

(3) **MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS.**—The training program established under paragraph (1) shall include, at a minimum, instruction with respect to—

- (A) early childhood development;
- (B) activities and disciplinary techniques appropriate to children of different ages;
- (C) child abuse and neglect prevention and detection; and
- (D) cardiopulmonary resuscitation and other emergency medical procedures.

(4) **USE OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PROGRAMS.**—The Commandant may use Department of Defense training programs, on a reimbursable or nonreimbursable basis, for purposes of this subsection.

(b) **TRAINING AND CURRICULUM SPECIALISTS.**—

(1) **SPECIALIST REQUIRED.**—The Commandant shall require that at least 1 employee at each Coast Guard child development center be a specialist in training and curriculum development with appropriate credentials and experience.

(2) **DUTIES.**—The duties of the specialist described in paragraph (1) shall include—

- (A) special teaching activities;
- (B) daily oversight and instruction of other child care employees;
- (C) daily assistance in the preparation of lesson plans;
- (D) assisting with child abuse and neglect prevention and detection; and
- (E) advising the director of the center on the performance of the other child care employees.

(3) **COMPETITIVE SERVICE.**—Each specialist described in paragraph (1) shall be an employee in a competitive service position.

(Added Pub. L. 113–281, title II, §214(a), Dec. 18, 2014, 128 Stat. 3032, §554; renumbered §2924, Pub. L. 115–282, title I, §117(b), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4230.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115–282 renumbered section 554 of this title as this section.

§ 2925. Parent partnerships with child development centers

(a) **PARENT BOARDS.**—

(1) **FORMATION.**—The Commandant shall require that there be formed at each Coast Guard child development center a board of parents, to be composed of parents of children attending the center.

(2) **FUNCTIONS.**—Each board of parents formed under paragraph (1) shall—

- (A) meet periodically with the staff of the center at which the board is formed and the commander of the unit served by the center, for the purpose of discussing problems and concerns; and
- (B) be responsible, together with the staff of the center, for coordinating any parent participation initiative established under subsection (b).

(3) **CHAPTER 10 OF TITLE 5.**—Chapter 10 of title 5 does not apply to a board of parents formed under paragraph (1).

(b) **PARENT PARTICIPATION INITIATIVE.**—The Commandant is authorized to establish a parent participation initiative at each Coast Guard child development center to encourage and facilitate parent participation in educational and related activities at the center.

(Added Pub. L. 113–281, title II, §214(a), Dec. 18, 2014, 128 Stat. 3032, §555; renumbered §2925, Pub. L. 115–282, title I, §117(b), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4230; amended Pub. L. 117–286, §4(a)(60), Dec. 27, 2022, 136 Stat. 4312.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2022—Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 117–286 substituted “Chapter 10 of title 5” for “FACA” in heading and “Chapter 10 of title 5” for “The Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.)” in text.

2018—Pub. L. 115–282 renumbered section 555 of this title as this section.

§ 2926. Family child care providers

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not less frequently than quarterly, the Commandant shall ensure that each family child care provider is subject to inspection.

(b) **RESPONSIBILITY FOR INSPECTIONS.**—Of the quarterly inspections under subsection (a) each year—

- (1) 3 inspections shall be carried out by a representative of the Coast Guard installation served by the family child care provider concerned; and
- (2) 1 inspection shall be carried out by a representative of the Coast Guard child development services work-life programs.

(Added Pub. L. 116–283, div. G, title LVXXXII [LXXXII], §8237(b)(1), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4665.)

§ 2927. Child care subsidy program

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—

(1) **AUTHORITY.**—The Commandant may operate a child care subsidy program to provide financial assistance to eligible providers that provide child care services or youth program services to members of the Coast Guard, members of the Coast Guard with dependents who are participating in the child care subsidy program, and any other individual the Commandant considers appropriate, if—

(A) providing such financial assistance—

- (i) is in the best interests of the Coast Guard; and
- (ii) enables supplementation or expansion of the provision of Coast Guard child care services, while not supplanting or replacing Coast Guard child care services; and

(B) the Commandant ensures, to the extent practicable, that the eligible provider is able to comply, and does comply, with the regulations, policies, and standards applicable to Coast Guard child care services.

(2) **ELIGIBLE PROVIDERS.**—A provider of child care services or youth program services is eligible for financial assistance under this section if the provider—

(A) is licensed to provide such services under applicable State and local law or

meets all applicable State and local health and safety requirements if licensure is not required;

(B) is either—

- (i) is¹ a family home daycare; or
- (ii) is¹ a provider of family child care services that—

(I) otherwise provides federally funded or federally sponsored child development services;

(II) provides such services in a child development center owned and operated by a private, not-for-profit organization;

(III) provides a before-school or after-school child care program in a public school facility;

(IV) conducts an otherwise federally funded or federally sponsored school-age child care or youth services program; or

(V) conducts a school-age child care or youth services program operated by a not-for-profit organization; or

(C) is a provider of another category of child care services or youth program services the Commandant considers appropriate for meeting the needs of members or civilian employees of the Coast Guard.

(3) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR IN-HOME CHILD CARE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant may provide financial assistance to members of the Coast Guard who pay for services provided by in-home child care providers.

(B) REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out such program, the Commandant shall establish a policy and procedures to—

(i) support the needs of families who request services provided by in-home childcare providers;

(ii) provide the appropriate amount of financial assistance to provide to families described in paragraph, that is at minimum consistent with the program authorized in subsection (a)(1); and

(iii) ensure the appropriate qualifications for such in-home child care provider, which shall at minimum—

(I) take into consideration qualifications for available in-home child care providers in the private sector; and

(II) ensure that the qualifications the Commandant determines appropriate under this paragraph are comparable to the qualifications for a provider of child care services in a Coast Guard child development center or family home day care.

(b) DIRECT PAYMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out a child care subsidy program under subsection (a)(1), subject to paragraph (3), the Commandant shall provide financial assistance under the program to an eligible member or individual the Commandant considers appropriate by direct payment to such eligible member or individual through monthly pay, direct deposit, or other direct form of payment.

(2) POLICY.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this section, the

Commandant shall establish a policy to provide direct payment as described in paragraph (1).

(3) ELIGIBLE PROVIDER FUNDING CONTINUATION.—With the approval of an eligible member or an individual the Commandant considers appropriate, which shall include the written consent of such member or individual, the Commandant may continue to provide financial assistance under the child care subsidy program directly to an eligible provider on behalf of such member or individual.

(4) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this subsection may be construed to affect any pre-existing reimbursement arrangement between the Coast Guard and a qualified provider.

(Added Pub. L. 117-263, div. K, title CXIV, §11401(c)(1)(A), Dec. 23, 2022, 136 Stat. 4106.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The date of the enactment of this section, referred to in subsec. (b)(2), is the date of enactment of Pub. L. 117-263, which was approved Dec. 23, 2022.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EXPANSION OF CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PROGRAM

Pub. L. 117-263, div. K, title CXIV, §11401(c)(2), Dec. 23, 2022, 136 Stat. 4108, provided that:

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant [of the Coast Guard] shall—

“(i) evaluate potential eligible uses for the child care subsidy program established under section 2927 of title 14, United States Code (referred to in this paragraph as the ‘program’);

“(ii) expand the eligible uses of funds for the program to accommodate the child care needs of members of the Coast Guard (including such members with nonstandard work hours and surge or other deployment cycles), including in-home care as described in section 2927(a)(3) of title 14, United States Code, and including by providing funds directly to such members instead of care providers; and

“(iii) streamline enrollment policies, practices, paperwork, and requirements for eligible child care providers to reduce barriers for members to enroll in such providers.

“(B) CONSIDERATIONS.—In evaluating potential eligible uses under subparagraph (A), the Commandant shall consider in-home child care services, care services such as supplemental care for children with disabilities, and any other child care delivery method the Commandant considers appropriate.

“(C) REQUIREMENTS.—In establishing expanded eligible uses of funds for the program, the Commandant shall ensure that such uses—

“(i) are in the best interests of the Coast Guard;

“(ii) provide flexibility for members of the Coast Guard, including such members and employees with nonstandard work hours; and

“(iii) ensure a safe environment for dependents of such members and employees.

“(D) PUBLICATION.—Not later than 18 months after the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 23, 2022], the Commandant shall publish an updated Commandant Instruction Manual (referred to in this paragraph as the ‘manual’) that describes the expanded eligible uses of the program.

“(E) REPORT.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

¹ So in original. The word “is” probably should not appear.

of the House of Representatives a report outlining the expansion of the program.

“(ii) ELEMENTS.—The report required by clause (i) shall include the following:

“(I) An analysis of the considerations described in subparagraph (B).

“(II) A description of the analysis used to identify eligible uses that were evaluated and incorporated into the manual under subparagraph (D).

“(III) A full analysis and justification with respect to the forms of care that were ultimately not included in the manual.

“(IV) Any recommendation with respect to funding or additional authorities necessary, including proposals for legislative change, to meet the current and anticipated future child care subsidy demands of the Coast Guard.

“(V) A description of the steps taken to streamline enrollment policies, practices, and requirements for eligible child care providers in accordance with paragraph (2)(A)(iii).”

SUBCHAPTER III—HOUSING

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-282, title I, §117(c)(3), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4232, inserted subchapter III designation and heading.

§ 2941. Definitions

In this chapter:

(1) The term “construct” means to build, renovate, or improve military family housing and military unaccompanied housing.

(2) The term “construction” means building, renovating, or improving military family housing and military unaccompanied housing.

(3) The term “military unaccompanied housing” means military housing intended to be occupied by members of the armed forces serving a tour of duty unaccompanied by dependents.

(4) The term “United States” includes the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, the United States Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia.

(Added Pub. L. 104-324, title II, §208(a), Oct. 19, 1996, 110 Stat. 3909, §680; amended Pub. L. 108-293, title II, §207(a), Aug. 9, 2004, 118 Stat. 1034; Pub. L. 111-281, title II, §221(a)(1), Oct. 15, 2010, 124 Stat. 2919; renumbered §2941, Pub. L. 115-282, title I, §117(b), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4230.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-282 renumbered section 680 of this title as this section.

2010—Pub. L. 111-281 added pars. (1) and (2), redesignated former pars. (4) and (5) as (3) and (4), respectively, and struck out former pars. (1) to (3) which read as follows:

“(1) The term ‘construction’ means the construction of military housing units and ancillary supporting facilities or the improvement or rehabilitation of existing units or ancillary supporting facilities.

“(2) The term ‘contract’ includes any contract, lease, or other agreement entered into under the authority of this chapter.

“(3) The term ‘eligible entity’ means any private person, corporation, firm, partnership, or company and any State or local government or housing authority of a State or local government.”

2004—Pars. (3) to (5). Pub. L. 108-293 added par. (3) and redesignated former pars. (3) and (4) as (4) and (5), respectively.

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SAVINGS CLAUSE

Pub. L. 111-281, title II, §221(b), Oct. 15, 2010, 124 Stat. 2920, provided that: “This section [amending this section and sections 681, 685, 687, and 688 of this title and repealing sections 682 to 684, 686, 687a, and 689 of this title] shall not affect any action commenced prior to the date of enactment of this Act [Oct. 15, 2010].”

§ 2942. General authority

(a) AUTHORITY.—In addition to any other authority providing for the acquisition or construction of military family housing or military unaccompanied housing, the Secretary may acquire or construct the following:

(1) Military family housing on or near Coast Guard installations within the United States and its territories and possessions.

(2) Military unaccompanied housing on or near such Coast Guard installations.

(b) LIMITATION ON APPROPRIATIONS.—No appropriation shall be made to acquire or construct military family housing or military unaccompanied housing under this chapter if that acquisition or construction has not been approved by resolutions adopted by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate.

(Added Pub. L. 104-324, title II, §208(a), Oct. 19, 1996, 110 Stat. 3909, §681; amended Pub. L. 107-295, title IV, §402(a), Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2113; Pub. L. 111-281, title II, §221(a)(2), Oct. 15, 2010, 124 Stat. 2919; renumbered §2942, Pub. L. 115-282, title I, §117(b), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4230.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-282 renumbered section 681 of this title as this section.

2010—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 111-281, §221(a)(2)(A), in introductory provisions, substituted “acquire or construct the following:” for “exercise any authority or any combination of authorities provided under this chapter in order to provide for the acquisition or construction by private persons, including a small business concern qualified under section 8(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(a)), of the following:”

Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 111-281, §221(a)(2)(B), substituted “Military family housing” for “Family housing units”.

Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 111-281, §221(a)(2)(C), substituted “Military unaccompanied housing” for “Unaccompanied housing units”.

2002—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 107-295 inserted “, including a small business concern qualified under section 8(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(a)),” after “private persons” in introductory provisions.

§ 2943. Leasing and hiring of quarters; rental of inadequate housing

(a) The Secretary is authorized to lease housing facilities at or near Coast Guard installations, wherever located, for assignment as public quarters to military personnel and their de-