

## LEGISLATIVE BILL 895

Approved by the Governor March 18, 2024

Introduced by Sanders, 45; Albrecht, 17; Bostelman, 23; Brewer, 43; Holdcroft, 36; Meyer, 41; Halloran, 33.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska National Guard; to amend section 55-157.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change incentive payment provisions relating to recruitment and retention; and to repeal the original section.

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

Section 1. Section 55-157.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

55-157.03 The Adjutant General may establish a program ~~authorize a payment to encourage individuals to enlist or reenlist as enlisted persons or be commissioned or retained as commissioned officers in units of the Nebraska National Guard whenever the strength level of such units is so low as to adversely affect the ability of such units to meet their state or federal mission, so long as if the cost sum of such program payments does not exceed the amount appropriated for such this purpose. The Adjutant General may devise and change a formula to distribute incentive payments to members of the Nebraska Army National Guard, and the Air National Guard, or any other person designated under such program for the purpose of encouraging recruitment and retention of enlisted persons and officers so as to encourage enlistments, reenlistments, or both, subject to the following restrictions. The payments shall be restricted to enlisted persons who have less than twelve years of total military service. The payments shall not exceed the rate of one hundred dollars per year of service but may be provided in advance of service, except that not more than three hundred dollars shall be paid in advance of performed service to any one individual at any time.~~

Sec. 2. Original section 55-157.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.