

resented by counsel at proceedings before the board; and

(4) shall be allowed full access to, and shall be furnished copies of, records relevant to the officer's case, except that the board shall withhold any record that the Secretary determines should be withheld in the interest of national security.

(b) SUMMARY OF RECORDS WITHHELD IN INTEREST OF NATIONAL SECURITY.—When a record is withheld under subsection (a)(4), the officer whose case is under consideration shall, to the extent that the interest of national security permits, be furnished a summary of the record so withheld.

(Added Pub. L. 118-31, div. A, title XVII, §1719, Dec. 22, 2023, 137 Stat. 661.)

§ 20505. Officer considered for removal: voluntary retirement or discharge

(a) IN GENERAL.—At any time during proceedings under this chapter with respect to the removal of an officer from a space force active status, the Secretary of the Air Force may grant a request by the officer—

(1) for voluntary retirement, if the officer is qualified for retirement; or

(2) for discharge in accordance with subsection (b)(2).

(b) RETIREMENT OR DISCHARGE.—An officer removed from a space force active status under section 20503 of this title shall—

(1) if eligible for voluntary retirement under any provision of law on the date of such removal, be retired in the grade and with the retired pay for which the officer would be eligible if retired under such provision; and

(2) if ineligible for voluntary retirement under any provision of law on the date of such removal—

(A) be honorably discharged in the grade then held, in the case of an officer whose case was brought under subsection (a) of section 20501 of this title; or

(B) be discharged in the grade then held, in the case of an officer whose case was brought under subsection (b) of section 20501 of this title.

(c) SEPARATION PAY FOR DISCHARGED OFFICER.—An officer who is discharged under subsection (b)(2) is entitled, if eligible therefor, to separation pay under section 1174(a)(2) of this title.

(Added Pub. L. 118-31, div. A, title XVII, §1719, Dec. 22, 2023, 137 Stat. 661.)

§ 20506. Officers eligible to serve on retention boards

(a) IN GENERAL.—The provisions of section 1187 of this title apply to the membership of boards convened under this chapter in the same manner as to the membership of boards convened under chapter 60 of this title.

(b) RETIRED AIR FORCE OFFICERS.—

(1) AUTHORITY.—In applying subsection (b) of section 1187 of this title to a board convened under this chapter, the Secretary of the Air Force may appoint retired officers of the Air

Force, in addition to retired officers of the Space Force, to complete the membership of the board.

(2) LIMITATION.—A retired officer of the Air Force may be appointed to a board under paragraph (1) only if the officer served in a space-related career field of the Air Force for sufficient time such that the Secretary of the Air Force determines that the retired Air Force officer has adequate knowledge concerning the standards of performance and conduct required of an officer of the Space Force.

(Added Pub. L. 118-31, div. A, title XVII, §1719, Dec. 22, 2023, 137 Stat. 662.)

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§ 20601. Officers: voluntary retirement for length of service

(a) TWENTY YEARS OR MORE.—The Secretary of the Air Force may, upon the officer's request, retire a commissioned officer of the Space Force who has at least 20 years of service computed under section 20602 of this title, at least 10 years of which have been active service as a commissioned officer.

(b) THIRTY YEARS OR MORE.—A commissioned officer of the Space Force who has at least 30 years of service computed under section 20602 of this title may be retired upon the officer's request, in the discretion of the President.

(c) FORTY YEARS OR MORE.—Except as provided in section 20503 of this title, a commissioned officer of the Space Force who has at least 40 years of service computed under section 20602 of this title shall be retired upon the officer's request.

(Added Pub. L. 118-31, div. A, title XVII, §1719A(a), Dec. 22, 2023, 137 Stat. 662.)

§ 20602. Officers: computation of years of service for voluntary retirement

(a) YEARS OF ACTIVE SERVICE.—For the purpose of determining whether an officer of the Space Force may be retired under section 20601 of this title, the officer's years of service are computed by adding all active service in the armed forces.

(b) REFERENCE TO SECTION EXCLUDING SERVICE DURING CERTAIN PERIODS.—Section 972(b) of this title excludes from computation of an officer's years of service for purposes of this section any time identified with respect to that officer under that section.

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