

Public Law 506

CHAPTER 535

July 16, 1954
[S. 3539]

AN ACT

To further amend title II of the Career Compensation Act of 1949, as amended, to provide for the computation of reenlistment bonuses for members of the uniformed services.

Armed Forces.
Reenlistment
bonus.

Nonapplicabil-
ity.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 207 of the Career Compensation Act of 1949 (ch. 681, 63 Stat. 811), as amended (37 U. S. C. 238), is further amended by designating subsection “(e)” as subsection “(f)” and by inserting a new subsection (e), as follows:

“(e) This section does not apply to—

“(1) any person who originally enlists in a uniformed service after the date of enactment of this amendatory Act;

“(2) any member of a uniformed service in active Federal service on the date of enactment of this amendatory Act who elects to be covered by section 208 of this Act and who is otherwise eligible for the benefits of that section;

“(3) any person who—

“(A) was discharged or released from active duty from a uniformed service not more than ninety days before the date of enactment of this amendatory Act,

“(B) reenlists in that service within ninety days after the date of his discharge or release from active duty,

“(C) elects to be covered by section 208 of this Act, and

“(D) is otherwise eligible for the benefits of that section;

OR

“(4) any person covered by clause (2) or (3) who at any time elects, or has elected, to be covered by section 208 of this Act.”

SEC. 2. The Career Compensation Act of 1949, as amended, is further amended by inserting the following new section at the end of title II:

“SEC. 208. (a) Subject to subsections (b) and (c) of this section, a member of a uniformed service who reenlists in the regular component of the service concerned within ninety days after the date of his discharge or release from active duty, and who is not covered by section 207 of this Act, is entitled to a bonus computed according to the following table:

63 Stat. 802.
37 USC 231 note.

Reenlistment
within 90 days of
discharge.
Bonus computa-
tion.

“Reenlistment involved” ¹	Column (1) Take	Column (2) Multiply by
First.....	Monthly basic pay to which the member was entitled at the time of discharge. ²	Number of years specified in reenlistment contract, or six, if none specified. ³
Second.....	Two-thirds of the monthly basic pay to which the member was entitled at the time of discharge. ⁴	Number of years specified in reenlistment contract, or six, if none specified. ³
Third.....	One-third of the monthly basic pay to which the member was entitled at the time of discharge. ⁴	Number of years specified in reenlistment contract, or six, if none specified. ³
Fourth (and subsequent).	One-sixth of the monthly basic pay to which the member was entitled at the time of discharge. ⁴	Number of years specified in reenlistment contract, or six, if none specified. ³

¹ Any reenlistment when a bonus was not authorized is not counted.

² Two-thirds of the monthly basic pay in the case of a member in pay grade E-1 at the time of discharge.

³ On the sixth anniversary of an indefinite reenlistment, and on each anniversary thereafter, the member is entitled to a bonus equal to one-third of the monthly basic pay to which he is entitled on that anniversary date.

⁴ No bonus may be paid to a member in pay grade E-1 or E-2 at the time of discharge.

⁵ No bonus may be paid to a member in pay grade E-1, E-2, or E-3 at the time of discharge.

Exceptions.

“(b) No bonus may be paid to a member who reenlists—

“(1) during his prescribed period of basic recruit training; or

“(2) after completing a total of twenty years of active Federal service.

The bonus payable to a member who reenlists before completing a total of twenty years of active Federal service, but who will under that reenlistment complete more than twenty years of such service, is computed by using as a multiplier only that number of years which, when added to his previous service, totals twenty years.

“(c) The cumulative amount which may be paid to a member under this section, or under this section and any other provision of law authorizing reenlistment bonuses, may not exceed \$2,000.

“(d) An officer of a uniformed service who reenlists in that service within ninety days after his release from active duty as an officer is entitled to a bonus computed according to the table in subsection (a), if he served in an enlisted status in that service immediately before serving as an officer. For the purpose of this subsection, the monthly basic pay (or appropriate fraction if the member received a bonus for a prior reenlistment) of the grade in which the member is enlisted (computed in accordance with the cumulative years of service of the member) is to be used in column 1 of the table set forth under subsection (a) instead of the monthly basic pay to which he was entitled at the time of his release from active duty as an officer.

“(e) In this section, ‘reenlistment’ means—

“(1) an enlistment in a regular component of a uniformed service after compulsory or voluntary active duty in that service; or

“(2) a voluntary extension of an enlistment for two or more years.

“(f) Under such regulations as may be approved by the Secretary of Defense, or by the Secretary of the Treasury with respect to Coast Guard personnel, a member of a uniformed service who voluntarily, or because of his own misconduct, does not complete the term of enlistment for which he was paid a bonus under this section shall refund that percentage of the bonus that the unexpired part of his enlistment is of the total enlistment period for which the bonus was paid.

“(g) The Secretary concerned may prescribe regulations for the administration of this section in his department.”

Approved July 16, 1954.

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CHAPTER 536

AN ACT

To incorporate the Board for Fundamental Education.

July 19, 1954
[S. 1796]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following persons: Ernest R. Alexander, of Dallas, Texas; John R. Alford, of Henderson, Texas; William H. Book, of Indianapolis, Indiana; E. M. Dealey, of Dallas, Texas; A. Dale Fiers, of Indianapolis, Indiana; Fred F. Florence, of Dallas, Texas; E. B. Germany, of Dallas, Texas; Sam Gladney, of Dallas, Texas; Theodore B. Griffith, of Indianapolis, Indiana; O. H. Grissom, of Longview, Texas; Harry T. Ice, of Indianapolis, Indiana; J. C. Judge, of Mineola, Texas; George Kuhn, of Indianapolis, Indiana; Charles J. Lynn, of Indianapolis, Indiana; Eugene S. Pulliam, of Indianapolis, Indiana; C. B. Roberts, of Dallas, Texas; William L. Schloss, of Indianapolis, Indiana; Ben H. Wooten, of Dallas, Texas; and Joseph Zeppa, of Tyler, Texas; and their associates and successors are hereby created a body corporate by the name of Board for Fundamental Education (hereinafter referred to

Board for Funda-
mental Education.
Incorporation.

Limitation.

Officers.

‘Reenlistment’

Refund.

Regulations.