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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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16 TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING TUITION
17 WAIVERS FOR ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD
18 SOLDIERS AND AIRMEN TO INCLUDE PROGRAMS
19 OF STUDY LEADING TO A POSTSECONDARY
20 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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