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Bill Analysis

SB 1418 creates the Oklahoma National Guard Educational Assistance Act to assist Guard members who enroll in institutions within the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education. The measure directs the amount of assistance to be equal to the amount of resident tuition, mandatory fees, and academic service fees for the courses in which the eligible Guard member enrolls, not to exceed a maximum of 18 credit hours each semester, subject to availability of funding. Additionally, it states that the amount of assistance in an undergraduate program shall not exceed 120 credit hours in pursuit of an associate's or baccalaureate degree, and subject to undergraduate assistance being fully funded, assistance is also to be provided to an eligible Guard member enrolled in a graduate program, not to exceed a maximum of 40 credit hours in pursuit of a master's degree. The bill provides criteria for initial eligibility and eligibility retention. The measure allows an eligible Guard member's Commander to deny an application for certain reasons and requires a Guard member who receives assistance and fails to maintain satisfactory participation in the Oklahoma National Guard to repay an assistance amount or seek a hardship waiver. The bill also creates the Oklahoma National Guard Educational Assistance Revolving Fund.

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