

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 3098

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to higher education; creating the
8 Oklahoma National Guard School Fees Grant; directing
9 the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to
10 administer the grant; declaring eligibility
11 requirements; directing enrolling institutions to
12 forward applications; designating amount to be
13 awarded; clarifying order of priority; setting
14 limitation; creating a revolving fund; providing for
15 codification; and providing an effective date.

16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

17 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3260.1 of Title 70, unless there
19 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 There is hereby created the "Oklahoma National Guard School Fees
21 Grant". The grant shall be administered by the Oklahoma State
22 Regents for Higher Education and shall be funded from the revolving
23 fund created in Section 3 of this act. The State Regents shall
24 implement policies and procedures for the administration of this
act.

1 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3260.2 of Title 70, unless there
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 A. Oklahoma National Guard members meeting the following
5 conditions shall be eligible for the Oklahoma National Guard School
6 Fees Grant:

7 1. Are residents of Oklahoma as defined by the Oklahoma State
8 Regents for Higher Education;

9 2. Are currently enrolled in a colleges or universities that
10 are part of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education; and

11 3. Maintain at least the minimum standards of academic
12 performance as required by the enrolling institution.

13 B. The enrolling institution shall forward a completed student
14 application, documentation of full-time enrollment status, and
15 certification of resident status to the State Regents no later than
16 October 15 for the fall semester and March 15 for the spring
17 semester of every academic year.

18 C. Subject to the availability of funds in the Oklahoma
19 National Guard School Fees Revolving Fund created in Section 3 of
20 this act, eligible recipients shall receive One Hundred Dollars
21 (\$100.00) per credit hour per semester.

22 D. If funds are insufficient in the Oklahoma National Guard
23 School Fees Revolving Fund to provide grants for all eligible
24 applicants, the State Regents shall award grants on the basis of

1 need and take into consideration other grants and scholarships
2 received by an eligible applicant when awarding grants. Students
3 who have previously received funding under the Oklahoma National
4 Guard School Fees Grant and who continue to meet the requirements
5 for eligibility shall have absolute priority for continued financial
6 support superior to any student who is applying for a grant for the
7 first time.

8 E. A grant provided by this section shall not be allowed for
9 courses or other postsecondary credit hours taken in excess of the
10 requirements for completion of a baccalaureate program or taken more
11 than five (5) years after the student's first grant is received. No
12 Oklahoma National Guard School Fees Grant recipient may receive
13 benefits beyond a cumulative time period of five (5) years.

14 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3260.3 of Title 70, unless there
16 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund
18 for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to be designated
19 the "Oklahoma National Guard School Fees Revolving Fund". The fund
20 shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations,
21 and shall consist of monies received by the Oklahoma State Regents
22 for Higher Education from state appropriations for the purpose of
23 this fund. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby
24 appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the State Regents

1 for the purpose of operating the Oklahoma National Guard School Fees
2 Grant.

3 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

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