

House File 118 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE 118
BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 4)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act modifying provisions related to the national guard service
2 scholarship program.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 256.210, subsection 2, Code 2025, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. a. Scholarship Subject to paragraph "b", scholarship
4 awards paid pursuant to this section shall not exceed the
5 resident tuition rate established for institutions of higher
6 learning under the control of the state board of regents. ~~If~~
7 ~~the amount appropriated in a fiscal year for purposes of this~~
8 ~~section is insufficient to provide scholarships to all national~~
9 ~~guard members who apply for the program and who are determined by~~
10 ~~the adjutant general to be eligible for the program, the adjutant~~
11 ~~general shall, in coordination with the commission, determine the~~
12 ~~distribution of scholarships. However, scholarship awards paid~~
13 ~~pursuant to this section and shall not be less than fifty percent~~
14 ~~of the resident tuition rate established for institutions of~~
15 ~~higher learning under the control of the state board of regents~~
16 ~~or fifty percent of the tuition rate at the institution attended~~
17 ~~by the national guard member, whichever is lower. Neither~~
18 ~~eligibility nor scholarship award determinations shall be based~~
19 ~~upon a national guard member's unit, the location at which drills~~
20 ~~are attended, or whether the eligible individual is a member of~~
21 ~~the Iowa army or air national guard.~~

22 b. Scholarship awards paid pursuant to this section shall not
23 exceed the difference between the tuition rate at the institution
24 attended by the national guard member less any financial aid the
25 national guard member receives under 10 U.S.C. §2007.

26 c. If the amount appropriated in a fiscal year for purposes
27 of this section is insufficient to provide scholarships to
28 all national guard members who apply for the program and who
29 are determined by the adjutant general to be eligible for the
30 program, the adjutant general shall, in coordination with the
31 commission, determine the distribution of scholarships.

32 EXPLANATION

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

35 This bill modifies provisions related to the national guard

1 service scholarship program.

2 The national guard service scholarship program, administered
3 by the college student aid commission, provides annual awards
4 to Iowa national guard members who attend eligible Iowa colleges
5 and universities. Current law provides that scholarship awards
6 under the program shall not exceed the resident tuition rate
7 established for institutions of higher learning under the control
8 of the state board of regents. The bill provides that the amount
9 of the scholarship awards also shall not exceed the difference
10 between the tuition rate at the institution attended by the
11 national guard member less any financial aid the national guard
12 member receives under certain specified federal programs.

13 Current law provides that, for purposes of the national guard
14 service scholarship program, neither eligibility nor scholarship
15 award determinations shall be based upon a national guard
16 member's unit, the location at which drills are attended, or
17 whether the eligible individual is a member of the Iowa army or
18 air national guard. The bill strikes this provision.