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Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee

(At the request of the Adjutant General)

- 1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 37-07.2 of the North Dakota
- 2 Century Code, relating to the expansion of the national guard tuition grants to include out-of-
- 3 state postsecondary education institutions; and to declare an emergency.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

5 **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.

- 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.
- 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 does not include any online or remote course of study offered by an accredited postsecondary education institution located outside the state of North Dakota.

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SECTION 2. EMERGENCY. This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.