

Pub. L. 113–66, div. A, title V, Dec. 26, 2013, 127 Stat. 765, which was formerly set out as a note under section 1788 of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 115–91, div. A, title X, §1081(e), Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1601.

AMENDMENTS

2021—Pub. L. 116–283, §583(a)(1), substituted “Support programs: special operations forces personnel; immediate family members” for “Family support programs: immediate family members of members of special operations forces” in section catchline.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 116–283, §583(a)(2), struck out “for the immediate family members of members of the armed forces assigned to special operations forces” after “family support services”.

Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 116–283, §583(a)(3), substituted “covered individuals” for “the immediate family members of members of the armed forces assigned to special operations forces”.

Subsec. (d)(2)(A). Pub. L. 116–283, §583(a)(4)(A), substituted “covered individuals” for “family members of members of the armed forces assigned to special operations forces”.

Subsec. (d)(2)(B). Pub. L. 116–283, §583(a)(4)(B), substituted “covered individuals” for “family members of members of the armed forces assigned to special operations forces”.

Subsec. (e)(3). Pub. L. 117–81, §1081(a)(24)(A), substituted “section 167(j)” for “section 167(i)”.

Subsec. (e)(4). Pub. L. 117–81, §1081(a)(24)(B), substituted “covered individuals” for “covered personnel”.

Pub. L. 117–81, §561(1), which directed substitution of “covered individuals” for “covered personnel”, could not be executed because of the prior amendment by Pub. L. 117–81, §1081(a)(24)(B). See note above and Coordination of Amendments by Pub. L. 117–81 note below.

Pub. L. 116–283, §583(a)(5)(A), (B), inserted “psychological support, spiritual support, and” before “costs” and substituted “covered personnel” for “immediate family members of members of the armed forces assigned to special operations forces”.

Subsec. (e)(5). Pub. L. 117–81, §1081(a)(24)(C), substituted “covered individuals” for “covered personnel”.

Pub. L. 117–81, §561(2)(A), which directed substitution of “covered individuals” for “covered personnel”, could not be executed because of the prior amendment by Pub. L. 117–81, §1081(a)(24)(C). See note above and Coordination of Amendments by Pub. L. 117–81 note below.

Pub. L. 116–283, §583(a)(5)(C), which directed amendment of subsec. (e)(4) “by adding at the end” par. (5), was executed by adding par. (5) after par. (4), to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

Subsec. (e)(5)(D). Pub. L. 117–81, §561(2)(B)–(D), added subpar. (D).

2019—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 116–92, §1702(c)(1), struck out subsec. (d) which required an annual report regarding the family support programs.

Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 116–92, §1731(a)(28), substituted “Not later than March 1 each year” for “Not later than March 1, 2019, and each March 1 thereafter”.

2018—Subsecs. (a), (b)(1). Pub. L. 115–232, §572(1), substituted “services” for “activities”.

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 115–232, §572(2), substituted “service” for “activity”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 115–232, §572(3), substituted “\$10,000,000” for “\$5,000,000”.

Subsec. (e)(4). Pub. L. 115–232, §572(4), added par. (4).

2017—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 115–91, §555(d)(3), struck out “Pilot” before “Programs” in heading and substituted “programs to provide” for “up to three pilot programs to assess the feasibility and benefits of providing” in text.

Pub. L. 115–91, §555(d)(1), (2), substituted “armed forces” for “Armed Forces” and struck out “pilot” before “program”.

Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 115–91, §555(d)(1), substituted “armed forces” for “Armed Forces”.

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 115–91, §555(d)(2), struck out “pilot” before “program”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 115–91, §555(b)(1), (c), redesignated subsec. (d) as (c) and substituted “, from funds available for Major Force Program 11, to carry out family support programs under this section.” for “specified in subsection (f) to carry out the pilot programs under subsection (a).”

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 115–91, §555(b)(2), added subsec. (d). Former subsec. (d) redesignated (c).

Subsec. (e)(2). Pub. L. 115–91, §555(d)(4)(A), substituted “this title” for “title 10, United States Code”.

Subsec. (e)(3). Pub. L. 115–91, §555(d)(4)(B), substituted “this title” for “such title”.

Pub. L. 115–91, §555(d)(1), substituted “armed forces” for “Armed Forces”.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2019 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 116–92, div. A, title XVII, §1702(c)(2), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 1796, provided that: “The amendment made by paragraph (1) [amending this section] shall take effect on December 30, 2021.”

COORDINATION OF AMENDMENTS BY PUB. L. 117–81

Amendment by section 1081 of Pub. L. 117–81 to be treated as having been enacted immediately before amendments by other provisions of Pub. L. 117–81, see section 1081(d) of Pub. L. 117–81, set out as a Coordination of Certain Sections of an Act With Other Provisions of That Act note under section 101 of this title.

§1789. Chaplain-led programs: authorized support

(a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary of a military department may provide support services described in subsection (b) to support a chaplain-led program to assist a covered individual in building and maintaining a strong family structure, or to support the resiliency, suicide prevention, or holistic wellness of such covered individual.

(b) **AUTHORIZED SUPPORT SERVICES.**—The support services referred to in subsection (a) are costs of transportation, food, lodging, child care, supplies, fees, and training materials for a covered individual while participating in a program referred to in that subsection, including participation at a retreat or conference.

(c) **COVERED INDIVIDUAL DEFINED.**—In this section, the term “covered individual” means—

- (1) a member of the armed forces on active duty;
- (2) a member of the reserve components in an active status; or
- (3) a dependent of an individual described in paragraph (1) or (2).

(Added Pub. L. 108–136, div. A, title V, §582(a)(1), Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1489; amended Pub. L. 117–263, div. A, title V, §571(a), Dec. 23, 2022, 136 Stat. 2600; Pub. L. 118–31, div. A, title XVIII, §1801(a)(17), Dec. 22, 2023, 137 Stat. 684.)

Editorial Notes

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2023—Subsec. (c)(3). Pub. L. 118–31 substituted “paragraph (1) or (2)” for “subparagraph (A) or (B)”.

2022—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 117–263, §571(a)(1), substituted “a chaplain-led program to assist a covered individual” for “chaplain-led programs to assist members of the armed forces on active duty and their immediate family members, and members of reserve components

in an active status and their immediate family members,” and inserted “, or to support the resiliency, suicide prevention, or holistic wellness of such covered individual” after “structure”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 117-263, §571(a)(2), substituted “a covered individual” for “members of the armed forces and their family members”, “a program” for “programs”, and “a retreat or conference” for “retreats and conferences”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 117-263, §571(a)(3), added subsec. (c) and struck out former subsec. (c) which defined “immediate family members”.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 108-136, div. A, title V, §582(b), Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1490, provided that: “Section 1789 of title 10, United States Code, as added by subsection (a), shall take effect on October 1, 2003.”

§ 1790. Military personnel citizenship processing

Using funds provided for operation and maintenance and notwithstanding section 2215 of this title, the Secretary of Defense may reimburse the Secretary of Homeland Security for costs associated with the processing and adjudication by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) of applications for naturalization described in sections 328(b)(4) and 329(b)(4) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1439(b)(4) and 1440(b)(4)). Such reimbursements shall be deposited and remain available as provided by subsections (m) and (n) of section 286 of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1356). Such reimbursements shall be based on actual costs incurred by USCIS for processing applications for naturalization, and shall not exceed \$7,500,000 per fiscal year.

(Added Pub. L. 112-74, div. A, title VIII, §8070(a), Dec. 23, 2011, 125 Stat. 822; amended Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title X, §1076(f)(22), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1953.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2013—Pub. L. 112-239, in section catchline, substituted “Military personnel citizenship processing” for “MILITARY PERSONNEL CITIZENSHIP PROCESSING”, and in text, struck out “AUTHORIZATION OF PAYMENTS.—” before “Using funds” and substituted “this title” for “title 10, United States Code”, “8 U.S.C. 1439(b)(4)” for “8 U.S.C. §§1439(b)(4)”, and “subsections (m) and (n) of section 286 of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1356)” for “sections 286(m) and (n) of such Act (8 U.S.C. §1356(m))”.

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1999—Pub. L. 106-65, div. A, title V, §584(a)(2), Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 636, added items 1798, 1799, and 1800 and struck out former item 1798 “Definitions”.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

OUTREACH CAMPAIGN RELATING TO WAITING LISTS FOR MILITARY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS; ANNUAL BRIEFING

Pub. L. 118-31, div. A, title V, §585, Dec. 22, 2023, 137 Stat. 281, as amended by Pub. L. 118-159, div. A, title V, §§585, 586, Dec. 23, 2024, 138 Stat. 1912, provided that:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretaries of the military departments, shall develop a campaign to conduct outreach, not less than once every six months, to inform individuals eligible for child care services under chapter 88 of title 10, United States Code, including child care employees—

“(1) how to—

“(A) join a waiting list for child care services at a military child development center; and

“(B) check the position of such an individual on such waiting list; and

“(2) of—

“(A) what factors affect positions on such waiting list;

“(B) the process to prioritize such individuals to receive child care services at a military child development center;

“(C) the fee schedule for child care services at a military child development center; and

“(D) options for child care services available to such individuals other than military child development centers, including a provider eligible for financial assistance under section 1798 of title 10, United States Code, or pilot programs at the duty station of such member, if applicable.

“(b) ANNUAL BRIEFING.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 22, 2023], and on an annual basis thereafter for five years, the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretaries of the military departments, shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the Senate a briefing that includes, for each military department—

“(1) with regards to the 20 military installations with the longest waiting lists for child care services at military child development centers—

“(A) the number of children on each waiting list;

“(B) the available total capacity for child care services at each such military child development center, disaggregated by infants, pre-toddlers, toddlers, and pre-school children;

“(C) an accounting of the total unduplicated and unmet need for child care within each metropolitan region represented by a military installation described in subparagraph (A); and

“(D) the determination of the Secretary of Defense whether insufficient staffing or issues relating to maintenance contribute to the length of such waiting lists; and

“(2) an accounting of the efforts of the Secretary of Defense to mitigate child care shortages in order to shorten waiting lists and address unmet need for child care across the Department of Defense.

“(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms ‘child care employee’ and ‘military child development center’ have the meanings given such terms in section 1800 of title 10, United States Code.”

§ 1791. Funding for military child care

(a) POLICY.—It is the policy of Congress that the amount of appropriated funds available dur-