

on October 13, 1964. This law is identified as the Reserve Officers' Training Corps Vitalization Act of 1964. While differing in some respects from the DOD legislative proposal, the act does provide authorizations for the main objectives of the DOD proposal. The salient features of the act are:

(a) All earlier provisions of law on ROTC are rescinded and a new part of law enacted which is uniformly applicable to all military departments.

(b) Optional 2-year Senior ROTC is authorized. Students are authorized to enroll in the advanced course if they have first completed successfully basic summer military training of at least 6 weeks. This training would serve as a substitute for the first 2 years (the basic course) of Senior ROTC training. Rate of pay for personnel undergoing the basic summer training is that of E-1 (under 4 months).

(c) The military departments are authorized to provide scholarship assistance to students in the 4-year ROTC program for a minimum of 1 year or a maximum of 4 years. This provision authorizes the Navy to continue its regular program commonly called the Holloway program. This is a new authorization for the Army and Air Force as they heretofore have not been authorized scholarship assistance for ROTC students. Scholarships are not authorized for students in the 2-year program. The DOD proposal had recommended scholarship availability for students in both the 4- and 2-year programs. The maximum number of cadets that can be in the scholarship assistance programs at any one time is 4,000 each for the Army and Air Force, with this maximum increasing to 5,500 on September 1, 1968, and 5,500 for the Navy with this ceiling effective September 1, 1965. The scholarship assistance authorized by the act consists of two elements:

(1) Payment of tuition, books, laboratory fees, and similar charges. The average cost of these charges was estimated at \$800 to \$850 per student, but the actual costs vary from a few hundred dollars annually to more than \$2,000 a year, depending on the school concerned.

(2) Payment of subsistence pay in the amount of \$50 per month not to exceed a total of 4 years.

Students receiving scholarship assistance are required to serve on active duty for 4 years following appointment as an officer and graduation from college.

(d) The subsistence allowance for advanced students not participating in the scholarship assistance program is increased from \$27 per month to a minimum of \$40 per month, with permissive authority to increase the payment to \$50 per month. These payments cannot exceed a total of 20 months.

(e) The allowance for advanced students traveling to and from summer camp is increased from 5 to 6 cents per mile and the payment to such students while at summer camp is increased from pay at the rate of E-1 (less than 4 months) to that for a cadet or midshipman at the Military, Naval, or Air Force Academy.

(f) Students who do not receive scholarship assistance must enlist in a Reserve component to be eligible for advanced training. Students enrolled in the scholarship assistance program are appointed as a cadet or midshipman, as appropriate, in a Reserve component.