

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 66

By: Senator J. English
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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 to:

(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