

1982—Subsec. (e)(1). Pub. L. 97-295, §2(21)(A), substituted “percent” for “per centum” wherever appearing.

Subsec. (e)(1)(A). Pub. L. 97-295, §2(21)(B), inserted “(42 U.S.C. 401 et seq.)” after “Social Security Act”.

1981—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 97-136 substituted “monthly pay of the monthly equivalent of the minimum rate of basic pay in effect for grade GS-9 of the General Schedule on the date the injury is incurred” for “monthly pay of \$600”.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1994 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 103-296 effective Mar. 31, 1995, see section 110(a) of Pub. L. 103-296, set out as a note under section 401 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare.

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1981 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 97-136, §8(b), Dec. 29, 1981, 95 Stat. 1706, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall apply only with respect to payments for benefits under section 707(a) [now 3707(a)] of title 14, United States Code, for months beginning on or after the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 29, 1981].”

#### § 3708. Temporary members of the Reserve; certificate of honorable service

In recognition of the service of temporary members of the Reserve, the Secretary may upon request issue an appropriate certificate of honorable service in lieu of a certificate of disenrollment issued to any individual following disenrollment under honorable conditions from service as a temporary member. Issuance of a certificate of honorable service to any individual under this section does not entitle that individual to any rights, privileges, or benefits under any law of the United States.

(Added Pub. L. 96-322, §1, Aug. 4, 1980, 94 Stat. 1005, §708; renumbered §3708, Pub. L. 115-282, title I, §118(b), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4233; amended Pub. L. 116-283, div. G, title LVXXXV [LXXXV], §8505(a)(52), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4750.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in section 763 of this title prior to the complete revision of former chapter 21 of this title by Pub. L. 96-322.

##### AMENDMENTS

2021—Pub. L. 116-283 substituted “individual” for “person” wherever appearing.

2018—Pub. L. 115-282 renumbered section 708 of this title as this section.

#### § 3709. Reserve student aviation pilots; Reserve aviation pilots; appointments in commissioned grade

(a) Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary an enlisted member of the Reserve may be designated as a student aviation pilot.

(b) A member who is not a qualified aviator may not be designated as a student aviation pilot unless the member agrees in writing to serve on active duty for a period of two years after successful completion of flight training,

unless sooner released. A student aviation pilot may be released from active duty or discharged at any time as provided for in the regulations prescribed by the Secretary.

(c) A student aviation pilot who is a qualified civilian aviator may be given a brief refresher course in flight training.

(d) A student aviation pilot undergoing flight training is entitled to have uniforms and equipment provided at Government expense.

(e) Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary, a student aviation pilot may be designated an aviation pilot upon the successful completion of flight training.

(f) In time of peace, an aviation pilot obligated under subsection (b) to serve on active duty for two years may serve for an additional period of not more than two years.

(g) An aviation pilot may be released from active duty or discharged at any time as provided for in the regulations prescribed by the Secretary.

(h) If qualified under regulations prescribed by the Secretary, an aviation pilot may be appointed as an ensign in the Reserve.

(Added Pub. L. 96-322, §1, Aug. 4, 1980, 94 Stat. 1005, §709; renumbered §3709, Pub. L. 115-282, title I, §118(b), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4233.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in section 758a of this title prior to the complete revision of former chapter 21 of this title by Pub. L. 96-322.

##### AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-282 renumbered section 709 of this title as this section.

#### § 3710. Reserve student pre-commissioning assistance program

(a) The Secretary may provide financial assistance to an eligible enlisted member of the Coast Guard Reserve, not on active duty, for expenses of the member while the member is pursuing on a full-time basis at an institution of higher education a program of education approved by the Secretary that leads to—

- (1) a baccalaureate degree in not more than 5 academic years; or
- (2) a post-baccalaureate degree.

(b)(1) To be eligible for financial assistance under this section, an enlisted member of the Coast Guard Reserve shall—

- (A) be enrolled on a full-time basis in a program of education referred to in subsection (a) at any institution of higher education; and
- (B) enter into a written agreement with the Coast Guard described in paragraph (2).

(2) A written agreement referred to in paragraph (1)(B) is an agreement between the member and the Secretary in which the member agrees—

- (A) to accept an appointment as a commissioned officer in the Coast Guard Reserve, if tendered;
- (B) to serve on active duty for up to five years; and

(C) under such terms and conditions as shall be prescribed by the Secretary, to serve in the Coast Guard Reserve until the eighth anniversary of the date of the appointment.

(c) Expenses for which financial assistance may be provided under this section are the following:

(1) Tuition and fees charged by the institution of higher education involved.

(2) The cost of books.

(3) In the case of a program of education leading to a baccalaureate degree, laboratory expenses.

(4) Such other expenses as are deemed appropriate by the Secretary.

(d) The amount of financial assistance provided to a member under this section shall be prescribed by the Secretary, but may not exceed \$25,000 for any academic year.

(e) Financial assistance may be provided to a member under this section for up to 5 consecutive academic years.

(f) A member who receives financial assistance under this section may be ordered to active duty in the Coast Guard Reserve by the Secretary to serve in a designated enlisted grade for such period as the Secretary prescribes, but not more than 4 years, if the member—

(1) completes the academic requirements of the program and refuses to accept an appointment as a commissioned officer in the Coast Guard Reserve when offered;

(2) fails to complete the academic requirements of the institution of higher education involved; or

(3) fails to maintain eligibility for an original appointment as a commissioned officer.

(g)(1) If a member requests to be released from the program and the request is accepted by the Secretary, or if the member fails because of misconduct to complete the period of active duty specified, or if the member fails to fulfill any term or condition of the written agreement required to be eligible for financial assistance under this section, the financial assistance shall be terminated. The Secretary may request the member to reimburse the United States in an amount that bears the same ratio to the total costs of the education provided to that member as the unserved portion of active duty bears to the total period of active duty the member agreed to serve. The Secretary shall have the option to order such reimbursement without first ordering the member to active duty. An obligation to reimburse the United States imposed under this paragraph is a debt owed to the United States.

(2) The Secretary may waive the service obligated under subsection (f) of a member who becomes unqualified to serve on active duty due to a circumstance not within the control of that member or who is not physically qualified for appointment and who is determined to be unqualified for service as an enlisted member of the Coast Guard Reserve due to a physical or medical condition that was not the result of the member's own misconduct or grossly negligent conduct.

(3) A discharge in bankruptcy under title 11 that is entered less than 5 years after the termi-

nation of a written agreement entered into under subsection (b) does not discharge the individual signing the agreement from a debt arising under such agreement or under paragraph (1).

(h) As used in this section, the term "institution of higher education" has the meaning given that term in section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001).

(Added Pub. L. 107-295, title IV, §413(a), Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2119, §709a; renumbered §3710, Pub. L. 115-282, title I, §118(b), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4233.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-282 renumbered section 709a of this title as this section.

#### § 3711. Appointment or wartime promotion; retention of grade upon release from active duty

(a) A member of the Reserve on active duty, who is appointed or promoted under section 2104 or 2125 of this title, is entitled upon release from that duty to the highest grade satisfactorily held by reason of that appointment or promotion. The Secretary shall determine the highest grade satisfactorily held.

(b) Unless otherwise entitled to a higher grade, a member recalled to active duty shall be recalled in the grade in which released under subsection (a).

(Added Pub. L. 96-322, §1, Aug. 4, 1980, 94 Stat. 1006, §710; renumbered §3711 and amended Pub. L. 115-282, title I, §§118(b), 123(b)(2), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4233, 4240.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in section 759a of this title prior to the complete revision of former chapter 21 of this title by Pub. L. 96-322.

##### AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-282, §118(b), renumbered section 710 of this title as this section.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 115-282, §123(b)(2), substituted "section 2104 or 2125" for "section 214 or 275".

#### § 3712. Exclusiveness of service

No member of the Reserve, other than a temporary member, may be a member of another military organization. A temporary member of the Reserve who is a member of another military component shall, if ordered to active duty therein, be disenrolled as a temporary member of the Reserve.

(Added Pub. L. 96-322, §1, Aug. 4, 1980, 94 Stat. 1006, §711; amended Pub. L. 97-136, §6(c)(1), (2), Dec. 29, 1981, 95 Stat. 1706; renumbered §3712, Pub. L. 115-282, title I, §118(b), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4233.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in section 757 of this title prior to the complete