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Acts 2025, No. 575, and Arkansas Code § 12-61-106 authorize the Department of the Military to enter into public-private partnerships and to amend the law concerning gifts received by the Department of the Military. The Act will require a new rule to be promulgated outlining the details of the program. The initial draft of the rule was sent to BLR for a preliminary review, which the agency has received back and is in the process of revising to comply with the BLR's suggestions. The Governor's office is currently reviewing the rule. The next step will be to open the public comment period.

12 CAR § 132-101, et seq., and Arkansas Code §12-61-106 authorize the Department of the Military to gain assistance in enlisting soldiers or airmen into the Arkansas National Guard who are not otherwise excluded from the program by the terms contained therein. When a soldier, airman, or veteran exercises personal initiative resulting in the enlistment of a recruit, the State of Arkansas, by and through the offices of the Adjutant General, will enter into an agreement with the soldier, airman, or veteran whereby they will receive compensation in the form of a voucher payment. The rule will be amended to expand the program, aiming to increase enlistment and retention, as well as alleviate any current confusion regarding its practical application. The amendment of the rule is in the drafting stage. The Governor's office is currently reviewing the rule. The next step will be to open the public comment period.

Sincerely,

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