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A Bill

SENATE BILL 66

5 By: Senator J. English
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING TUITION BENEFITS FOR SOLDIERS AND
9 AIRMEN OF THE ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD; TO ALLOW THE
10 TUITION-FREE BENEFIT FOR SOLDIERS AND AIRMEN OF THE
11 ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD TO APPLY TO PROGRAMS OF STUDY
12 IN WHICH THE COURSES ARE TAKEN EXCLUSIVELY ONLINE;
13 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

16 TO ALLOW THE TUITION-FREE BENEFIT FOR
17 SOLDIERS AND AIRMEN OF THE ARKANSAS
18 NATIONAL GUARD TO APPLY TO PROGRAMS OF
19 STUDY IN WHICH THE COURSES ARE TAKEN
20 EXCLUSIVELY ONLINE.
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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(b), concerning individuals and
27 programs that are excluded from the tuition benefits for soldiers and airmen
28 of the Arkansas National Guard, is amended to read as follows:

29 (b) The tuition-free benefit under this section ~~shall~~ does not apply
30 to:

31 ~~(1) High~~ high school students concurrently enrolled in a state-
32 supported institution of higher education; ~~or~~

33 ~~(2) Programs of study in which the courses are taken exclusively~~
34 online.
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36 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-60-214(e), concerning reimbursements to



1 state-supported institutions of higher education for certain tuition
2 expenses, is amended to read as follows:

3 (e) The State of Arkansas shall reimburse ~~a state-supported~~
4 ~~institution of higher education~~ the following for the remainder of tuition
5 expenses that are not covered by funding sources under subsection (a) of this
6 section for each soldier and airman of the Arkansas National Guard who
7 enrolls in the state-supported institution of higher education under
8 subsection (a) of this section:

9 (1) A state-supported institution of higher education; and

10 (2) An exclusively online, degree-offering institution that is
11 associated with a state-supported institution of higher education.

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