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A Bill

SENATE BILL 200

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF LAW RELATED TO
10 TUITION BENEFITS FOR SOLDIERS AND AIRMEN OF THE
11 ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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15 RELATED TO TUITION BENEFITS FOR SOLDIERS
16 AND AIRMEN OF THE ARKANSAS NATIONAL
17 GUARD.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-60-214(a)(1), concerning qualifications
24 needed for a soldier or an airman of the Arkansas National Guard to receive
25 tuition benefits at a state-supported institution of higher education, is
26 amended to read as follows:

27 (1) Is an Arkansas resident or is eligible for in-state tuition
28 under § 6-60-205;
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30 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-60-214(c)(1), concerning the maximum
31 number of credit hours for which the tuition-free benefit is available for a
32 soldier or an airman of the Arkansas National Guard, is amended to read as
33 follows:

34 (c)(1)(A) The tuition-free benefit under this section is available for
35 a maximum of one hundred twenty (120) semester credit hours.

36 (B)(i) However, in the event that a soldier or an airman



1 is enrolled in a degree program that exceeds one hundred twenty (120) hours,
2 the Adjutant General may recommend an exception to the semester credit hour
3 cap under subdivision (c)(1)(A) of this section.

4 (ii) An exception granted under subdivision
5 (c)(1)(B)(i) of this section shall be subject to the:

6 (a) Availability of funds; and

7 (b) Approval of the Division of Higher
8 Education.

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10 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-60-214(d)(2), concerning the number of
11 semester credit hours a soldier or an airman of the Arkansas National Guard
12 may drop, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

13 (2) Shall not drop more than six (6) semester credit hours
14 during the period in which the soldier or airman receives the tuition-free
15 benefit under this section unless dropping the courses is necessitated by a:

16 (A) Mobilization that interrupts the enrollment of the
17 soldier or airman in the state-supported institution of higher education; ~~or~~

18 (B) Medical reason approved by the Adjutant General; or

19 (C) Reason recommended for approval by the Adjutant
20 General and approved by the division.