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**A Bill**

SENATE BILL 66

By: Senator J. English  
By: Representatives C. Fite, M. Berry

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING TUITION BENEFITS FOR SOLDIERS AND  
AIRMEN OF THE ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD; 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;  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

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.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-60-214(b), concerning individuals and  
programs that are excluded from the tuition benefits for soldiers and airmen  
of the Arkansas National Guard, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The tuition-free benefit under this section ~~shall~~ does not apply  
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~~(1) High~~ high school students concurrently enrolled in a state-  
supported institution of higher education; ~~or~~

~~(2) Programs of study in which the courses are taken exclusively~~  
online.



SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-60-214(e), concerning reimbursements to state-supported institutions of higher education for certain tuition expenses, is amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

/s/J. English

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