

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**EXPANSION OF POSTGRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBERS OF COAST GUARD IN MEDICAL AND RELATED FIELDS**

Pub. L. 117-263, div. K, title CXIV, § 11413(a), (b), Dec. 23, 2022, 136 Stat. 4120, provided that:

“(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Commandant [of the Coast Guard] shall expand opportunities for members of the Coast Guard to secure postgraduate degrees in medical and related professional disciplines for the purpose of supporting Coast Guard clinics and operations.

“(b) **APPLICATION OF LAW.**—Individuals who receive assistance pursuant to subsection (a) shall be subject to the service obligations required under section 2114 of title 10, United States Code.”

COAST GUARD GRADUATE MARITIME OPERATIONS EDUCATION

Pub. L. 114-120, title II, § 213, Feb. 8, 2016, 130 Stat. 42, provided that: “Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act [Feb. 8, 2016], the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating shall establish an education program, for members and employees of the Coast Guard, that—

“(1) offers a master’s degree in maritime operations;

“(2) is relevant to the professional development of such members and employees;

“(3) provides resident and distant education options, including the ability to utilize both options; and

“(4) to the greatest extent practicable, is conducted using existing academic programs at an accredited public academic institution that—

“(A) is located near a significant number of Coast Guard, maritime, and other Department of Homeland Security law enforcement personnel; and

“(B) has an ability to simulate operations normally conducted at a command center.”

§ 2771. Attendance at professional meetings

Coast Guard personnel may be directed to attend meetings of technical, professional, scientific, and other similar organizations and may be reimbursed for expenses thereby incurred at the rates authorized by law.

(Aug. 4, 1949, ch. 393, 63 Stat. 532, § 471; renumbered § 2771, Pub. L. 115-282, title I, § 116(b), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4226.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

It is believed that the authority contained in this section will greatly benefit the Government in providing better trained personnel. A similar provision was enacted for personnel of the Navy in 1946 (see title 5, U.S.C., 1946 ed., § 421c). 81st Congress, House Report No. 557.

Editorial Notes**AMENDMENTS**

2018—Pub. L. 115-282 renumbered section 471 of this title as this section.

§ 2772. Education loan repayment program for members on active duty in specified military specialties

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—

(1) **REPAYMENT.**—Subject to the provisions of this section, the Secretary may repay—

(A) any loan made, insured, or guaranteed under part B of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1071 et seq.);

(B) any loan made under part D of such title (the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program, 20 U.S.C. 1087a et seq.);

(C) any loan made under part E of such title (20 U.S.C. 1087aa et seq.); or

(D) any loan incurred for educational purposes made by a lender that is—

(i) an agency or instrumentality of a State;

(ii) a financial or credit institution (including an insurance company) that is subject to examination and supervision by an agency of the United States or any State;

(iii) a pension fund approved by the Secretary for purposes of this section; or

(iv) a nonprofit private entity designated by a State, regulated by such State, and approved by the Secretary for purposes of this section.

(2) **REQUIREMENT.**—Repayment of any such loan shall be made on the basis of each complete year of service performed by the borrower.

(3) **ELIGIBILITY.**—The Secretary may repay loans described in paragraph (1) in the case of any person for service performed on active duty as a member in an officer program or military specialty specified by the Secretary.

(b) **AMOUNT.**—The portion or amount of a loan that may be repaid under subsection (a) is 33⅓ percent or \$1,500, whichever is greater, for each year of service.

(c) **INTEREST ACCRUAL.**—If a portion of a loan is repaid under this section for any year, interest on the remainder of such loan shall accrue and be paid in the same manner as is otherwise required.

(d) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize refunding any repayment of a loan.

(e) **FRACTIONAL CREDIT FOR TRANSFER.**—An individual who transfers from service making the individual eligible for repayment of loans under this section (as described in subsection (a)(3)) to service making the individual eligible for repayment of loans under section 16301 of title 10 (as described in subsection (a)(2) or (g) of that section) during a year shall be eligible to have repaid a portion of such loan determined by giving appropriate fractional credit for each portion of the year so served, in accordance with regulations of the Secretary concerned.

(f) **SCHEDULE FOR ALLOCATION.**—The Secretary shall prescribe a schedule for the allocation of funds made available to carry out the provisions of this section and section 16301 of title 10 during any year for which funds are not sufficient to pay the sum of the amounts eligible for repayment under subsection (a) and section 16301(a) of title 10.

(g) **FAILURE TO COMPLETE PERIOD OF SERVICE.**—Except an individual described in subsection (e) who transfers to service making the individual eligible for repayment of loans under section 16301 of title 10, a member of the Coast Guard who fails to complete the period of service required to qualify for loan repayment under this section shall be subject to the repayment provisions of section 303a(e) or 373 of title 37.

(h) **AUTHORITY TO ISSUE REGULATIONS.**—The Secretary may prescribe procedures for implementing this section, including standards for qualified loans and authorized payees and other