

**Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2023**

SENATE BILL NO. 2094
(Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee)
(At the request of the Adjutant General)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 37-07.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the expansion of the national guard tuition grants to include out-of-state postsecondary education institutions; and to provide a legislative management report.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 37-07.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

National guard member grants - Eligibility for use for out-of-state postsecondary education institutions - Terms - Report.

1. Subject to legislative appropriation and regulations adopted by the adjutant general, a qualifying member of the national guard who enrolls in an accredited postsecondary education institution which is located outside of the state, may receive a grant in an amount not to exceed one hundred percent of the cost of tuition and fees for similar courses and credit hours for a qualifying member of the national guard who is enrolled in the North Dakota university system with the highest tuition and fee rate.
2. The adjutant general shall adopt regulations for distributing grants under this section and establishing qualification requirements for grant recipients.
3. A member of the national guard may receive a grant under this section if the member maintains satisfactory performance with the national guard, meets the qualification requirements of the regulations adopted under this section, and pursues a course of study satisfying the normal requirements of the postsecondary institution in which the member is enrolled.
4. For purposes of this section, "out-of-state" includes any online or remote course of study offered by an accredited postsecondary education institution located outside the state of North Dakota.
5. Before June 1, 2024, the national guard shall provide a report to the legislative management regarding tuition grant usage, including the number of grants awarded for the use at out-of-state institutions and grants awarded for online or remote coursework.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2094.

Senate Vote: Yeas 46 Nays 0 Absent 1

House Vote: Yeas 81 Nays 9 Absent 4

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2023.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2023.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2023,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State