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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1005

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT REGARDING HIGHER EDUCATION; TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING TUITION WAIVERS FOR ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD SOLDIERS AND AIRMEN TO INCLUDE PROGRAMS OF STUDY LEADING TO A POSTSECONDARY CERTIFICATE OR CREDENTIAL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING TUITION WAIVERS FOR ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD SOLDIERS AND AIRMEN TO INCLUDE PROGRAMS OF STUDY LEADING TO A POSTSECONDARY CERTIFICATE OR CREDENTIAL.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-60-214(a), concerning the eligibility requirements for tuition benefits for soldiers and airmen of the Arkansas National Guard, is amended to read as follows:

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

(1) Is an Arkansas resident or is eligible for in-state tuition under § 6-60-205;

(2) Except as provided in subdivision (f)(3) of this section, has completed initial active duty training;

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



- (4) Has been accepted to and is enrolled in a state-supported institution of higher education as a student in good standing;
- (5) Completed and submitted to the United States Department of Education a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA);
- (6) Submitted applications for:
 - (A) Federal and state grants and scholarships for which the soldier or airman is eligible; and
 - (B) Grants and scholarships awarded by the state-supported institution of higher education in which the soldier or airman is enrolled;
- (7) Is enrolled in a program of study leading to an undergraduate degree or a postsecondary credential or certificate; and
- (8) Has not received a bachelor's degree.

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