

risk for such veteran resulting from exposure of such veteran to dioxin or any other toxic agent referred to in subsection (a) during Vietnam-era service in the Republic of Vietnam whenever the Secretary determines, on the basis of physical examination or other pertinent information, that such veteran is subject to such an increased health risk."

§ 6304. Veterans assistance offices

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish and maintain veterans assistance offices at such places throughout the United States and its territories and possessions, and in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, as the Secretary determines to be necessary to carry out the purposes of this subchapter. The Secretary may maintain such offices on such military installations located elsewhere as the Secretary, after consultation with the Secretary of Defense and taking into account recommendations, if any, of the Secretary of Labor, determines to be necessary to carry out such purposes.

(b) LOCATION OF OFFICES.—In establishing and maintaining such offices, the Secretary shall give due regard to—

- (1) the geographical distribution of veterans recently discharged or released from active military, naval, air, or space service;
- (2) the special needs of educationally disadvantaged veterans (including their need for accessibility of outreach services); and
- (3) the necessity of providing appropriate outreach services in less populated areas.

(Added Pub. L. 109-233, title IV, § 402(a), June 15, 2006, 120 Stat. 409; amended Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title IX, § 926(a)(60), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3830; Pub. L. 117-205, § 2(b)(2), Oct. 17, 2022, 136 Stat. 2233.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in section 7723 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 109-233.

AMENDMENTS

2022—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 117-205 substituted “this subchapter” for “this chapter”.

2021—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 116-283 substituted “air, or space service” for “or air service”.

§ 6305. Outstationing of counseling and outreach personnel

The Secretary may station employees of the Department at locations other than Department offices, including educational institutions, to provide—

- (1) counseling and other assistance regarding benefits under this title to veterans and other persons eligible for benefits under this title; and
- (2) outreach services under this subchapter.

(Added Pub. L. 109-233, title IV, § 402(a), June 15, 2006, 120 Stat. 409; amended Pub. L. 117-205, § 2(b)(2), Oct. 17, 2022, 136 Stat. 2233.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in section 7724 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 109-233.

AMENDMENTS

2022—Par. (2). Pub. L. 117-205 substituted “this subchapter” for “this chapter”.

§ 6306. Use of other agencies

(a) In carrying out this subchapter, the Secretary shall arrange with the Secretary of Labor for the State employment service to match the particular qualifications of an eligible veteran or eligible dependent with an appropriate job or job training opportunity, including, where possible, arrangements for outstationing the State employment personnel who provide such assistance at appropriate facilities of the Department.

(b) In carrying out this subchapter, the Secretary shall, in consultation with the Secretary of Labor, actively seek to promote the development and establishment of employment opportunities, training opportunities, and other opportunities for veterans, with particular emphasis on the needs of veterans with service-connected disabilities and other eligible veterans, taking into account applicable rates of unemployment and the employment emphases set forth in chapter 42 of this title.

(c) In carrying out this subchapter, the Secretary shall cooperate with and use the services of any Federal department or agency or any State or local governmental agency or recognized national or other organization.

(d) In carrying out this subchapter, the Secretary shall, where appropriate, make referrals to any Federal department or agency or State or local governmental unit or recognized national or other organization.

(e) In carrying out this subchapter, the Secretary may furnish available space and office facilities for the use of authorized representatives of such governmental unit or other organization providing services.

(f) In carrying out this subchapter, the Secretary shall conduct and provide for studies, in consultation with appropriate Federal departments and agencies, to determine the most effective program design to carry out the purposes of this subchapter.

(Added Pub. L. 109-233, title IV, § 402(a), June 15, 2006, 120 Stat. 409; amended Pub. L. 117-205, § 2(b)(2), Oct. 17, 2022, 136 Stat. 2233.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in section 7725 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 109-233.

AMENDMENTS

2022—Pub. L. 117-205 substituted “this subchapter” for “this chapter” wherever appearing.

§ 6307. Grants to States and Indian Tribes to improve outreach to veterans

(a) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this section to provide for assistance by the Secretary to States and Indian Tribes to carry out programs that improve covered outreach and assistance to veterans and the spouses, children, and parents of veterans, to ensure that such individuals are fully informed about, and assisted in applying