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A Bill

SENATE BILL 35

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING TUITION BENEFITS
10 FOR SOLDIERS AND AIRMEN OF THE ARKANSAS NATIONAL
11 GUARD; TO ALLOW A TEMPORARY WAIVER OF THE COMPLETION
12 OF THE INITIAL ACTIVE DUTY TRAINING REQUIREMENT; AND
13 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-60-214(a), concerning tuition benefits
27 for soldiers and airmen of the Arkansas National Guard, is amended to read as
28 follows:

29 (a) A soldier or airman of the Arkansas National Guard may attend a
30 state-supported institution of higher education tuition-free if the soldier
31 or airman:

32 (1) Is an Arkansas resident;

33 (2) ~~Has~~ Except as provided in subdivision (f)(3) of this
34 section, has completed initial active duty training; ~~and, except~~

35 (3) Except as provided in subsection (f) of this section, is in
36 good standing as an active soldier or airman of the Arkansas National Guard;



1 ~~(3)~~(4) Has been accepted to and is enrolled in a state-supported
2 institution of higher education as a student in good standing;

3 ~~(4)~~(5) Completed and submitted to the United States Department
4 of Education a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA);

5 ~~(5)~~(6) Submitted applications for:

6 (A) Federal and state grants and scholarships for which
7 the soldier or airman is eligible; and

8 (B) Grants and scholarships awarded by the state-supported
9 institution of higher education in which the soldier or airman is enrolled;

10 ~~(6)~~(7) Is enrolled in a program of study leading to an
11 undergraduate degree; and

12 ~~(7)~~(8) Has not received a bachelor's degree.

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14 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-60-214(f), concerning tuition benefits
15 for soldiers and airmen of the Arkansas National Guard, is amended to add an
16 additional subdivision to read as follows:

17 (3) In the event of an exigent circumstance that warrants a
18 temporary waiver of the initial active duty training requirement in
19 accordance with the rules promulgated under subdivision (h)(1) of this
20 section, the soldier or airman is eligible to receive the tuition benefit
21 under this section.