

(Added Pub. L. 111-383, div. A, title V, § 593(a), Jan. 7, 2011, 124 Stat. 4232, § 9314a; amended Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title V, § 589(b), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1769; Pub. L. 114-92, div. A, title V, § 558, title X, § 1081(a)(13), Nov. 25, 2015, 129 Stat. 827, 1001; Pub. L. 115-91, div. A, title V, § 581(a)-(d)(1), Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1414, 1415; renumbered § 9414a and amended Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §§ 806(a)(3), 809(a), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1832, 1840.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232, § 806(a)(3), renumbered section 9314a of this title as this section.

Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 115-232, § 809(a), substituted “section 9414” for “section 9314”.

2017—Pub. L. 115-91, § 581(d)(1), amended section catchline generally. Prior to amendment, catchline read as follows: “United States Air Force Institute of Technology: admission of defense industry civilians”.

Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 115-91, § 581(b)(1)(A), (c)(1), substituted “a covered private sector employee” for “defense industry employees described in subsection (b)”, “A covered private sector employee” for “Any such defense industry employee”, and “a defense-focused or homeland security-focused” for “a defense focused”.

Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 115-91, § 581(b)(1)(B), substituted “covered private sector employees” for “defense industry employees”.

Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 115-91, § 581(b)(1)(C), substituted “covered private sector employee” for “defense industry employee” in two places.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 115-91, § 581(a), amended subsec. (b) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “For purposes of this section, an eligible defense industry employee is an individual employed by a private firm that is engaged in providing to the Department of Defense significant and substantial defense-related systems, products, or services. A defense industry employee admitted for instruction at the United States Air Force Institute of Technology remains eligible for such instruction only so long as that person remains employed by the same firm.”

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 115-91, § 581(b)(2), in introductory provisions, substituted “A covered private sector employee” for “Defense industry employees” and “covered private sector employees” for “defense industry employees”.

Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 115-91, § 581(b)(3), (c)(2)(A), substituted “a covered private sector employee” for “defense industry employees” and inserted “or homeland security” after “and defense”.

Subsec. (d)(2). Pub. L. 115-91, § 581(c)(2)(B), inserted “or the Department of Homeland Security, as applicable” before period at end.

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 115-91, § 581(b)(4), substituted “covered private sector employees” for “defense industry employees”.

2015—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 114-92, § 1081(a)(13), substituted “only so long as” for “only so long at”.

Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 114-92, § 558, substituted “will not require an increase in the permanently authorized size of the faculty” for “will be done on a space-available basis and not require an increase in the size of the faculty”.

2013—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 112-239, § 589(b)(1), inserted “or professional continuing education certificate” after “graduate degree”.

Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 112-239, § 589(b)(2), inserted “or an appropriate professional continuing education certificate, as applicable” before period at end.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 115-232 effective Feb. 1, 2019, with provision for the coordination of amendments and

special rule for certain redesignations, see section 800 of Pub. L. 115-232, set out as a note preceding section 3001 of this title.

§ 9414b. United States Air Force Institute of Technology: administration

(a) DIRECTOR AND CHANCELLOR.—

(1) SELECTION.—The Director and Chancellor of the United States Air Force Institute of Technology shall be selected by the Secretary of the Air Force.

(2) ELIGIBILITY.—The Director and Chancellor shall be one of the following:

(A) An officer of the Air Force or the Space Force on active duty in a grade not below the grade of colonel who possesses such qualifications as the Secretary considers appropriate and is assigned or detailed to such position.

(B) A member of the Senior Executive Service or a civilian individual, including an individual who was retired from the Air Force or the Space Force in a grade not below brigadier general, who has the qualifications appropriate for the position of Director and Chancellor and is selected by the Secretary as the best qualified from among candidates for the position in accordance with a process and criteria determined by the Secretary.

(3) TERM FOR CIVILIAN DIRECTOR AND CHANCELLOR.—An individual selected for the position of Director and Chancellor under paragraph (2)(B) shall serve in that position for a term of not more than five years and may be continued in that position for an additional term of up to five years.

(b) PROVOST AND CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—There is established at the United States Air Force Institute of Technology the civilian position of Provost and Chief Academic Officer who shall be selected by the Secretary.

(2) TERM.—An individual selected for the position of Provost and Chief Academic Officer shall serve in that position for a term of not more than five years and may be continued in that position for an additional term of up to five years.

(3) COMPENSATION.—The individual serving as Provost and Chief Academic Officer is entitled to such compensation for such service as the Secretary shall prescribe for purposes of this section, but not more than the rate of compensation authorized for level IV of the Executive Schedule.

(Added Pub. L. 112-81, div. A, title V, § 554(a), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1414, § 9314b; renumbered § 9414b, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, § 806(a)(3), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1832; amended Pub. L. 116-92, div. A, title V, § 556(a), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 1392; Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title IX, § 923(d)(5), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3814; Pub. L. 117-263, div. A, title V, § 554(b), Dec. 23, 2022, 136 Stat. 2594; Pub. L. 118-159, div. A, title V, § 521(l), Dec. 23, 2024, 138 Stat. 1882.)

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REFERENCES IN TEXT

Level IV of the Executive Schedule, referred to in subsec. (b)(3), is set out in section 5315 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

AMENDMENTS

2024—Subsec. (a)(2)(B). Pub. L. 118-159 struck out “or the equivalent grade in the Space Force” after “brigadier general”.

2022—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 117-263, §554(b)(2), substituted “Chief Academic Officer” for “Academic Dean” wherever appearing.

Pub. L. 117-263, §554(b)(1), substituted “Chief Academic Officer” for “Academic Dean” in heading.

Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 117-263, §554(b)(3), substituted “selected” for “appointed”.

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 117-263, §554(b)(4), added par. (2) and struck out former par. (2). Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “An individual appointed to the position of Provost and Academic Dean shall serve in that position for a term of five years.”

2021—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 116-283, §923(d)(5)(A), inserted “or the Space Force” after “the Air Force” in two places.

Subsec. (a)(2)(B). Pub. L. 116-283, §923(d)(5)(B), inserted “or the equivalent grade in the Space Force” after “brigadier general”.

2019—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 116-92, §556(a)(1), (2), substituted “DIRECTOR AND CHANCELLOR” for “COMMANDANT” in heading and “Director and Chancellor” for “Commandant” wherever appearing in text.

Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 116-92, §556(a)(3), which directed substitution of “DIRECTOR AND CHANCELLOR” for “COMMANDANT” in heading, was executed by substituting “DIRECTOR AND CHANCELLOR” for “COMMANDANT” to reflect the probable intent of Congress and conform the style of paragraph headings to that used in this title.

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 9314b of this title as this section.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

CHANGE OF NAME

Pub. L. 116-92, div. A, title V, §556(c), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 1392, provided that: “Any reference in any law, regulation, map, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the Commandant of the United States Air Force Institute of Technology shall be deemed to be a reference to the Director and Chancellor of the United States Air Force Institute of Technology.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 115-232 effective Feb. 1, 2019, with provision for the coordination of amendments and special rule for certain redesignations, see section 800 of Pub. L. 115-232, set out as a note preceding section 3001 of this title.

§ 9415. Community College of the Air Force: associate degrees

(a) ESTABLISHMENT AND MISSION.—There is in the Department of the Air Force a Community College of the Air Force. Such college, in cooperation with civilian colleges and universities, shall—

(1) prescribe programs of higher education for enlisted members described in subsection (b) designed to improve the technical, managerial, and related skills of such members and to prepare such members for military jobs which require the utilization of such skills; and

(2) monitor on a continuing basis the progress of members pursuing such programs.

(b) MEMBERS ELIGIBLE FOR PROGRAMS.—Subject to such other eligibility requirements as the Secretary concerned may prescribe, the following members of the armed forces are eligible to participate in programs of higher education under subsection (a)(1):

(1) Enlisted members of the Air Force or the Space Force.

(2) Enlisted members of the armed forces other than the Air Force or the Space Force who are serving as instructors at Department of the Air Force training schools.

(3) Enlisted members of the armed forces other than the Air Force or the Space Force who are participating in Community College of the Air Force affiliated joint-service training and education courses.

(c) SERIOUSLY WOUNDED, ILL, OR INJURED FORMER AND RETIRED ENLISTED MEMBERS.—(1) The Secretary of the Air Force may authorize participation in a program of higher education under subsection (a)(1) by a person who is a former or retired enlisted member of the armed forces who at the time of the person’s separation from active duty—

(A) had commenced but had not completed a program of higher education under subsection (a)(1); and

(B) is categorized by the Secretary concerned as seriously wounded, ill, or injured.

(2) For purposes of this subsection, a person who may be categorized as seriously wounded, ill, or injured is a person with a serious injury or illness (as that term is defined in section 1602(8) of the Wounded Warrior Act (title XVI of Public Law 110-181; 10 U.S.C. 1071 note)).

(3) A person may not be authorized under paragraph (1) to participate in a program of higher education after the end of the 10-year period beginning on the date of the person’s separation from active duty.

(4) The Secretary may not pay the tuition for participation in a program of higher education under subsection (a)(1) of a person participating in such program pursuant to an authorization under paragraph (1).

(d) ASSOCIATE DEGREES.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), an academic degree at the level of associate may be conferred under section 9417 of this title upon any person who has completed a program prescribed by the Community College of the Air Force.

(2) No degree may be conferred upon any person under this section unless the Secretary of Education determines that the standards for the award of academic degrees in agencies of the United States have been met.

(Added Pub. L. 94-361, title VI, §602, July 14, 1976, 90 Stat. 928, §9315; amended Pub. L. 96-513, title V, §514(9), Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2935; Pub. L. 103-160, div. A, title XI, §1182(a)(12), Nov. 30, 1993, 107 Stat. 1772; Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title X, §1078(a), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 451; Pub. L. 105-85, div. A, title V, §552(a), (b), Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 1748; Pub. L. 108-375, div. A, title V, §556(b), Oct. 28, 2004, 118 Stat. 1915; Pub. L. 112-81, div. A, title V, §555(a), (b), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1415; renumbered §9415 and amended Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §§806(a)(3), 809(a), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1832, 1840; Pub. L.