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A BILL FOR

1 An Act increasing the tuition assistance eligible national guard
2 members receive under the national guard tuition aid program.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 261.21, subsection 1, unnumbered
2 paragraph 1, Code 1999, is amended to read as follows:

3 Subject to an appropriation of sufficient funds by the
4 general assembly, a member of the national guard who meets the
5 eligibility requirements of this subsection ~~is-entitled~~ shall
6 receive tuition assistance to attend and pursue any
7 undergraduate course of study at a community college as
8 defined in chapter 260C, or an institution of higher learning
9 under the control of the state board of regents ~~upon-the~~
10 ~~payment-by-the-member-personally-of-fifty-percent-of-the~~
11 ~~tuition-charged-by-the-community-college-or-institution-of~~
12 ~~higher-learning.~~ The remaining tuition shall be paid by the
13 college student aid commission from funds appropriated by the
14 general assembly. To be eligible for tuition aid assistance
15 under this section, a national guard member shall meet the
16 following conditions:

17 Sec. 2. Section 261.21, subsection 2, Code 1999, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 2. Participation in the tuition aid program by an
20 accredited private institution, as defined in section 261.9,
21 is voluntary. Subject to an appropriation of sufficient funds
22 by the general assembly, a member of the Iowa national guard
23 who meets the eligibility requirements of subsection 1, except
24 for subsection 1, paragraph "d", ~~is-entitled~~ shall receive
25 tuition assistance to attend and pursue any undergraduate
26 course of study at any participating accredited private
27 institution, as defined in section 261.9, upon admission to
28 the institution ~~and-payment-of.~~ However, the amount of
29 tuition less assistance shall not exceed an amount equal to
30 ~~fifty-percent-of~~ the resident tuition rate established for
31 institutions of higher learning under the control of the state
32 board of regents. The remaining tuition, ~~not-to-exceed-fifty~~
33 ~~percent-of-the-resident-tuition-rate-for-a-regents-university,~~
34 shall be paid by the college student aid commission from funds
35 appropriated by the general assembly.

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EXPLANATION

This bill, subject to an appropriation of sufficient funds by the general assembly, provides for full tuition assistance at community colleges and regents' universities for a member of the Iowa national guard who meets the eligibility requirements of the national guard tuition aid program. Guard members, under the bill, can also receive tuition assistance to attend an accredited private postsecondary institution, but the tuition assistance cannot exceed the resident tuition rate established for institutions of higher learning under the control of the state board of regents. Currently under the program, eligible guard members must contribute 50 percent of their tuition costs.