

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE AMENDMENT  
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2 ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 32 By: Stanley of the Senate  
3 and  
4 Miller of the House  
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7 An Act relating to the Oklahoma National Guard  
Educational Assistance Act; amending Section 1,  
8 Chapter 24, O.S.L. 2022 (70 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section  
3231), which relates to creation of the act;  
9 directing certain assistance to include program fees  
and any other fees for courses; directing the  
10 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and the  
Military Department of the State of Oklahoma to  
11 jointly review certain fees; allowing the State  
Regents to determine if certain fees are ineligible  
12 for program assistance; authorizing the Department to  
establish certain cap; modifying retention  
13 eligibility; authorizing the Department to establish  
a cap on certain program participation; modifying  
14 reasons for which an application for assistance may  
be denied; directing the Department to promulgate  
15 certain regulations; directing the State Regents and  
the Department to coordinate certain promulgation;  
16 updating statutory references; updating statutory  
language; providing an effective date; and declaring  
17 an emergency.

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8 Chapter 24, O.S.L. 2022 (70 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section  
9 3231), which relates to creation of the act;  
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 24, O.S.L. 2022  
(70 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 3231), is amended to read as follows:

Section 3231. A. This act shall be known and may be cited as  
the "Oklahoma National Guard Educational Assistance Act".

B. As used in ~~this act~~ the Oklahoma National Guard Educational  
Assistance Act:

1        1. "Oklahoma educational institution" means an institution of  
2 higher education within The Oklahoma State System of Higher  
3 Education;

4        2. "Eligible Guard member" means a current member of the  
5 Oklahoma National Guard in good standing who has a high school  
6 diploma or who has completed General Educational Development (GED)  
7 requirements and who has secured admission to and enrolled in an  
8 Oklahoma educational institution;

9        3. "Graduate program" means a program offered by an Oklahoma  
10 educational institution that leads to the award of a master's  
11 degree;

12       4. "Program" means the Oklahoma National Guard Educational  
13 Assistance Program established pursuant to the provisions of this  
14 section; and

15       5. "Undergraduate program" means a program offered by an  
16 Oklahoma educational institution that leads to the award of an  
17 associate's degree or a baccalaureate degree.

18       C. There is hereby created the Oklahoma National Guard  
19 Educational Assistance Program to provide assistance to eligible  
20 Guard members who enroll in an Oklahoma educational institution.  
21 Subject to the availability of funds and limitations established by  
22 the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, the amount of  
23 assistance shall be equivalent to the amount of resident tuition,  
24 mandatory fees, ~~and~~ program fees, academic service fees, and any

1 other fees for courses in which the eligible Guard member is  
2 enrolled, not to exceed a maximum of eighteen (18) credit hours each  
3 semester. The mandatory fees, program fees, academic service fees,  
4 and any other fees for courses shall be jointly reviewed by the  
5 State Regents and the Military Department of the State of Oklahoma.  
6 The State Regents may determine fees or fee amounts to be ineligible  
7 for program assistance. If the State Regents make such a  
8 determination, program assistance for those fees or fee amounts  
9 shall not be provided to eligible Guard members participating in the  
10 program.

11 1. The amount of assistance provided to an eligible Guard  
12 member enrolled in an undergraduate program shall not exceed a  
13 maximum of one hundred twenty (120) credit hours in pursuit of an  
14 associate's degree and/or a baccalaureate degree.

15 2. Subject to the assistance for eligible Guard members  
16 enrolled in undergraduate programs being fully funded, assistance  
17 shall be provided to an eligible Guard member with a baccalaureate  
18 degree enrolled in a graduate program. The amount of assistance  
19 provided to an eligible Guard member enrolled in a graduate program  
20 shall not exceed a maximum of forty (40) credit hours in pursuit of  
21 a master's degree.

22 3. Assistance provided pursuant to this section shall be  
23 granted without any limitation other than the amount of funds  
24 available for the ~~Program~~ program and the number of eligible Guard

1 members who apply, subject to any cap established by the Military  
2 Department.

3 4. Assistance allowed by this section shall not be allowed for  
4 courses taken in excess of the requirements for completion of an  
5 undergraduate program or a graduate program, whichever is applicable  
6 for the eligible Guard member.

7 D. Assistance provided pursuant to this section shall be  
8 allocated to the Oklahoma educational institution from the Oklahoma  
9 National Guard Educational Assistance Revolving Fund created  
10 pursuant to Section ~~2~~ 3232 of this ~~act~~ title.

11 E. To be eligible to apply for the ~~Program~~ program, an eligible  
12 Guard member shall:

13 1. Have at least one (1) year remaining on his or her  
14 enlistment contract at the beginning of any semester for which the  
15 member applies for assistance pursuant to this section;

16 2. Agree in writing to complete his or her current service  
17 obligation in the Oklahoma National Guard; and

18 3. Agree in writing to serve actively in good standing with the  
19 Oklahoma National Guard for not less than twenty-four (24) months  
20 after completion of the last semester for which the member receives  
21 assistance pursuant to this section.

22 F. To retain eligibility for the ~~Program~~ program, an eligible  
23 Guard member shall:

1        1. Maintain good academic standing and satisfactory academic  
2 progress according to standards of the Oklahoma educational  
3 institution in which the member is enrolled;

4        2. Maintain the requirements for retention and degree  
5 completion as established by the Oklahoma educational institution in  
6 which the member is enrolled;

7        3. Maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0  
8 scale; ~~and~~

9        4. Maintain satisfactory participation in the Oklahoma National  
10 Guard; and

11        5. Possess a Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) or Air Force  
12 Specialty Code (AFSC) after his or her first semester.

13        G. An eligible Guard member seeking assistance pursuant to the  
14 provisions of this section shall submit an application on a form  
15 prescribed by the Military Department of the State of Oklahoma to  
16 the Educational Service Office of the Military Department prior to  
17 the semester for which assistance is sought. The eligible Guard  
18 member's Commander or his or her designee shall confirm a member's  
19 standing and eligibility to the Oklahoma educational institution in  
20 which the student is enrolled. The Military Department may  
21 establish a cap on the number of eligible Guard members allowed to  
22 participate per semester per undergraduate or graduate program.

23        H. The eligible Guard member's Commander may deny an  
24 application submitted by an eligible Guard member for continued

1 ~~Program~~ program assistance if he or she fails to comply with the  
2 provisions of paragraph 1, 2, ~~or~~ 3, 4, or 5 of subsection F of this  
3 section.

4 I. An eligible Guard member who has received ~~Program~~ program  
5 assistance pursuant to the provisions of this section and who fails  
6 to comply with the provisions of paragraph 4 of subsection F of this  
7 section shall be required to repay an amount to be calculated as  
8 follows:

9 1. Determine the total amount of assistance provided pursuant  
10 to the provisions of this section;

11 2. Divide the amount determined in paragraph 1 of this  
12 subsection by twenty-four (24); and

13 3. Multiply the amount determined in paragraph 2 of this  
14 subsection by the number of months the member did not fulfill the  
15 requirements of paragraph 4 of subsection F of this section.

16 Repayments shall be deposited into the Oklahoma National Guard  
17 Educational Assistance Revolving Fund created pursuant to Section ~~2~~  
18 3232 of this ~~act~~ title.

19 J. An eligible Guard member who has received ~~Program~~ program  
20 assistance pursuant to the provisions of this section and who fails  
21 to comply with the provisions of paragraph 4 of subsection F of this  
22 section due to hardship circumstances may request a waiver from  
23 repayment. A waiver request shall be submitted in writing to the  
24 Adjutant General.



1 K. By July 1 annually, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher  
2 Education shall notify the Adjutant General of the amount of funding  
3 available in the Oklahoma National Guard Educational Assistance  
4 Revolving Fund created pursuant to Section ~~2~~ 3232 of this ~~act~~ title.

5 L. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall  
6 promulgate rules to implement the provisions of ~~this act~~ the  
7 Oklahoma National Guard Educational Assistance Act including  
8 deadlines for submission of applications required by subsection G of  
9 this section. The Military Department of the State of Oklahoma  
10 shall promulgate regulations pertaining to the application process  
11 and the determination of eligibility for the program. The State  
12 Regents and the Department shall coordinate the promulgation of  
13 rules and regulations, respectively. The Adjutant General may  
14 promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of ~~this act~~ the  
15 Oklahoma National Guard Educational Assistance Act.

16 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

17 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
18 of the public peace, health, or safety, an emergency is hereby  
19 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
20 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

1 Passed the Senate the 24th day of February, 2025.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
6 2025.

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