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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the national guard service scholarship  
2 program.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 261.86, subsection 3, paragraph a, Code  
2 2020, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. (1) ~~Except as provided in subparagraph (2), an~~ An  
4 eligible member of the national guard, attending an institution  
5 as provided in [subsection 1](#), paragraph "d", shall not receive  
6 scholarship awards under [this section](#) for more than one  
7 hundred ~~twenty~~ thirty semester, or the equivalent, credit  
8 hours of undergraduate study. Only courses that lead to an  
9 undergraduate certificate or degree or to a commission in the  
10 armed services of the United States are eligible for award  
11 funding under this program.

12 (2) ~~An eligible member of the national guard, attending an~~  
13 ~~institution as provided in [subsection 1](#), paragraph "d", who is~~  
14 ~~enrolled in a program of education leading to a postsecondary~~  
15 ~~degree that meets the eligibility requirements for the federal~~  
16 ~~Edith Nourse Rogers STEM scholarship established under 38~~  
17 ~~U.S.C. §3320, shall not receive scholarship awards issued under~~  
18 ~~[this section](#) for more than one hundred thirty semester, or the~~  
19 ~~equivalent, credit hours of undergraduate study.~~

20 (3) A national guard member who has met the educational  
21 requirements for a baccalaureate degree is ineligible for a  
22 scholarship award under [this section](#).

23 EXPLANATION

24 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
25 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

26 This bill increases the number of credit hours certain  
27 national guard members may receive scholarship awards for  
28 under the national guard service scholarship program from 120  
29 credit hours of undergraduate study to 130 credit hours of  
30 undergraduate study, and provides that award funding can only  
31 be used for courses leading to an undergraduate certificate or  
32 degree or to a commission in the United States armed services.

33 Currently, only national guard members who are enrolled  
34 in a program of education leading to a postsecondary degree  
35 that meets the eligibility requirements for a federal STEM

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1 scholarship are eligible for scholarship awards for up to 130  
2 credit hours. The bill eliminates this exception.