

(II) the 425th day after the date of the worker's last total separation; or

(ii) the date that is the 182d day after the date on which the worker concluded training, unless the worker received a waiver under section 2291(c) of this title.

(b) Amount of allowance

The relocation allowance granted to a worker under subsection (a) of this section includes—

(1) 90 percent of the reasonable and necessary expenses (including, but not limited to, subsistence and transportation expenses at levels not exceeding those allowable under section 2296(b)(1) and (2) of this title specified in regulations prescribed by the Secretary) incurred in transporting the worker, the worker's family, and household effects; and

(2) a lump sum equivalent to 3 times the worker's average weekly wage, up to a maximum payment of \$1,250.

(c) Limitations

A relocation allowance may not be granted to a worker unless—

(1) the relocation occurs within 182 days after the filing of the application for relocation assistance; or

(2) the relocation occurs within 182 days after the conclusion of training, if the worker entered a training program approved by the Secretary under section 2296(b)(1) and (2) of this title.

(Pub. L. 93-618, title II, § 238, Jan. 3, 1975, 88 Stat. 2024; Pub. L. 97-35, title XXV, § 2508, Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 886; Pub. L. 98-369, div. B, title VI, § 2672(b), July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 1172; Pub. L. 107-210, div. A, title I, § 122, Aug. 6, 2002, 116 Stat. 943; Pub. L. 108-429, title II, § 2004(a)(6), Dec. 3, 2004, 118 Stat. 2590.)

AMENDMENTS

2004—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 108-429 substituted “Secretary” for “Secretary.”

2002—Pub. L. 107-210 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section consisted of subsecs. (a) to (d) authorizing relocation allowances, specifying the conditions for granting them, and defining “relocation allowance”.

1984—Subsec. (d)(2). Pub. L. 98-369 substituted “\$800” for “\$600”.

1981—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 97-35, § 2508(1), inserted provisions relating to time for filing application and struck out provisions respecting total separation.

Subsec. (b)(3). Pub. L. 97-35, § 2508(2), added par. (3).

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 97-35, § 2508(3), substituted provisions respecting 182-day requirements for provisions respecting requirements involving entitlements for the week in which the application is filed and relocation occurring within a reasonable period of time.

Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 97-35, § 2508(4)(A), increased percentage from 80 to 90 percent and inserted provision respecting allowable levels of subsistence and travel expenses.

Subsec. (d)(2). Pub. L. 97-35, § 2508(4)(B), increased maximum payment from \$500 to \$600.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2002 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 107-210 applicable to petitions for certification filed under this part or part 3 of this subchapter on or after the date that is 90 days after Aug. 6, 2002, except as otherwise provided, see section 151 of Pub. L. 107-210, set out as a note preceding section 2271 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1981 AMENDMENT AND TRANSITION PROVISIONS

Amendment by Pub. L. 97-35 effective for determinations made or filed after Sept. 30, 1981, with transition provisions applicable, see section 2514 of Pub. L. 97-35, set out as a note under section 2291 of this title.

TERMINATION DATE

No trade adjustment assistance, vouchers, allowances, or other payments or benefits may be provided under this part after Dec. 31, 2007, except as otherwise provided, see section 285 of Pub. L. 93-618, as amended, set out as a note preceding section 2271 of this title.

SUBPART C—GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 2311. Agreements with States

(a) Authority of Secretary to enter into agreements

The Secretary is authorized on behalf of the United States to enter into an agreement with any State, or with any State agency (referred to in this subpart as “cooperating States” and “cooperating States agencies” respectively). Under such an agreement, the cooperating State agency (1) as agent of the United States, will receive applications for, and will provide, payments on the basis provided in this part, (2) where appropriate, but in accordance with subsection (f) of this section, will afford adversely affected workers testing, counseling, referral to training and job search programs, and placement services, (3) will make any certifications required under section 2291(c)(2)¹ of this title, and (4) will otherwise cooperate with the Secretary and with other State and Federal agencies in providing payments and services under this part.

(b) Amendment, suspension, and termination of agreements

Each agreement under this subpart shall provide the terms and conditions upon which the agreement may be amended, suspended, or terminated.

(c) Unemployment insurance

Each agreement under this subpart shall provide that unemployment insurance otherwise payable to any adversely affected worker will not be denied or reduced for any week by reason of any right to payments under this part.

(d) Review

A determination by a cooperating State agency with respect to entitlement to program benefits under an agreement is subject to review in the same manner and to the same extent as determinations under the applicable State law and only in that manner and to that extent.

(e) Coordination of benefits and assistance

Any agreement entered into under this section shall provide for the coordination of the administration of the provisions for employment services, training, and supplemental assistance under sections 2295 and 2296 of this title and under title I of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 [29 U.S.C. 2801 et seq.] upon such terms and conditions as are established by the Secretary in consultation with the States and set forth in such agreement. Any agency of the State jointly

¹ See References in Text note below.

administering such provisions under such agreement shall be considered to be a cooperating State agency for purposes of this part.

(f) Advising and interviewing adversely affected workers

Each cooperating State agency shall, in carrying out subsection (a)(2) of this section—

(1) advise each worker who applies for unemployment insurance of the benefits under this part and the procedures and deadlines for applying for such benefits,

(2) facilitate the early filing of petitions under section 2271 of this title for any workers that the agency considers are likely to be eligible for benefits under this part,

(3) advise each adversely affected worker to apply for training under section 2296(a) of this title before, or at the same time, the worker applies for trade readjustment allowances under division I of subpart B of this part, and

(4) as soon as practicable, interview the adversely affected worker regarding suitable training opportunities available to the worker under section 2296 of this title and review such opportunities with the worker.

(g) Submission of information for coordination of workforce investment activities

In order to promote the coordination of workforce investment activities in each State with activities carried out under this part, any agreement entered into under this section shall provide that the State shall submit to the Secretary, in such form as the Secretary may require, the description and information described in paragraphs (8) and (14) of section 112(b) of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 [29 U.S.C. 2822(b)].

(Pub. L. 93-618, title II, § 239, Jan. 3, 1975, 88 Stat. 2024; Pub. L. 97-35, title XXV, § 2513(d)(6), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 889; Pub. L. 99-272, title XIII, §§ 13003(a)(3), 13004(c), Apr. 7, 1986, 100 Stat. 301, 303; Pub. L. 100-418, title I, §§ 1423(a)(4), 1424(d)(1)(B), (2), Aug. 23, 1988, 102 Stat. 1246, 1250; Pub. L. 105-220, title III, § 321, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1087; Pub. L. 105-277, div. A, § 101(f) [title VIII, § 405(d)(14)(B), (f)(11)(B)], Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-337, 2681-421, 2681-431.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 2291(c)(2) of this title, referred to in subsec. (a)(3), was subsequently amended, and no longer contains provisions relating to certifications.

The Workforce Investment Act of 1998, referred to in subsec. (e), is Pub. L. 105-220, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 936, as amended. Title I of the Act is classified principally to chapter 30 (§ 2801 et seq.) of Title 29, Labor. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 9201 of Title 20, Education, and Tables.

CODIFICATION

Section is comprised of subssecs. (a) to (g) of Pub. L. 93-618. Another subsec. (e) of section 239 of Pub. L. 93-618 amended section 3302 of Title 26, Internal Revenue Code.

Amendment by section 1424(d)(1)(B) of Pub. L. 100-418, which directed amendment of subsection (e) of section 239 of Pub. L. 93-618, was executed to the subsection (e) set out in this section and not the subsection (e) that amended section 3302 of Title 26, Internal Revenue Code, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

AMENDMENTS

1998—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 105-277, § 101(f) [title VIII, § 405(f)(11)(B)], struck out “title III of the Job Training Partnership Act or” before “title I of the”.

Pub. L. 105-277, § 101(f) [title VIII, § 405(d)(14)(B)], substituted “under title III of the Job Training Partnership Act or title I of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998” for “under title III of the Job Training Partnership Act”.

Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 105-220 added subsec. (g).

1988—Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 100-418, § 1423(a)(4), amended cl. (3) generally. Prior to amendment, cl. (3) read as follows: “will make determinations and approvals regarding job search programs under sections 2291(c) and 2297(c) of this title, and”.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 100-418, § 1424(d)(1)(B), amended subsec. (e) generally. Prior to amendment, subsec. (e) read as follows: “Agreements entered into under this section may be made with one or more State or local agencies including—

“(1) the employment service agency of such State,

“(2) any State agency carrying out title III of the Job Training Partnership Act [29 U.S.C. 1651 et seq.], or

“(3) any other State or local agency administering job training or related programs.”

See Codification note above.

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 100-418, § 1424(d)(2), amended subsec. (f) generally. Prior to amendment, subsec. (f) read as follows: “Each cooperating State agency shall, in carrying out subsection (a)(2) of this section—

“(1) advise each adversely affected worker to apply for training under section 2296(a) of this title at the time the worker makes application for trade readjustment allowances (but failure of the worker to do so may not be treated as cause for denial of those allowances), and

“(2) within 60 days after application for training is made by the worker, interview the adversely affected worker regarding suitable training opportunities available to the worker under section 2296 of this title and review such opportunities with the worker.”

1986—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 99-272, § 13004(c)(1), inserted “but in accordance with subsection (f) of this section,” in cl. (2).

Pub. L. 99-272, § 13003(a)(3), substituted “training and job search programs” for “training” in cl. (2), added cl. (3), and redesignated former cl. (3) as (4).

Subsecs. (e), (f). Pub. L. 99-272, § 13004(c)(2), added subssecs. (e) and (f).

1981—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 97-35 struck out provisions respecting persons applying for payments under this part.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 101(f) [title VIII, § 405(d)(14)(B)] of Pub. L. 105-277 effective Oct. 21, 1998, and amendment by section 101(f) [title VIII, § 405(f)(11)(B)] of Pub. L. 105-277 effective July 1, 2000, see section 101(f) [title VIII, § 405(g)(1), (2)(B)], set out as a note under section 3502 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 1424(d)(1)(B), (2) of Pub. L. 100-418 effective Aug. 23, 1988, and amendment by section 1423(a)(4) of Pub. L. 100-418 effective on the date that is 90 days after Aug. 23, 1988, see section 1430(a), (f) of Pub. L. 100-418, set out as an Effective Date note under section 2397 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1986 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 13003(a) of Pub. L. 99-272 applicable with respect to workers covered by petitions filed under section 2271 of this title on or after Apr. 7, 1986, and amendment by section 13004(c) of Pub. L. 99-272 effective on Apr. 7, 1986, see section 13009(a), (b) of Pub. L. 99-272, set out as a note under section 2291 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1981 AMENDMENT AND TRANSITION PROVISIONS

Amendment by Pub. L. 97-35 effective Aug. 1981, with transition provisions applicable, see section 2514 of Pub. L. 97-35, set out as a note under section 2291 of this title.

TERMINATION DATE

No trade adjustment assistance, vouchers, allowances, or other payments or benefits may be provided under this part after Dec. 31, 2007, except as otherwise provided, see section 285 of Pub. L. 93-618, as amended, set out as a note preceding section 2271 of this title.

§ 2312. Administration absent State agreement**(a) Promulgation of regulations; fair hearing**

In any State where there is no agreement in force between a State or its agency under section 2311 of this title, the Secretary shall arrange under regulations prescribed by him for performance of all necessary functions under subpart B of this part, including provision for a fair hearing for any worker whose application for payments is denied.

(b) Review of final determination

A final determination under subsection (a) of this section with respect to entitlement to program benefits under subpart B of this part is subject to review by the courts in the same manner and to the same extent as is provided by section 405(g) of title 42.

(Pub. L. 93-618, title II, §240, Jan. 3, 1975, 88 Stat. 2025.)

TERMINATION DATE

No trade adjustment assistance, vouchers, allowances, or other payments or benefits may be provided under this part after Dec. 31, 2007, except as otherwise provided, see section 285 of Pub. L. 93-618, as amended, set out as a note preceding section 2271 of this title.

§ 2313. Payments to States**(a) Certification to Secretary of the Treasury for payment to cooperating States**

The Secretary shall from time to time certify to the Secretary of the Treasury for payment to each cooperating State the sums necessary to enable such State as agent of the United States to make payments provided for by this part.

(b) Utilization or return of money

All money paid a State under this section shall be used solely for the purposes for which it is paid; and money so paid which is not used for such purposes shall be returned, at the time specified in the agreement under this subpart, to the Secretary of the Treasury.

(c) Surety bonds

Any agreement under this subpart may require any officer or employee of the State certifying payments or disbursing funds under the agreement or otherwise participating in the performance of the agreement, to give a surety bond to the United States in such amount as the Secretary may deem necessary, and may provide for the payment of the cost of such bond from funds for carrying out the purposes of this part.

(Pub. L. 93-618, title II, §241, Jan. 3, 1975, 88 Stat. 2025; Pub. L. 97-35, title XXV, §2513(b), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 889.)

AMENDMENTS

1981—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 97-35 struck out provisions relating to payment to the State by the Secretary of the Treasury from the Adjustment Assistance Trust Fund prior to audit or settlement by the General Accounting Office.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 97-35 struck out provisions relating to crediting money returned to the Secretary of the Treasury to the Adjustment Assistance Trust Fund.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1981 AMENDMENT AND TRANSITION PROVISIONS

Amendment by Pub. L. 97-35 effective Aug. 1981, with transition provisions applicable, see section 2514 of Pub. L. 97-35, set out as a note under section 2291 of this title.

TERMINATION DATE

No trade adjustment assistance, vouchers, allowances, or other payments or benefits may be provided under this part after Dec. 31, 2007, except as otherwise provided, see section 285 of Pub. L. 93-618, as amended, set out as a note preceding section 2271 of this title.

§ 2314. Liabilities of certifying and disbursing officers**(a) Certifying officer**

No person designated by the Secretary, or designated pursuant to an agreement under this subpart, as a certifying officer, shall, in the absence of gross negligence or intent to defraud the United States, be liable with respect to any payment certified by him under this part.

(b) Disbursing officer

No disbursing officer shall, in the absence of gross negligence or intent to defraud the United States, be liable with respect to any payment by him under this part if it was based upon a voucher signed by a certifying officer designated as provided in subsection (a) of this section.

(Pub. L. 93-618, title II, §242, Jan. 3, 1975, 88 Stat. 2026.)

TERMINATION DATE

No trade adjustment assistance, vouchers, allowances, or other payments or benefits may be provided under this part after Dec. 31, 2007, except as otherwise provided, see section 285 of Pub. L. 93-618, as amended, set out as a note preceding section 2271 of this title.

§ 2315. Fraud and recovery of overpayments**(a) Repayment; deductions**

(1) If a cooperating State agency, the Secretary, or a court of competent jurisdiction determines that any person has received any payment under this part to which the person was not entitled, including a payment referred to in subsection (b) of this section, such person shall be liable to repay such amount to the State agency or the Secretary, as the case may be, except that the State agency or the Secretary may waive such repayment if such agency or the Secretary determines, in accordance with guidelines prescribed by the Secretary, that—

(A) the payment was made without fault on the part of such individual, and

(B) requiring such repayment would be contrary to equity and good conscience.

(2) Unless an overpayment is otherwise recovered, or waived under paragraph (1), the State

agency or the Secretary shall recover the overpayment by deductions from any sums payable to such person under this part, under any Federal unemployment compensation law administered by the State agency or the Secretary, or under any other Federal law administered by the State agency or the Secretary which provides for the payment of assistance or an allowance with respect to unemployment, and, notwithstanding any other provision of State law or Federal law to the contrary, the Secretary may require the State agency to recover any overpayment under this part by deduction from any unemployment insurance payable to such person under the State law, except that no single deduction under this paragraph shall exceed 50 percent of the amount otherwise payable.

(b) False representation or nondisclosure of material fact

If a cooperating State agency, the Secretary, or a court of competent jurisdiction determines that an individual—

- (1) knowingly has made, or caused another to make, a false statement or representation of a material fact, or
- (2) knowingly has failed, or caused another to fail, to disclose a material fact,

and as a result of such false statement or representation, or of such nondisclosure, such individual has received any payment under this part to which the individual was not entitled, such individual shall, in addition to any other penalty provided by law, be ineligible for any further payments under this part.

(c) Notice of determination; fair hearing; finality

Except for overpayments determined by a court of competent jurisdiction, no repayment may be required, and no deduction may be made, under this section until a determination under subsection (a)(1) of this section by the State agency or the Secretary, as the case may be, has been made, notice of the determination and an opportunity for a fair hearing thereon has been given to the individual concerned, and the determination has become final.

(d) Recovered amount returned to Treasury

Any amount recovered under this section shall be returned to the Treasury of the United States.

(Pub. L. 93-618, title II, §243, Jan. 3, 1975, 88 Stat. 2026; Pub. L. 97-35, title XXV, §2509, Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 887.)

AMENDMENTS

1981—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 97-35 designated existing provisions as par. (1), revised provisions, made changes in nomenclature and, among other changes, inserted provisions respecting waiver, and added par. (2).

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 97-35 substituted provisions relating to ineligibility for other payments for provisions relating to deposit, return, and credit of repayments.

Subsecs. (c), (d). Pub. L. 97-35 added subsecs. (c) and (d).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1981 AMENDMENT AND TRANSITION PROVISIONS

Amendment by Pub. L. 97-35 effective Aug. 13, 1981, with transition provisions applicable, see section 2514 of Pub. L. 97-35, set out as a note under section 2291 of this title.

TERMINATION DATE

No trade adjustment assistance, vouchers, allowances, or other payments or benefits may be provided under this part after Dec. 31, 2007, except as otherwise provided, see section 285 of Pub. L. 93-618, as amended, set out as a note preceding section 2271 of this title.

§ 2316. Penalties

Whoever makes a false statement of a material fact knowing it to be false, or knowingly fails to disclose a material fact, for the purpose of obtaining or increasing for himself or for any other person any payment authorized to be furnished under this part or pursuant to an agreement under section 2311 of this title shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both.

(Pub. L. 93-618, title II, §244, Jan. 3, 1975, 88 Stat. 2026.)

TERMINATION DATE

No trade adjustment assistance, vouchers, allowances, or other payments or benefits may be provided under this part after Dec. 31, 2007, except as otherwise provided, see section 285 of Pub. L. 93-618, as amended, set out as a note preceding section 2271 of this title.

§ 2317. Authorization of appropriations

(a) In general

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Department of Labor, for the period beginning October 1, 2001, and ending December 31, 2007, such sums as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this part.

(b) Period of expenditure

Funds obligated for any fiscal year to carry out activities under sections 2295 through 2298 of this title may be expended by each State receiving such funds during that fiscal year and the succeeding two fiscal years.

(Pub. L. 93-618, title II, §245, Jan. 3, 1975, 88 Stat. 2026; Pub. L. 97-35, title XXV, §2510, Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 888; Pub. L. 98-120, §2(a), Oct. 12, 1983, 97 Stat. 809; Pub. L. 99-272, title XIII, §13008(a), Apr. 7, 1986, 100 Stat. 305; Pub. L. 100-418, title I, §1426(b)(1), Aug. 23, 1988, 102 Stat. 1251; Pub. L. 103-66, title XIII, §13803(a)(2), Aug. 10, 1993, 107 Stat. 668; Pub. L. 103-182, title V, §504, Dec. 8, 1993, 107 Stat. 2151; Pub. L. 105-277, div. J, title I, §1012(a), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-900; Pub. L. 106-113, div. B, §1000(a)(5) [title VII, §702(a)], Nov. 29, 1999, 113 Stat. 1536, 1501A-319; Pub. L. 107-210, div. A, title I, §§111(a), 120, Aug. 6, 2002, 116 Stat. 936, 942; Pub. L. 109-280, title XIV, §1635(f)(3), Aug. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 1171; Pub. L. 110-89, §1(a), Sept. 28, 2007, 121 Stat. 982.)

AMENDMENTS

2007—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 110-89 substituted “December 31, 2007” for “September 30, 2007”.

2006—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 109-280 struck out “, other than subpart D” before period at end.

2002—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 107-210, §111(a), substituted “October 1, 2001, and ending September 30, 2007,” for “October 1, 1998, and ending September 30, 2001.”

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 107-210, §120, amended heading and text of subsec. (b) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “There are authorized to be appropriated to the Department of Labor, for the period be-

ginning October 1, 2001, and ending September 30, 2007, such sums as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of subpart D of this part.”

Pub. L. 107-210, §111(a), substituted “October 1, 2001, and ending September 30, 2007,” for “October 1, 1998, and ending September 30, 2001.”

1999—Subsecs. (a), (b). Pub. L. 106-113 substituted “September 30, 2001” for “June 30, 1999”.

1998—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 105-277, §1012(a)(1), substituted “for the period beginning October 1, 1998, and ending June 30, 1999,” for “for each of the fiscal years 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, and 1998.”

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 105-277, §1012(a)(2), substituted “for the period beginning October 1, 1998, and ending June 30, 1999,” for “for each of fiscal years 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, and 1998.”

1993—Pub. L. 103-182 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a), inserted heading and “, other than subpart D” after “this part”, and added subsec. (b).

Pub. L. 103-66 substituted “1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, and 1998” for “1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, and 1993”.

1988—Pub. L. 100-418 substituted “1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, and 1993” for “1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, and 1991”.

1986—Pub. L. 99-272 substituted “1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, and 1991” for “1982 through 1985”.

1983—Pub. L. 98-120 substituted “each of the fiscal years 1982 through 1985” for “each of fiscal years 1982 and 1983”.

1981—Pub. L. 97-35 substituted provisions relating to authorization of appropriations for fiscal years 1982 and 1983 for provisions relating to establishment of the Adjustment Assistance Trust Fund.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2007 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 110-89, §1(e), Sept. 28, 2007, 121 Stat. 982, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section and sections 2346 and 2401g of this title and provisions set out as a note preceding section 2271 of this title] shall be effective as of October 1, 2007.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2006 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 109-280 applicable with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after Aug. 17, 2006, see section 1641 of Pub. L. 109-280, set out as a note under section 58c of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2002 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 107-210 applicable to petitions for certification filed under this part or part 3 of this subchapter on or after the date that is 90 days after Aug. 6, 2002, except as otherwise provided, see section 151 of Pub. L. 107-210, set out as a note preceding section 2271 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1999 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 106-113, div. B, §1000(a)(5) [title VII, §702(e)], Nov. 29, 1999, 113 Stat. 1536, 1501A-319, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section and sections 2331 and 2346 of this title and provisions set out as a note preceding section 2271 of this title] shall be effective as of July 1, 1999.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1993 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 103-182 effective on the date the North American Free Trade Agreement enters into force with respect to the United States [Jan. 1, 1994], see section 506(a) of Pub. L. 103-182, set out as a note under section 2271 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1986 AMENDMENT

Parts 2 and 3 of this subchapter applicable as if the amendment of this section by Pub. L. 99-272 had taken effect Dec. 18, 1985, see section 13009(c) of Pub. L. 99-272, set out as a note under section 2291 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1981 AMENDMENT AND TRANSITION PROVISIONS

Amendment by Pub. L. 97-35 effective Aug. 13, 1981, with transition provisions applicable, see section 2514

of Pub. L. 97-35, set out as a note under section 2291 of this title.

TERMINATION DATE

No trade adjustment assistance, vouchers, allowances, or other payments or benefits may be provided under this part after Dec. 31, 2007, except as otherwise provided, see section 285 of Pub. L. 93-618, as amended, set out as a note preceding section 2271 of this title.

§ 2318. Demonstration project for alternative trade adjustment assistance for older workers

(a) In general

(1) Establishment

Not later than 1 year after August 6, 2002, the Secretary shall establish an alternative trade adjustment assistance program for older workers that provides the benefits described in paragraph (2).

(2) Benefits

(A) Payments

A State shall use the funds provided to the State under section 2313 of this title to pay, for a period not to exceed 2 years, to a worker described in paragraph (3)(B), 50 percent of the difference between—

- (i) the wages received by the worker from reemployment; and
- (ii) the wages received by the worker at the time of separation.

(B) Health insurance

A worker described in paragraph (3)(B) participating in the program established under paragraph (1) is eligible to receive, for a period not to exceed 2 years, a credit for health insurance costs under section 35 of title 26, as added by section 201 of the Trade Act of 2002.

(3) Eligibility

(A) Firm eligibility

(i) In general

The Secretary shall provide the opportunity for a group of workers on whose behalf a petition is filed under section 2271 of this title to request that the group of workers be certified for the alternative trade adjustment assistance program under this section at the time the petition is filed.

(ii) Criteria

In determining whether to certify a group of workers as eligible for the alternative trade adjustment assistance program, the Secretary shall consider the following criteria:

- (I) Whether a significant number of workers in the workers’ firm are 50 years of age or older.
- (II) Whether the workers in the workers’ firm possess skills that are not easily transferable.
- (III) The competitive conditions within the workers’ industry.

(iii) Deadline

The Secretary shall determine whether the workers in the group are eligible for

the alternative trade adjustment assistance program by the date specified in section 2273(a) of this title.

(B) Individual eligibility

A worker in the group that the Secretary has certified as eligible for the alternative trade adjustment assistance program may elect to receive benefits under the alternative trade adjustment assistance program if the worker—

- (i) is covered by a certification under subpart A of this part;
- (ii) obtains reemployment not more than 26 weeks after the date of separation from the adversely affected employment;
- (iii) is at least 50 years of age;
- (iv) earns not more than \$50,000 a year in wages from reemployment;
- (v) is employed on a full-time basis as defined by State law in the State in which the worker is employed; and
- (vi) does not return to the employment from which the worker was separated.

(4) Total amount of payments

The payments described in paragraph (2)(A) made to a worker may not exceed \$10,000 per worker during the 2-year eligibility period.

(5) Limitation on other benefits

Except as provided in paragraph (2)(B), if a worker is receiving payments pursuant to the program established under paragraph (1), the worker shall not be eligible to receive any other benefits under this subchapter.

(b) Termination

(1) In general

Except as provided in paragraph (2), no payments may be made by a State under the program established under subsection (a)(1) of this section after the date that is 5 years after the date on which such program is implemented by the State.

(2) Exception

Notwithstanding paragraph (1), a worker receiving payments under the program established under subsection (a)(1) of this section on the termination date described in paragraph (1) shall continue to receive such payments if the worker meets the criteria described in subsection (a)(3)(B) of this section.

(Pub. L. 93-618, title II, §246, as added Pub. L. 107-210, div. A, title I, §124(a), Aug. 6, 2002, 116 Stat. 944; amended Pub. L. 108-429, title II, §2004(a)(7), Dec. 3, 2004, 118 Stat. 2590.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2318, Pub. L. 93-618, title II, §246, as added Pub. L. 100-418, title I, §1423(d)(1), Aug. 23, 1988, 102 Stat. 1246; amended Pub. L. 101-382, title I, §136, Aug. 20, 1990, 104 Stat. 652, related to supplemental wage allowance demonstration projects, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 107-210, div. A, title I, §§124(a), 151, Aug. 6, 2002, 116 Stat. 944, 953, applicable to petitions for certification filed under this part or part 3 of this subchapter on or after the date that is 90 days after Aug. 6, 2002.

Another prior section 2318, Pub. L. 93-618, title II, §246, Jan. 3, 1975, 88 Stat. 2027, contained transition provisions for events taking place during specified periods

prior to the effective date of this part, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 97-35, title XXV, §2513(c), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 889.

AMENDMENTS

2004—Subsec. (a)(3)(B)(iii). Pub. L. 108-429, §2004(a)(7)(A), struck out “and” after semicolon.

Subsec. (a)(5). Pub. L. 108-429, §2004(a)(7)(B), substituted “paragraph (2)(B)” for “section 2298(a)(2)(B) of this title”.

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 108-429, §2004(a)(7)(C), substituted “if” for “provided that”.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section applicable to petitions for certification filed under this part or part 3 of this subchapter on or after the date that is 90 days after Aug. 6, 2002, except as otherwise provided, see section 151 of Pub. L. 107-210, set out as an Effective Date of 2002 Amendment note preceding section 2271 of this title.

TERMINATION DATE

No trade adjustment assistance, vouchers, allowances, or other payments or benefits may be provided under this part after Dec. 31, 2007, except as otherwise provided, see section 285 of Pub. L. 93-618, as amended, set out as a note preceding section 2271 of this title.

§ 2319. Definitions

For purposes of this part—

(1) The term “adversely affected employment” means employment in a firm or appropriate subdivision of a firm, if workers of such firm or subdivision are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under this part.

(2) The term “adversely affected worker” means an individual who, because of lack of work in adversely affected employment—

(A) has been totally or partially separated from such employment, or

(B) has been totally separated from employment with the firm in a subdivision of which such adversely affected employment exists.

(3) Repealed. Pub. L. 97-35, title XXV, §2511(1), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 888.

(4) The term “average weekly wage” means one-thirteenth of the total wages paid to an individual in the high quarter. For purposes of this computation, the high quarter shall be that quarter in which the individual’s total wages were highest among the first 4 of the last 5 completed calendar quarters immediately before the quarter in which occurs the week with respect to which the computation is made. Such week shall be the week in which total separation occurred, or, in cases where partial separation is claimed, an appropriate week, as defined in regulations prescribed by the Secretary.

(5) The term “average weekly hours” means the average hours worked by the individual (excluding overtime) in the employment from which he has been or claims to have been separated in the 52 weeks (excluding weeks during which the individual was sick or on vacation) preceding the week specified in the last sentence of paragraph (4).

(6) The term “partial separation” means, with respect to an individual who has not been totally separated, that he has had—

(A) his hours of work reduced to 80 percent or less of his average weekly hours in adversely affected employment, and

(B) his wages reduced to 80 percent or less of his average weekly wage in such adversely affected employment.

(7) Repealed. Pub. L. 97-35, title XXV, §2511(1), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 888.

(8) The term “State” includes the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; and the term “United States” when used in the geographical sense includes such Commonwealth.

(9) The term “State agency” means the agency of the State which administers the State law.

(10) The term “State law” means the unemployment insurance law of the State approved by the Secretary of Labor under section 3304 of title 26.

(11) The term “total separation” means the layoff or severance of an individual from employment with a firm in which, or in a subdivision of which, adversely affected employment exists.

(12) The term “unemployment insurance” means the unemployment compensation payable to an individual under any State law or Federal unemployment compensation law, including chapter 85 of title 5 and the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act [45 U.S.C. 351 et seq.]. The terms “regular compensation”, “additional compensation”, and “extended compensation” have the same respective meanings that are given them in section 205(2), (3), and (4) of the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970 (26 U.S.C. 3304 note).

(13) The term “week” means a week as defined in the applicable State law.

(14) The term “week of unemployment” means a week of total, part-total, or partial unemployment as determined under the applicable State law or Federal unemployment insurance law.

(15) The term “benefit period” means, with respect to an individual—

(A) the benefit year and any ensuing period, as determined under applicable State law, during which the individual is eligible for regular compensation, additional compensation, or extended compensation, or

(B) the equivalent to such a benefit year or ensuing period provided for under the applicable Federal unemployment insurance law.

(16) The term “on-the-job training” means training provided by an employer to an individual who is employed by the employer.

(17)(A) The term “job search program” means a job search workshop or job finding club.

(B) The term “job search workshop” means a short (1 to 3 days) seminar designed to provide participants with knowledge that will enable the participants to find jobs. Subjects are not limited to, but should include, labor market information, resume writing, interviewing techniques, and techniques for finding job openings.

(C) The term “job finding club” means a job search workshop which includes a period (1 to 2 weeks) of structured, supervised activity in which participants attempt to obtain jobs.

(Pub. L. 93-618, title II, §247, Jan. 3, 1975, 88 Stat. 2028; Pub. L. 97-35, title XXV, §2511, Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 888; Pub. L. 99-272, title XIII, §§13004(b), 13005(b), Apr. 7, 1986, 100 Stat. 303.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, referred to in par. (12), is act June 25, 1938, ch. 680, 52 Stat. 1094, as amended, which is classified principally to chapter 11 (§351 et seq.) of Title 45, Railroads. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

AMENDMENTS

1986—Pars. (16), (17). Pub. L. 99-272 added pars. (16) and (17).

1981—Par. (3). Pub. L. 97-35, §2511(1), struck out par. (3) defining “average weekly manufacturing wage”.

Par. (7). Pub. L. 97-35, §2511(1), struck out par. (7) defining “remuneration”.

Par. (12). Pub. L. 97-35, §2511(2), revised par. (12) generally, inserting definitions of “regular compensation”, “additional compensation”, and “extended compensation”.

Par. (14). Pub. L. 97-35, §2511(3), substituted provisions requiring determination under the applicable State law or Federal unemployment insurance law for provisions requiring computation applying percent of average weekly wage and time spent prior to separation.

Par. (15). Pub. L. 97-35, §2511(4), added par. (15).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1981 AMENDMENT AND TRANSITION PROVISIONS

Amendment by Pub. L. 97-35 applicable to allowances payable for weeks of unemployment which begin after Sept. 30, 1981, with transition provisions applicable, see section 2514 of Pub. L. 97-35, set out as a note under section 2291 of this title.

TERMINATION DATE

No trade adjustment assistance, vouchers, allowances, or other payments or benefits may be provided under this part after Dec. 31, 2007, except as otherwise provided, see section 285 of Pub. L. 93-618, as amended, set out as a note preceding section 2271 of this title.

§ 2320. Regulations

The Secretary shall prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this part.

(Pub. L. 93-618, title II, §248, Jan. 3, 1975, 88 Stat. 2029.)

TERMINATION DATE

No trade adjustment assistance, vouchers, allowances, or other payments or benefits may be provided under this part after Dec. 31, 2007, except as otherwise provided, see section 285 of Pub. L. 93-618, as amended, set out as a note preceding section 2271 of this title.

§ 2321. Subpena power

(a) Subpena by Secretary

The Secretary may require by subpena the attendance of witnesses and the production of evidence necessary for him to make a determination under the provisions of this part.

(b) Court order

If a person refuses to obey a subpena issued under subsection (a) of this section, a United States district court within the jurisdiction of which the relevant proceeding under this part is conducted may, upon petition by the Secretary, issue an order requiring compliance with such subpena.

(Pub. L. 93-618, title II, §249, Jan. 3, 1975, 88 Stat. 2029.)

TERMINATION DATE

No trade adjustment assistance, vouchers, allowances, or other payments or benefits may be provided under this part after Dec. 31, 2007, except as otherwise provided, see section 285 of Pub. L. 93-618, as amended, set out as a note preceding section 2271 of this title.

§ 2322. Repealed. Pub. L. 107-210, div. A, title I, § 123(b)(2), Aug. 6, 2002, 116 Stat. 944

Section, Pub. L. 93-618, title II, §249A, as added Pub. L. 103-182, title V, §503(c), Dec. 8, 1993, 107 Stat. 2151, prohibited assistance relating to a separation pursuant to certifications under both subparts A and D of this part.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2322, Pub. L. 93-618, title II, §250, Jan. 3, 1975, 88 Stat. 2029, provided for judicial review for workers or groups aggrieved by a final determination by the Secretary under section 2273 of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 96-417, title VI, §612, title VII, §701(a), Oct. 10, 1980, 94 Stat. 1746, 1747, effective Nov. 1, 1980, and applicable with respect to civil actions pending on or commenced on or after such date. See section 2395 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal applicable with respect to petitions filed under this part on or after the date that is 90 days after Aug. 6, 2002, except with respect to certain workers, see section 123(c) of Pub. L. 107-210, set out as a note under section 2331 of this title.

SUBPART D—NAFTA TRANSITIONAL ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

§ 2331. Repealed. Pub. L. 107-210, div. A, title I, § 123(a), Aug. 6, 2002, 116 Stat. 944

Section, Pub. L. 93-618, title II, §250, as added Pub. L. 103-182, title V, §502, Dec. 8, 1993, 107 Stat. 2149; amended Pub. L. 105-277, div. J, title I, §1012(b), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-901; Pub. L. 106-113, div. B, §1000(a)(5) [title VII, §702(b)], Nov. 29, 1999, 113 Stat. 1536, 1501A-319, established a NAFTA transitional adjustment assistance program.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 250 of Pub. L. 93-618, title II, Jan. 3, 1975, 88 Stat. 2029, provided for judicial review for workers or groups aggrieved by a final determination by the Secretary under section 2273 of this title, and was classified to section 2322 of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 96-417.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Pub. L. 107-210, div. A, title I, §123(c), Aug. 6, 2002, 116 Stat. 944, provided that:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by this section [amending sections 2275 and 2395 of this title and repealing this subpart and section 2322 of this title] shall apply with respect to petitions filed under chapter 2 of title II of the Trade Act of 1974 [this part], on or after the date that is 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act [Aug. 6, 2002].

“(2) WORKERS CERTIFIED AS ELIGIBLE BEFORE EFFECTIVE DATE.—Notwithstanding subsection (a), a worker receiving benefits under chapter 2 of title II of the Trade Act of 1974 shall continue to receive (or be eligible to receive) benefits and services under chapter 2 of title II of the Trade Act of 1974, as in effect on the day before the amendments made by this section take effect under subsection (a), for any week for which the worker meets the eligibility requirements of such chapter 2 as in effect on such date.”

PART 3—ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR FIRMS

TERMINATION DATE

No technical assistance to be provided under this part after Dec. 31, 2007, see section 285 of Pub. L. 93-618, as amended, set out as a note preceding section 2271 of this title.

§ 2341. Petitions and determinations

(a) Filing of petition; receipt of petition; initiation of investigation

A petition for a certification of eligibility to apply for adjustment assistance under this part may be filed with the Secretary of Commerce (hereinafter in this part referred to as the “Secretary”) by a firm (including any agricultural firm) or its representative. Upon receipt of the petition, the Secretary shall promptly publish notice in the Federal Register that he has received the petition and initiated an investigation.

(b) Public hearing

If the petitioner, or any other person, organization, or group found by the Secretary to have a substantial interest in the proceedings, submits not later than 10 days after the date of the Secretary’s publication under subsection (a) of this section a request for a hearing, the Secretary shall provide for a public hearing and afford such interested persons an opportunity to be present, to produce evidence, and to be heard.

(c) Certification

(1) The Secretary shall certify a firm (including any agricultural firm) as eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under this part if the Secretary determines—

(A) that a significant number or proportion of the workers in such firm have become totally or partially separated, or are threatened to become totally or partially separated,

(B) that—

(i) sales or production, or both, of such firm have decreased absolutely, or

(ii) sales or production, or both, of an article that accounted for not less than 25 percent of the total production or sales of the firm during the 12-month period preceding the most recent 12-month period for which data are available have decreased absolutely, and

(C) increases of imports of articles like or directly competitive with articles which are produced by such firm contributed importantly to such total or partial separation, or threat thereof, and to such decline in sales or production.

(2) For purposes of paragraph (1)(C)—

(A) The term “contributed importantly” means a cause which is important but not necessarily more important than any other cause.

(B)(i) Any firm which engages in exploration or drilling for oil or natural gas shall be considered to be a firm producing oil or natural gas.

(ii) Any firm that engages in exploration or drilling for oil or natural gas, or otherwise produces oil or natural gas, shall be considered to be producing articles directly competitive with imports of oil and with imports of natural gas.