

U.S.C. 4951 et seq. [and 5000 et seq.]. The Corporation and State Commissions shall disseminate information regarding available approved national service positions through cooperation with secondary schools, institutions of higher education, employment service offices, State vocational rehabilitation agencies within the meaning of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 701 et seq.) and other State agencies that primarily serve individuals with disabilities, and other appropriate entities, particularly those organizations that provide outreach to disadvantaged youths and youths who are individuals with disabilities.

#### (e) National leadership pool

##### (1) Selection and training

From among individuals recruited under subsection (d), the Corporation may select individuals with significant leadership potential, as determined by the Corporation, to receive special training to enhance their leadership ability. The leadership training shall be provided by the Corporation directly or through a grant or contract.

##### (2) Emphasis on certain individuals

In selecting individuals to receive leadership training under this subsection, the Corporation shall make special efforts to select individuals who have served—

- (A) in the Peace Corps;
- (B) as VISTA volunteers;
- (C) as participants in national service programs receiving assistance under section 12571 of this title, particularly those who were considered, at the time of their service, disadvantaged youth;
- (D) as participants in programs receiving assistance under part D of this subchapter, as in effect on the day before September 21, 1993; or
- (E) as members of the Armed Forces of the United States and who were honorably discharged from such service.

##### (3) Assignment

At the request of a program that receives assistance under the national service laws, the Corporation may assign an individual who receives leadership training under paragraph (1) to work with the program in a leadership position and carry out assignments not otherwise performed by regular participants. An individual assigned to a program shall be considered to be a participant of the program.

#### (f) Evaluation of service

The Corporation shall issue regulations regarding the manner and criteria by which the service of a participant shall be evaluated to determine whether the service is satisfactory and successful for purposes of eligibility for a second term of service or a national service educational award.

(Pub. L. 101-610, title I, §138, as added Pub. L. 103-82, title I, §101(b), Sept. 21, 1993, 107 Stat. 809; amended Pub. L. 111-13, title I, §1313, Apr. 21, 2009, 123 Stat. 1510.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, referred to in subsec. (d), is Pub. L. 93-113, Oct. 1, 1973, 87 Stat. 394. Titles I and II of the Act are classified generally to subchapters I (§4951 et seq.) and II (§5000 et seq.), respectively, of chapter 66 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 4950 of this title and Tables.

The Rehabilitation Act of 1973, referred to in subsec. (d), is Pub. L. 93-112, Sept. 26, 1973, 87 Stat. 355, which is classified generally to chapter 16 (§701 et seq.) of Title 29, Labor. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 701 of Title 29 and Tables.

Part D of this subchapter, as in effect on the day before September 21, 1993, referred to in subsec. (e)(2)(D), means former part D of this subchapter prior to the general amendment of subtitle D of title I of Pub. L. 101-610 [former part D of this subchapter] by Pub. L. 103-82, title I, §102(a), Sept. 21, 1993, 107 Stat. 816.

#### AMENDMENTS

2009—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 111-13, §1313(1), substituted “conducted by the entity” for “conducted by the State, subdivision of a State, Indian tribe, public or private nonprofit organization, institution of higher education, Federal agency, or other entity”.

Subsec. (e)(2)(C). Pub. L. 111-13, §1313(2), inserted “, particularly those who were considered, at the time of their service, disadvantaged youth” before semicolon at end.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2009 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 111-13 effective Oct. 1, 2009, see section 6101(a) of Pub. L. 111-13, set out as a note under section 4950 of this title.

##### EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Oct. 1, 1993, see section 123 of Pub. L. 103-82, set out as an Effective Date of 1993 Amendment note under section 1701 of Title 16, Conservation.

#### § 12593. Terms of service

##### (a) In general

As a condition of receiving a national service education award under division D, a participant in an approved national service position shall be required to perform full- or part-time national service for at least one term of service specified in subsection (b).

##### (b) Term of service

###### (1) Full-time service

An individual performing full-time national service in an approved national service position shall agree to participate in the program sponsoring the position for not less than 1,700 hours during a period of not more than 1 year.

###### (2) Part-time service

Except as provided in paragraph (3), an individual performing part-time national service in an approved national service position shall agree to participate in the program sponsoring the position for not less than 900 hours during a period of not more than 2 years.

###### (3) Reduction in hours of part-time service

The Corporation may reduce the number of hours required to be served to successfully complete part-time national service to a level

determined by the Corporation, except that any reduction in the required term of service shall include a corresponding reduction in the amount of any national service educational award that may be available under division D with regard to that service.

**(4) Extension of term for disaster purposes**

**(A) Extension**

An individual in an approved national service position performing service directly related to disaster relief efforts may continue in a term of service for a period of 90 days beyond the period otherwise specified in, as appropriate, this subsection or section 12613(d) of this title or in section 4954 of this title.

**(B) Single term of service**

A period of service performed by an individual in an originally-agreed to<sup>1</sup> term of service and service performed under this paragraph shall constitute a single term of service for purposes of subsections (b)(1) and (c) of section 12602 of this title.

**(C) Benefits**

An individual performing service under this paragraph may continue to receive a living allowance and other benefits under section 12594 of this title but may not receive an additional national service educational award under section 12595 of this title.

**(c) Release from completing term of service**

**(1) Release authorized**

A recipient of assistance under section 12571 of this title or a program sponsoring an approved national service position may release a participant from completing a term of service in the position—

(A) for compelling personal circumstances as determined by the organization responsible for granting the release, if the participant has otherwise performed satisfactorily and has completed at least 15 percent of the term of service; or  
 (B) for cause.

**(2) Effect of release for compelling circumstances**

If a participant eligible for release under paragraph (1)(A) is serving in an approved national service position, the recipient of assistance under section 12571 of this title or a program sponsoring an approved national service position may elect—

(A) to grant such release and certify the participant's eligibility for that portion of the national service educational award corresponding to the portion of the term of service actually completed, as provided in section 12603(c) of this title; or

(B) to permit the participant to temporarily suspend performance of the term of service for a period of up to 2 years (and such additional period as the Corporation may allow for extenuating circumstances) and, upon completion of such period, to complete

the remainder of the term of service and obtain the entire national service educational award.

**(3) Effect of release for cause**

A participant released for cause may not receive any portion of the national service educational award.

(Pub. L. 101-610, title I, §139, as added Pub. L. 103-82, title I, §101(b), Sept. 21, 1993, 107 Stat. 810; amended Pub. L. 111-13, title I, §1314, Apr. 21, 2009, 123 Stat. 1510.)

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

2009—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 111-13, §1314(1)(A), struck out “not less than 9 months and” before “not more than 1 year”.

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 111-13, §1314(1)(B), substituted “during a period of not more than 2 years.” for “during a period of—

“(A) not more than 2 years; or

“(B) not more than 3 years if the individual is enrolled in an institute of higher education while performing all or a portion of the service.”

Subsec. (b)(4). Pub. L. 111-13, §1314(1)(C), added par. (4).

Subsec. (c)(1)(A). Pub. L. 111-13, §1314(2)(A), substituted “as determined by the organization responsible for granting the release, if the participant has otherwise performed satisfactorily and has completed at least 15 percent of the term of service” for “as demonstrated by the participant”.

Subsec. (c)(2)(A). Pub. L. 111-13, §1314(2)(B)(i), substituted “certify the participant's eligibility for that portion of the national service educational award” for “provide to the participant that portion of the national service educational award”.

Subsec. (c)(2)(B). Pub. L. 111-13, §1314(2)(B)(ii), struck out “to allow return to the program with which the individual was serving in order” before “to complete the remainder”.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

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**§ 12594. Living allowances for national service participants**

**(a) Provision of living allowance**

**(1) Living allowance required**

Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), a national service program carried out using assistance provided under section 12571 of this title shall provide to each participant who participates on a full-time basis in the program a living allowance in an amount equal to or greater than the average annual subsistence allowance provided to VISTA volunteers under section 4955 of this title.

**(2) Maximum living allowance**

Except as provided in subsection (c), the total amount of an annual living allowance that may be provided to a participant in a na-

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be “originally-agreed-to”.