

Good afternoon.

I am representative Brandy Pyle from district 22 which encompasses the rural Cass County, a little bit of Fargo and West Fargo. I am here to day to introduce HB 1107 for consideration. HB 1107 came about per the request of North Dakota Veteran Affairs.

The proposed legislation brings all National Guard members and Reservists in line with their full-time counterparts to receive in-state tuition rates in North Dakota and follows House Resolution 7105 which was passed by Congress and signed into law last week by the President on January 5. I have submitted the wording of this resolution for your reference below¹. In a nutshell, in state tuition rates now apply to any guard member or reservist regardless of their state of residency.

In doing my due diligence for this bill, I learned many of our current national guard members and reservists already receive in-state tuition rates as North Dakota has reciprocity agreements with neighboring states. This proposed legislation not only will comply with the new federal regulations, but potentially be more attractive for other guard members and reservists.

This is perfect timing to update our century code to align with what congress has recently passed.

North Dakota has always been a military and veteran friendly state with an estimated economic impact over 1 Billion dollars. As you can see on table 11 from North Dakota Economic Impact FY 2019 report prepared by NG-ND- PFO- IR which was emailed out to all legislators by Maj Sheldon in one of the weekly TAG line reports².

Thank you for your time, and I ask for a do pass recommendation for HB 1107. I now stand for any questions.

¹ HR 7105 passed by congress and signed by the president on January 5, 2021

SEC. 1005. REQUIREMENTS FOR IN-STATE TUITION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3679(c) of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “less than three years before the date of enrollment in the course concerned”; and

(2) in paragraph (4)—

(A) by striking “It shall” and inserting “(A) It shall”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(B) To the extent feasible, the Secretary shall make publicly available on the internet website of the Department a database explaining any requirements described in subparagraph (A) that are established by a public institution of higher learning for an individual to be charged tuition and fees at a rate that is equal to or less than the rate the institution charges for tuition and

fees for residents of the State in which the institution is located. The Secretary shall disapprove a course of education provided by such an institution that does not provide the Secretary—

“(i) an initial explanation of such requirements; and

“(ii) not later than 90 days after the date on which any such requirements change, the updated requirements.”.

(b) APPLICATION.—The amendments made by this section shall apply with respect to a quarter, semester, or term, as applicable, commencing on or after August 1, 2021.

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**TABLE 11:
Total Annual Economic Impact Estimate (By Location)**

	<u>National Guard</u>	<u>Active Duty</u>	<u>Reserves</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bismarck/Mandan	\$ 91,479,469	\$ 1,178,253	\$ 1,554,091	\$ 94,211,813
Devils Lake	30,321,509			30,321,509
Dickinson	1,583,067			1,583,067
Edgeley	1,209,174			1,209,174
Fargo/West Fargo	129,724,259	1,247,683	2,862,228	133,834,170
Grand Forks	9,832,862	267,482,175	711,395	278,026,432
Jamestown	2,892,663			2,892,663
Lisbon	792,846			792,846
Minot	20,413,922	557,980,332	1,089,907	579,484,160
Valley City	4,854,249			4,854,249
Wahpeton	3,397,180		1,621,380	5,018,560
Williston	778,003			778,003
Wishek	707,914			707,914
Total	<u>\$ 297,987,117</u>	<u>\$ 827,888,442</u>	<u>\$ 7,839,001</u>	<u>\$ 1,133,714,559</u>