components who are qualified in health professions, the Secretary of each military department may establish and maintain a program to provide financial assistance under this chapter to persons engaged in training that leads to a degree in medicine or dentistry or training in a health professions specialty that is critically needed in wartime. Under such a program, the Secretary concerned may agree to pay a financial stipend to persons engaged in health care education and training in return for a commitment to subsequent service in the Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserve.

(b) **MEDICAL AND DENTAL SCHOOL STUDENTS.**—(1) Under the stipend program under this chapter, the Secretary of the military department concerned may enter into an agreement with a person who—