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## **RULE PROMULGATION STATUS REPORT**

**Rule requiring Promulgation:** 131.00.19-00 Arkansas National Guard Tuition Waiver Program

### **Description of Act 76**

This Act amends the law concerning tuition benefits for soldiers and airmen of the Arkansas National Guard. It allows a temporary waiver of the completion of the initial active duty training requirement under exigent circumstances.

### **Description of Act 133**

This Act amends the law to allow the tuition-free benefit for soldiers and airmen of the Arkansas National Guard to apply to programs of study in which the courses are taken exclusively online.

### **Status Update on the Stage of Promulgation (amendment of rule)**

The public comment period opens September 3, 2021, with Notice published September 3, 4 and 5 in the Arkansas Democrat Gazette and a Public Hearing is scheduled for September 13, 2021. The changes to the rule will amend it to include the temporary waiver of requiring completion of initial active duty before receiving benefits and also to allow use for programs offered exclusively online.

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