

## EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAMILY CHILD CARE

Pub. L. 116-283, div. G, title LVXXXII [LXXXII], § 8238, Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4665, provided that: “Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act [Jan. 1, 2021], the Commandant [of the Coast Guard] shall—

“(1) establish a procedure to allow Coast Guard family child care centers to occur at off-base housing, including off-base housing owned or subsidized by the Coast Guard; and

“(2) establish a procedure to ensure that all requirements with respect to such family child care programs are met, including home inspections.”

[For definition of “Coast Guard family child care center” used in section 8238 of Pub. L. 116-283, set out above, see section 8239 of Pub. L. 116-283, set out as a note below.]

## USE OF COAST GUARD AND MILITARY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

Pub. L. 108-293, title II, § 225, Aug. 9, 2004, 118 Stat. 1040, provided that: “The Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating, when operating other than as a service in the Navy, may agree to provide child care services to members of the armed forces, with reimbursement, in Coast Guard and military child development centers supported in whole or in part with appropriated funds. For purposes of military child development centers operated under the authority of subchapter II of chapter 88 of title 10, United States Code, the child of a member of the Coast Guard shall be considered the same as the child of a member of any of the other armed forces.”

## DEFINITIONS

Pub. L. 116-283, div. G, title LVXXXII [LXXXII], § 8239, Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4665, provided that: “In this subtitle [subtitle C (§§8231-8239) of title LVXXXII [LXXXII] of div. G of Pub. L. 116-283, enacting section 2926 of this title, amending this section and section 2923 of this title, and enacting provisions set out as notes above]:

“(1) COAST GUARD CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER.—The term ‘Coast Guard child development center’ has the meaning given that term in section 2921(3) of title 14, United States Code.

“(2) COAST GUARD FAMILY CHILD CARE CENTER.—The term ‘Coast Guard family child care center’ means a location at which family home daycare is provided.

“(3) FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDER.—The term ‘family child care provider’ means an individual who provides family home daycare.

“(4) FAMILY HOME DAYCARE.—The term ‘family home daycare’ has the meaning given that term in section 2921(5) of title 14, United States Code.

“(5) QUALIFIED FAMILY.—The term ‘qualified family’ means any regular, reserve, or retired member of the Coast Guard, and any civilian employee of the Coast Guard, with one or more dependents.”

**§ 2923. Child development center standards and inspections**

(a) STANDARDS.—The Commandant shall require each Coast Guard child development center to meet standards of operation—

(1) that the Commandant considers appropriate to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the children and employees at the center; and

(2) necessary for accreditation by an appropriate national early childhood programs accrediting entity.

(b) INSPECTIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not less than twice annually, the Commandant shall ensure that each Coast Guard child development center is subject to an unannounced inspection.

(2) RESPONSIBILITY FOR INSPECTIONS.—Of the biannual inspections under paragraph (1)—

(A) 1 shall be carried out by a representative of the Coast Guard installation served by the Coast Guard child development center concerned; and

(B) 1 shall be carried out by a representative of the Coast Guard child development services work-life programs.

(c) NATIONAL REPORTING.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant shall maintain and publicize a means by which an individual can report, with respect to a Coast Guard child development center or a family home daycare—

(A) any suspected violation of—

(i) standards established under subsection (a); or

(ii) any other applicable law or standard;

(B) suspected child abuse or neglect; or

(C) any other deficiency.

(2) ANONYMOUS REPORTING.—The Commandant shall ensure that an individual making a report pursuant to paragraph (1) may do so anonymously if so desired by the individual.

(3) PROCEDURES.—The Commandant shall establish procedures for investigating reports made pursuant to paragraph (1).

(Added Pub. L. 113-281, title II, § 214(a), Dec. 18, 2014, 128 Stat. 3031, § 553; renumbered § 2923, Pub. L. 115-282, title I, § 117(b), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4230; amended Pub. L. 116-283, div. G, title LVXXXII [LXXXII], § 8237(a), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4664; Pub. L. 117-263, div. K, title CXIV, § 11401(b), Dec. 23, 2022, 136 Stat. 4106.)

**Editorial Notes**

## AMENDMENTS

2022—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 117-263 amended subsec. (a) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The Commandant shall require each Coast Guard child development center to meet standards that the Commandant considers appropriate to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the children and employees at the center.”

2021—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 116-283 added subsec. (b) and struck out former subsec. (b). Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The Commandant shall provide for regular and unannounced inspections of each Coast Guard child development center to ensure compliance with this section.”

2018—Pub. L. 115-282 renumbered section 553 of this title as this section.

**§ 2924. Child development center employees**

(a) TRAINING.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant shall establish a training program for Coast Guard child development center employees and satisfactory completion of the training program shall be a condition of employment for each employee of a Coast Guard child development center.

(2) TIMING FOR NEW HIRES.—The Commandant shall require each employee of a Coast Guard child development center to complete the training program established under paragraph (1) not later than 6 months after the date on which the employee is hired.