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2 95th General Assembly  
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4

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1005

5 By: Representative Ray  
6 By: Senators Hill, J. Dotson  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT REGARDING HIGHER EDUCATION; TO AMEND THE LAW  
10 REGARDING TUITION WAIVERS FOR ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD  
11 SOLDIERS AND AIRMEN TO INCLUDE PROGRAMS OF STUDY  
12 LEADING TO A POSTSECONDARY CERTIFICATE OR CREDENTIAL;  
13 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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17 TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING TUITION  
18 WAIVERS FOR ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD  
19 SOLDIERS AND AIRMEN TO INCLUDE PROGRAMS  
20 OF STUDY LEADING TO A POSTSECONDARY  
21 CERTIFICATE OR CREDENTIAL.  
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-60-214(a), concerning the eligibility  
26 requirements for tuition benefits for soldiers and airmen of the Arkansas  
27 National Guard, is amended to read as follows:

28 (a) A soldier or airman of the Arkansas National Guard may attend a  
29 state-supported institution of higher education tuition-free if the soldier  
30 or airman:

31 (1) Is an Arkansas resident or is eligible for in-state tuition  
32 under § 6-60-205;

33 (2) Except as provided in subdivision (f)(3) of this section,  
34 has completed initial active duty training;

35 (3) Except as provided in subsection (f) of this section, is in  
36 good standing as an active soldier or airman of the Arkansas National Guard;



1 (4) Has been accepted to and is enrolled in a state-supported  
2 institution of higher education as a student in good standing;

3 (5) Completed and submitted to the United States Department of  
4 Education a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA);

5 (6) Submitted applications for:

6 (A) Federal and state grants and scholarships for which  
7 the soldier or airman is eligible; and

8 (B) Grants and scholarships awarded by the state-supported  
9 institution of higher education in which the soldier or airman is enrolled;

10 (7) Is enrolled in a program of study leading to an  
11 undergraduate degree or a postsecondary credential or certificate; and

12 (8) Has not received a bachelor's degree.

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