

(1) other transportation facilities are inadequate and cannot be made adequate;

(2) a reasonable effort has been made to induce operators of private facilities to provide the necessary transportation; and

(3) the service to be furnished will make proper use of transportation facilities and will supply the most efficient transportation to the individuals concerned.

(c) To provide transportation under subsection (a), the Secretary may—

(1) buy, lease, or charter motor vehicles or water carriers having a seating capacity of 12 or more passengers;

(2) maintain and operate that equipment by enlisted members or employees of the Coast Guard, or by private individuals under contract; and

(3) lease or charter the equipment to private or public carriers for operation under terms that are considered necessary by the Secretary or by an officer designated by the Secretary, and that may provide for the pooling of government-owned and privately owned equipment and facilities and for the reciprocal use of that equipment.

(d) Fares received under subsection (a), and proceeds of the leasing or chartering of equipment under subsection (c)(3), shall be covered into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts.

(Added Pub. L. 96-376, §10(a), Oct. 3, 1980, 94 Stat. 1510, §660; amended Pub. L. 99-145, title XVI, §1623, Nov. 8, 1985, 99 Stat. 778; Pub. L. 99-550, §2(e), Oct. 27, 1986, 100 Stat. 3070; renumbered §2779, Pub. L. 115-282, title I, §116(b), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4226; Pub. L. 116-283, div. G, title LVXXXV [LXXXV], §8505(a)(46), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4750.)

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AMENDMENTS

2021—Subsecs. (a), (b)(3), (c)(2). Pub. L. 116-283 substituted “individuals” for “persons” wherever appearing.

2018—Pub. L. 115-282 renumbered section 660 of this title as this section.

1986—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 99-550 struck out subsec. (e) which provided that passenger motor vehicles of the United States could be used to provide transportation between the residence and place of work of the Commandant. See section 1344 of Title 31, Money and Finance.

1985—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 99-145 added subsec. (e).

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1985 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 99-145, title XVI, §1623, Nov. 8, 1985, 99 Stat. 778, provided that the amendment made by that section is effective Oct. 1, 1985.

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PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior analysis for chapter 29 “REPORTS” consisted of items 2901 “Transmission of annual Coast Guard authorization request”, 2902 “Capital investment plan”, 2903 “Major acquisitions”, 2904 “Manpower requirements plan”, 2905 “Annual performance report”, and 2906 “Major acquisition program risk assessment”, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 115-282, title I, §117(a), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4229.

AMENDMENTS

2022—Pub. L. 117-263, div. K, title CXIV, §11401(c)(1)(B), Dec. 23, 2022, 136 Stat. 4108, added item 2927.

2021—Pub. L. 116-283, div. G, title LVXXXII [LXXXII], §8237(b)(2), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4665, which directed amendment of the analysis for this chapter by adding item 2926 “at the end”, was executed by adding the item after item 2925, which item was at the end of the items for subchapter II of this chapter, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

2018—Pub. L. 115-282, title I, §117(a), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4230, inserted chapter 29 designation and heading and added items 2901 to 2947.

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AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-282, title I, §117(c)(1), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4231, inserted subchapter I designation and heading.

§ 2901. Work-life policies and programs

The Commandant is authorized—

(1) to establish an office for the purpose of developing, promulgating, and coordinating policies, programs, and activities related to the families of Coast Guard members;

(2) to implement and oversee policies, programs, and activities described in paragraph (1) as the Commandant considers necessary; and

(3) to perform such other duties as the Commandant considers necessary.

(Added Pub. L. 113-281, title II, §214(a), Dec. 18, 2014, 128 Stat. 3029, §531; renumbered §2901, Pub.

L. 115-282, title I, §117(b), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4230.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2901 was renumbered section 5101 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-282 renumbered section 531 of this title as this section.

§ 2902. Surveys of Coast Guard families

(a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Commandant, in order to determine the effectiveness of Federal policies, programs, and activities related to the families of Coast Guard members, may survey—

- (1) any Coast Guard member;
- (2) any retired Coast Guard member;
- (3) the immediate family of any Coast Guard member or retired Coast Guard member; and
- (4) any survivor of a deceased Coast Guard member.

(b) **VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION.**—Participation in any survey conducted under subsection (a) shall be voluntary.

(c) **FEDERAL RECORDKEEPING.**—Each individual surveyed under subsection (a) shall be considered an employee of the United States for purposes of section 3502(3)(A)(i) of title 44.

(Added Pub. L. 113-281, title II, §214(a), Dec. 18, 2014, 128 Stat. 3029, §532; renumbered §2902, Pub. L. 115-282, title I, §117(b), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4230; amended Pub. L. 116-283, div. G, title LVXXXV [LXXXV], §8505(a)(47), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4750.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2902 was renumbered section 5102 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2021—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 116-283 substituted “individual” for “person”.

2018—Pub. L. 115-282 renumbered section 532 of this title as this section.

§ 2903. Reimbursement for adoption expenses

(a) **AUTHORIZATION TO REIMBURSE.**—The Secretary shall carry out a program under which a member of the Coast Guard may be reimbursed, as provided in this section, for qualifying adoption expenses incurred by the member in the adoption of a child under 18 years of age.

(b) **ADOPTIONS COVERED.**—An adoption for which expenses may be reimbursed under this section includes an adoption by a single individual, an infant adoption, an intercountry adoption, and an adoption of a child with special needs (as defined in section 473(c) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 673(c))).

(c) **BENEFITS PAID AFTER ADOPTION IS FINAL.**—Benefits paid under this section in the case of an adoption may be paid only after the adoption is final.

(d) **TREATMENT OF OTHER BENEFITS.**—A benefit may not be paid under this section for any expense paid to or for a member of the Coast

Guard under any other adoption benefits program administered by the Federal Government or under any such program administered by a State or local government.

(e) **LIMITATIONS.**—(1) Not more than \$2,000 may be paid under this section to a member of the Coast Guard, or to two such members who are spouses of each other, for expenses incurred in the adoption of a child.

(2) Not more than \$5,000 may be paid under this section to a member of the Coast Guard, or to two such members who are spouses of each other, for adoptions by such member (or members) in any calendar year.

(f) **REGULATIONS.**—The Secretary shall prescribe regulations to carry out this section.

(g) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) The term “qualifying adoption expenses” means reasonable and necessary expenses that are directly related to the legal adoption of a child under 18 years of age, but only if such adoption is arranged by a qualified adoption agency. Such term does not include any expense incurred—

(A) by an adopting parent for travel; or

(B) in connection with an adoption arranged in violation of Federal, State, or local law.

(2) The term “reasonable and necessary expenses” includes—

(A) public and private agency fees, including adoption fees charged by an agency in a foreign country;

(B) placement fees, including fees charged adoptive parents for counseling;

(C) legal fees (including court costs) in connection with services that are unavailable to a member of the Coast Guard under section 1044 or 1044a of title 10; and

(D) medical expenses, including hospital expenses of the biological mother of the child to be adopted and of a newborn infant to be adopted.

(3) The term “qualified adoption agency” means any of the following:

(A) A State or local government agency which has responsibility under State or local law for child placement through adoption.

(B) A nonprofit, voluntary adoption agency which is authorized by State or local law to place children for adoption.

(C) Any other source authorized by a State to provide adoption placement if the adoption is supervised by a court under State or local law.

(Added Pub. L. 102-190, div. A, title VI, §651(b)(1), Dec. 5, 1991, 105 Stat. 1386, §514; amended Pub. L. 102-484, div. A, title X, §1054(g), Oct. 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 2503; Pub. L. 104-201, div. A, title VI, §652(b), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2582; renumbered §541, Pub. L. 113-281, title II, §214(b)(1)(A), Dec. 18, 2014, 128 Stat. 3033; renumbered §2903, Pub. L. 115-282, title I, §117(b), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4230; Pub. L. 116-283, div. G, title LVXXXV [LXXXV], §8505(a)(48), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4750.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2903 was renumbered section 5103 of this title.