

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas  
2 84th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2003

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2480

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5 By: Representative Wood  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REQUIRE STATE FUNDED COLLEGES AND  
10 UNIVERSITIES TO WAIVE UP TO TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT  
11 (25%) OF TUITION COSTS FOR QUALIFIED MEMBERS OF  
12 THE ARKANSAS ARMY AND AIR NATIONAL GUARD  
13 RECEIVING FEDERAL TUITION ASSISTANCE; AND FOR  
14 OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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16 TO REQUIRE STATE FUNDED COLLEGES AND  
17 UNIVERSITIES TO WAIVE UP TO TWENTY-FIVE  
18 PERCENT (25%) OF TUITION COSTS FOR  
19 ARKANSAS ARMY AND AIR NATIONAL GUARD.  
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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25 Section 1. (a) Colleges, universities, community colleges, technical  
26 schools, and other post-secondary institutions of higher learning located in  
27 the State of Arkansas that directly receive funds appropriated by the General  
28 Assembly shall waive up to twenty-five percent (25%) of the tuition at the  
29 institution for soldiers and airmen of the Arkansas National Guard who are  
30 participants in the Arkansas National Guard Tuition Assistance Plan.

31 (b) The Arkansas National Guard Tuition Assistance Plan shall fund the  
32 first seventy-five percent (75%) of all the tuition costs for the soldiers  
33 and airmen.

34 (c)(1) The Adjutant General for Arkansas shall establish and publish  
35 regulations for the eligibility and implementation of the Arkansas National  
36 Guard Tuition Assistance Plan.



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1           (2) The Adjutant General’s regulations shall conform to the  
2 Arkansas Administrative Procedures Act.

3           (3) The Adjutant General shall provide each post-secondary  
4 institution of higher learning located in the State of Arkansas a copy of the  
5 regulations within thirty days (30) after publication.

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7           SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
8 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that competition from adjoining  
9 states causes recruits for the Arkansas National Guard to leave the state for  
10 educational opportunities and funding; that the competition depletes the  
11 recruits for the military units located within the state; and that this act  
12 is immediately necessary to provide comparable educational opportunities in  
13 the state for recruits for the Arkansas National Guard. Therefore, an  
14 emergency is declared to exist and this act being necessary for the  
15 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective  
16 on July 1, 2003.

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