

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**PILOT PROGRAM TO REIMBURSE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES FOR CERTAIN CHILD CARE COSTS INCIDENT TO A PERMANENT CHANGE OF STATION OR ASSIGNMENT**

Pub. L. 117-263, div. A, title VI, §627, Dec. 23, 2022, 136 Stat. 2630, provided that:

“(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Defense shall carry out a pilot program to reimburse members of the Armed Forces for certain child care costs incident to a permanent change of station or assignment.

“(b) TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION ALLOWANCES.—Under the pilot program, the Secretary of Defense shall treat a designated child care provider as an authorized traveler if child care is not available to a member of the Armed Forces at a military child development center at the permanent duty location of such member not later than 30 days after the member arrives at such location.

“(c) REIMBURSEMENT OF CERTAIN CHILD CARE COSTS.—

“(1) AUTHORITY.—Under the pilot program, the Secretary of Defense may reimburse a member of the Armed Forces for travel expenses for a designated child care provider when—

“(A) the member is reassigned, either as a permanent change of station or permanent change of assignment, to a new duty station;

“(B) the movement of the member’s dependents is authorized at the expense of the United States under section 451 of title 37, United States Code, as part of the reassignment;

“(C) child care is not available at a military child development center at such duty station not later than 30 days after the member arrives at such duty station; and

“(D) the dependent child is on the wait list for child care at such military child development center.

“(2) MAXIMUM AMOUNTS.—Reimbursement provided to a member under this subsection may not exceed—

“(A) \$500 for a reassignment between duty stations within the continental United States; and

“(B) \$1,500 for a reassignment involving a duty station outside of the continental United States.

“(3) DEADLINE.—A member may not apply for reimbursement under this subsection later than one year after a reassignment described in paragraph (1).

“(4) CONCURRENT RECEIPT PROHIBITED.—In the event a household contains more than one member eligible for reimbursement under this subsection, reimbursement may be paid to one member among such members as such members shall jointly elect.

“(d) REPORT.—Not later than January 1, 2027, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives a report on the pilot program, including the recommendation of the Secretary whether to make the pilot program permanent.

“(e) TERMINATION.—The pilot program shall terminate on September 30, 2028.

“(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) The term ‘authorized traveler’ has the meaning given such term in section 451 of title 37, United States Code.

“(2) The term ‘designated child care provider’ means an adult selected by a member of the armed forces to provide child care to a dependent child of such member.

“(3) The term ‘military child development center’ has the meaning given such term in section 1800 of title 10, United States Code.”

§ 455. Appropriations for travel: may not be used for attendance at certain meetings

Appropriations of the Department of Defense that are available for travel may not, without

the approval of the Secretary concerned or his designee, be used for expenses incident to attendance of a member of an armed force under that department at a meeting of a technical, scientific, professional, or similar organization.

(Pub. L. 87-649, Sept. 7, 1962, 76 Stat. 476, §412; renumbered §455, Pub. L. 112-81, div. A, title VI, §631(d)(1), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1460.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
412	5:174a.	Aug. 1, 1953, ch. 305, §605, 67 Stat. 349.

The words “may not . . . be used” are substituted for the words “shall not be available”. The words “on and after August 1, 1953” are omitted as executed. The words “Secretary concerned” are substituted for the words “Secretary of the department concerned” to conform to other sections of this revised title and to the definition in section 101(5) of this revised title. So much of the source statute as relates to civilian employees is omitted as superseded by the Act of July 7, 1958, Pub. L. 85-507, 72 Stat. 327.

Editorial Notes**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

Act Aug. 1, 1953, cited as the source of this section in the Historical and Revision Notes above, is known as the Department of Defense Appropriation Act, 1954. Similar provisions were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

July 10, 1952, ch. 630, title VI, §606, 66 Stat. 531.

Oct. 18, 1951, ch. 512, title VI, §606, 65 Stat. 445.

Sept. 6, 1950, ch. 896, ch. X, title VI, §607, 64 Stat. 752.

Oct. 29, 1949, ch. 787, title VI, §607, 63 Stat. 1018.

June 24, 1948, ch. 632, 62 Stat. 652.

July 30, 1947, ch. 357, title I, 61 Stat. 554.

July 16, 1946, ch. 583, 60 Stat. 545.

July 3, 1945, ch. 265, 59 Stat. 388.

June 28, 1944, ch. 303, 58 Stat. 577.

AMENDMENTS

2011—Pub. L. 112-81 renumbered section 412 of this title as this section.

§ 456. Managed travel program refunds

(a) CREDIT OF REFUNDS.—The Secretary of Defense may credit refunds attributable to Department of Defense managed travel programs as a direct result of official travel to such operation and maintenance or research, development, test, and evaluation accounts of the Department as designated by the Secretary that are available for obligation for the fiscal year in which the refund or amount is collected.

(b) USE OF REFUNDS.—Refunds credited under subsection (a) may only be used for official travel or operations and efficiency improvements for improved financial management of official travel.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) MANAGED TRAVEL PROGRAM.—The term “managed travel program” includes air, rental car, train, bus, dining, lodging, and travel management, but does not include rebates or refunds attributable to the use of the Government travel card, the Government Purchase Card, or Government travel arranged by Government Contracted Travel Management Centers.

(2) REFUND.—The term “refund” includes miscellaneous receipts credited to the Department identified as a refund, rebate, repayment, or other similar amounts collected.

(Added Pub. L. 116–92, div. A, title VI, §606(a), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 1424.)

SUBCHAPTER II—ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

§ 461. Relationship to other travel and transportation authorities

An authorized traveler may not be paid travel and transportation allowances or receive travel-in-kind and transportation-in-kind, or a combination thereof, under both subchapter I and subchapter III for official travel performed under a single or related travel and transportation order or authorization by the administering Secretary.

(Added Pub. L. 112–81, div. A, title VI, §631(b), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1459.)

§ 462. Travel and transportation allowances paid to members that are unauthorized or in excess of authorized amounts: requirement for repayment

(a) REPAYMENT REQUIRED.—Except as provided in subsection (b), a member of the uniformed services or other person who is paid travel and transportation allowances under subchapter I shall repay to the United States any amount of such payment that is determined to be unauthorized or in excess of the applicable authorized amount.

(b) EXCEPTION.—The regulations prescribed under section 464 of this title shall specify procedures for determining the circumstances under which an exception to repayment other than required by subsection (a) may be granted.

(c) EFFECT OF BANKRUPTCY.—An obligation to repay the United States under this section is, for all purposes, a debt owed the United States. A discharge in bankruptcy under title 11 does not discharge a person from such debt if the discharge order is entered less than five years after the date on which the debt was incurred.

(Added Pub. L. 112–81, div. A, title VI, §631(b), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1459.)

§ 463. Programs of compliance; electronic processing of travel claims

(a) PROGRAMS OF COMPLIANCE.—The administering Secretaries shall provide for compliance with the requirements of this chapter through programs of compliance established and maintained for that purpose.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The programs of compliance under subsection (a) shall—

(1) minimize the provision of benefits under this chapter based on inaccurate claims, unauthorized claims, overstated or inflated claims, and multiple claims for the same benefits through the electronic verification of travel claims on a near-time basis and such other means as the administering Secretaries may establish for purposes of the programs of compliance; and

(2) ensure that benefits provided under this chapter do not exceed reasonable or actual and necessary expenses of travel claimed or reasonable allowances based on commercial travel rates.

(c) ELECTRONIC PROCESSING OF TRAVEL CLAIMS.—(1) By not later than the date that is five years after the date of the enactment of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012, any travel claim under this chapter shall be processed electronically.

(2) The administering Secretary, or the Secretary’s designee, may waive the requirement in paragraph (1) with respect to a particular claim in the interests of the department concerned.

(3) The electronic processing of claims under this subsection shall be subject to the regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense under section 464 of this title which shall apply uniformly to all members of the uniformed services and, to the extent practicable, to all other authorized travelers.

(Added Pub. L. 112–81, div. A, title VI, §631(b), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1459.)

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REFERENCES IN TEXT

The date of the enactment of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012, referred to in subsec. (c)(1), is the date of enactment of Pub. L. 112–81, which was approved Dec. 31, 2011.

§ 464. Regulations

This subchapter and subchapter I shall be administered under terms, rates, conditions, and regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense in consultation with the other administering Secretaries for members of the uniformed services. Such regulations shall be uniform for the Department of Defense and shall apply as uniformly as practicable to the uniformed services under the jurisdiction of the other administering Secretaries.

(Added Pub. L. 112–81, div. A, title VI, §631(b), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1460.)

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION ALLOWANCES: PROHIBITION OF REQUIREMENT OF ZERO-EMISSION VEHICLE

Pub. L. 118–159, div. A, title VI, §626, Dec. 23, 2024, 138 Stat. 1935, provided that:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Joint Travel Regulations for the Uniformed Services may not require that travel or transportation be in a zero-emission vehicle in order to be eligible a travel or transportation allowance.

“(b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—This section shall not be construed to prohibit the payment of such an allowance in the case of a member of the uniformed services who uses a zero-emission vehicle for travel or transportation that—

“(1) the member owns; or

“(2) is provided to such member by a rental company.”

[SUBCHAPTER III—REPEALED]

[[§§ 471 to 474b. Repealed. Pub. L. 117–81, div. A, title VI, § 604(a), Dec. 27, 2021, 135 Stat. 1767]]

Section 471, added Pub. L. 112–81, div. A, title VI, §631(b), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1460, defined the term