Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law. Act 133 of the Regular Session

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5	By: Senator J. English
6	By: Representatives C. Fite, M. Berry
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8	For An Act To Be Entitled
9	AN ACT CONCERNING TUITION BENEFITS FOR SOLDIERS AND
10	AIRMEN OF THE ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD; TO ALLOW THE
11	TUITION-FREE BENEFIT FOR SOLDIERS AND AIRMEN OF THE
12	ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD TO APPLY TO PROGRAMS OF STUDY
13	IN WHICH THE COURSES ARE TAKEN EXCLUSIVELY ONLINE;
14	AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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17	Subtitle
18	TO ALLOW THE TUITION-FREE BENEFIT FOR
19	SOLDIERS AND AIRMEN OF THE ARKANSAS
20	NATIONAL GUARD TO APPLY TO PROGRAMS OF
21	STUDY IN WHICH THE COURSES ARE TAKEN
22	EXCLUSIVELY ONLINE.
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25	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27	SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-60-214(b), concerning individuals and
28	programs that are excluded from the tuition benefits for soldiers and airmen
29	of the Arkansas National Guard, is amended to read as follows:
30	(b) The tuition-free benefit under this section shall does not apply
31	to :
32	(1) High high school students concurrently enrolled in a state-
33	supported institution of higher education; or
34	(2) Programs of study in which the courses are taken exclusively
35	online.
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1	SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-60-214(e), concerning reimbursements to
2	state-supported institutions of higher education for certain tuition
3	expenses, is amended to read as follows:
4	(e) The State of Arkansas shall reimburse a state supported
5	institution of higher education the following for the remainder of tuition
6	expenses that are not covered by funding sources under subsection (a) of this
7	section for each soldier and airman of the Arkansas National Guard who
8	enrolls in the state-supported institution of higher education under
9	subsection (a) of this section <u>:</u>
10	(1) A state-supported institution of higher education; and
11	(2) An exclusively online, degree-offering institution that is
12	associated with a state-supported institution of higher education.
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14	/s/J. English
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