

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES—CONTINUED

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
51504(d)(1) ..	46 App.:1295c(c)(1)(A)(i).	
51504(d)(2) ..	46 App.:1295c(c)(1)(A)(iv).	
51504(e)	46 App.:1295c(c)(1)(B).	
51504(f)	46 App.:1295c(c)(2).	Pub. L. 101-115, §4, Oct. 13, 1989, 103 Stat. 692; Pub. L. 101-595, title VII, §705, Nov. 16, 1990, 104 Stat. 2994.
51504(g)	46 App.:1295c note.	

In subsection (a), the reference to territories is omitted as unnecessary because of the definition of “State” in chapter 1 of the revised title.

In subsection (e), before paragraph (1), the word “agency” is substituted for “department or agency of the United States” because of the definition of “agency” in chapter 1 of the revised title.

In subsection (g), the 1st-3d sentences of section 4 of Public Law 101-115 are omitted as obsolete.

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The date of enactment of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019, referred to in subsec. (g)(1), is the date of enactment of Pub. L. 115-232, which was approved Aug. 13, 2018.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 115-232 amended subsec. (g) generally. Prior to amendment, subsec. (g) related to removing vessels from service and vessel sharing.

2008—Pub. L. 110-181, §3523(b), repealed Pub. L. 109-163, §3502(b). See 2006 Amendment note below.

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 110-181, §3523(a)(2), incorporated the substance of the amendment by Pub. L. 109-163, §3502(b), by amending heading and text of subsec. (f) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The Secretary may pay to a State maritime academy the costs of fuel used by a vessel provided under this section while used for training.” See 2006 Amendment note below and section 18(a) of Pub. L. 109-304, set out as a Legislative Purpose and Construction note preceding section 101 of this title.

2006—Pub. L. 109-163, §3502(b), which directed the amendment of section 1295c(c)(2) of the former Appendix to this title from which subsec. (f) of this section was derived, was repealed by Pub. L. 110-181, §3523(b). See 2008 Amendment note for subsec. (f) and Historical and Revision notes above.

§ 51505. Annual payments for maintenance and support

(a) PAYMENT AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary of Transportation may make an agreement (effective for not more than 4 years) with the following academies to provide annual payments to those academies for their maintenance and support:

(1) One State maritime academy in each State that satisfies section 51506(a) of this title.

(2) Each regional maritime academy that satisfies section 51506(a) of this title.

(b) PAYMENTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), an annual payment to an academy under subsection (a) shall be at least equal to the amount given to the academy for its maintenance and support by the State in which it is located, or, for a regional maritime academy,

by all States cooperating to sponsor the academy.

(2) MAXIMUM.—The amount under paragraph (1) may not be more than \$25,000, unless the academy satisfies section 51506(b) of this title.

(Pub. L. 109-304, §8(b), Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1578; Pub. L. 109-163, div. C, title XXXV, §3502(a), Jan. 6, 2006, 119 Stat. 3547; Pub. L. 110-181, div. C, title XXXV, §3523(a)(3), (b), Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 599, 600; Pub. L. 115-232, div. C, title XXXV, §3515(d), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 2313.)

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<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
51505	46 App.:1295c(d)(1).	June 29, 1936, ch. 858, title XIII, §1304(d)(1), as added Pub. L. 96-453, §2, Oct. 15, 1980, 94 Stat. 2004; Pub. L. 101-115, §5, Oct. 13, 1989, 103 Stat. 693.

In subsection (b)(1), the reference to territories is omitted as unnecessary because of the definition of “State” in chapter 1 of the revised title.

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AMENDMENTS

2018—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 115-232 amended par. (2) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The amount under paragraph (1) may not be more than \$25,000. However, if the academy satisfies section 51506(b) of this title, the amount shall be—

“(A) \$100,000 for a State maritime academy; and

“(B) \$300,000 for fiscal year 2006, \$400,000 for fiscal year 2007, and \$500,000 for fiscal year 2008 and each fiscal year thereafter for a regional maritime academy.”

2008—Pub. L. 110-181, §3523(b), repealed Pub. L. 109-163, §3502(a). See 2006 Amendment note below.

Subsec. (b)(2)(B). Pub. L. 110-181, §3523(a)(3), incorporated the substance of the amendment by Pub. L. 109-163, §3502(a), into this section by substituting “\$300,000 for fiscal year 2006, \$400,000 for fiscal year 2007, and \$500,000 for fiscal year 2008 and each fiscal year thereafter” for “\$200,000”. See 2006 Amendment note below and section 18(a) of Pub. L. 109-304, set out as a Legislative Purpose and Construction note preceding section 101 of this title.

2006—Pub. L. 109-163, §3502(a), which directed the amendment of section 1295c(d)(1) of the former Appendix to this title from which this section was derived, was repealed by Pub. L. 110-181, §3523(b). See 2008 Amendment note for subsec. (b)(2)(B) and Historical and Revision notes above.

§ 51506. Conditions to receiving payments and use of vessels

(a) GENERAL CONDITIONS.—As conditions of receiving an annual payment or the use of a vessel under this chapter, a State maritime academy shall—

(1) provide courses of instruction on navigation, marine engineering (including steam and diesel propulsion), the operation and maintenance of new vessels and equipment, and innovations being introduced to the merchant marine of the United States;

(2) agree in writing to conform to the standards for courses, training facilities, admissions, and instruction that the Secretary of Transportation may establish after consultation with the superintendents of State maritime academies, which shall include standards for a program described in subsection (c);

(3) agree in writing to require, as a condition for graduation, that each individual who is a citizen of the United States and who is attending the academy in a merchant marine officer preparation program pass the examination required for the issuance of a license under section 7101 of this title; and

(4) agree that any individual enrolled at such State maritime academy in a merchant marine officer preparation program—

(A) shall, not later than 9 months after such individual's date of enrollment, pass an examination in form and substance satisfactory to the Secretary that demonstrates that such individual meets the medical and physical requirements—

(i) required for the issuance of an original license under section 7101; or

(ii) set by the Coast Guard for issuing merchant mariners' documentation under section 7302, with no limit to the individual's operational authority;

(B) following passage of the examination under subparagraph (A), shall continue to meet the requirements described in subparagraph (A) throughout the remainder of the individual's enrollment at the State maritime academy; and

(C) if the individual has a medical or physical condition that disqualifies the individual from meeting the requirements referred to in subparagraph (A), shall be transferred to a program other than a merchant marine officer preparation program, or otherwise appropriately disenrolled from such State maritime academy, until the individual demonstrates to the Secretary that the individual meets such requirements.

(b) ADDITIONAL CONDITION TO PAYMENTS OF MORE THAN \$25,000.—As a condition of receiving an annual payment of more than \$25,000 under section 51505 of this title, a State maritime academy also must agree to admit each year a number of citizens of the United States who meet its admission requirements and reside in a State not supporting that academy. The Secretary shall determine the number of individuals to be admitted by each academy under this subsection. The number may not be more than one-third of the total number of individuals attending the academy at any time.

(c) ARMED FORCES MERCHANT MARINER OFFICER EXPEDITED PREPARATION PROGRAM.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—A State maritime academy may offer a program under which an eligible individual may complete a merchant marine officer preparation program approved by the Secretary, and the requirements for the issuance of a license under section 7101 of this title, in less than 3 years, without a requirement to earn a baccalaureate or other degree from the State maritime academy.

(2) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.—For purposes of this subsection, an eligible individual is an individual—

(A) who is—

(i) a person who served in the Armed Forces, and who was discharged or released therefrom under honorable conditions; or

(ii) a member of the National Guard or Reserves who has performed at least six years of service therein; and

(B) who has earned a baccalaureate degree from an institution of higher education (as defined in section 102 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002)).

(d) SECRETARIAL WAIVER AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may modify or waive any of the terms set forth in subsection (a)(4) with respect to any individual or State maritime academy.

(Pub. L. 109-304, §8(b), Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1579; Pub. L. 114-328, div. C, title XXXV, §3515, Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2788; Pub. L. 118-159, div. C, title XXXV, §3534, Dec. 23, 2024, 138 Stat. 2313.)

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In subsection (a)(3), the words "administered by the Coast Guard" are omitted as unnecessary.

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AMENDMENTS

2024—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 118-159, §3534(1), inserted before semicolon at end " , which shall include standards for a program described in subsection (c)".

Subsecs. (c), (d). Pub. L. 118-159, §3534(2), (3), added subsec. (c) and redesignated former subsec. (c) as (d).

2016—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 114-328, §3515(1)(A), substituted "shall" for "must" in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (a)(4). Pub. L. 114-328, §3515(1)(B)-(D), added par. (4).

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 114-328, §3515(2), added subsec. (c).

§ 51507. Places of training

The Secretary of Transportation may provide for the training of students attending a State maritime academy—

(1) on vessels owned or subsidized by the United States Government;

(2) on other documented vessels, with the permission of the owner; and

(3) in shipyards or plants and with industrial or educational organizations.

(Pub. L. 109-304, §8(b), Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1579.)

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In paragraph (2), the words "with the permission of the owner" are substituted for "if the owner . . . cooperates in such use" for clarity.

§ 51508. Allowances for students

Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Transportation, a student at a State maritime academy shall receive from the Secretary allowances for transportation (including reimbursement of traveling expenses) when traveling under orders to receive training under section 51507 of this title.

(Pub. L. 109-304, §8(b), Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1579.)