

LEGISLATIVE BILL 243

Approved by the Governor May 26, 1999

Introduced by Janssen, 15; Cudaback, 36; Hudkins, 21; Schimek, 27;
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AN ACT relating to the Nebraska National Guard; to amend section 85-505, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1998; to change tuition reimbursement provisions; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 85-505, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1998, is amended to read:

85-505. Any member of the Nebraska National Guard who enrolls in any state-supported university, college, or community college or any independent, not-for-profit, regionally accredited college or university in this state shall be entitled to a credit of ~~fifty~~ seventy-five percent of the resident tuition charges of such school, except that any member who attends an independent, not-for-profit, regionally accredited college or university in this state shall receive a credit in an amount no higher than that person would receive if he or she attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Such entitlement shall be for a period of ten years from the date of the member's initial membership so long as the member maintains satisfactory performance with the guard and pursues his or her course of study in such institution in a manner which satisfies the normal requirements of the institution. Any member entitled to a credit of seventy-five percent of resident tuition charges and enrolled in the tuition credit program as of October 1, 1992, shall ~~continue to~~ be on and after the effective date of this act be entitled to the credit at such rate until completion of the educational program in which he or she is enrolled on October 1, 1992, so long as the member maintains satisfactory performance with the guard and pursues his or her course of study in such institution in a manner which satisfies the normal requirements of the institution. The number of individuals granted tuition credit shall not exceed the number specified in section 85-505.01 during any fiscal year, and the amount of tuition credits granted shall not exceed nine hundred thousand dollars during any fiscal year. When determining to whom such tuition credit shall be awarded, priority shall be given to those individuals who have previously received tuition credits while a National Guard member, and the Nebraska National Guard shall apply those program qualifications and limitations consistent with efficient and effective program management as determined by the Adjutant General.

Sec. 2. Original section 85-505, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1998, is repealed.

Sec. 3. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.