

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Conference Committee Amendments
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2094**

Introduced by

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 provide a legislative management report.

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
6 and enacted as follows:

7 **National guard member grants - Eligibility for use for out-of-state postsecondary**
8 **education institutions - Terms - Report.**

- 9 1. Subject to legislative appropriation and regulations adopted by the adjutant general, a
10 qualifying member of the national guard who enrolls in an accredited postsecondary
11 education institution which is located outside of the state, may receive a grant in an
12 amount not to exceed one hundred percent of the cost of tuition and fees for similar
13 courses and credit hours for a qualifying member of the national guard who is enrolled
14 in the North Dakota university system with the highest tuition and fee rate.
- 15 2. The adjutant general shall adopt regulations for distributing grants under this section
16 and establishing qualification requirements for grant recipients.
- 17 3. A member of the national guard may receive a grant under this section if the member
18 maintains satisfactory performance with the national guard, meets the qualification
19 requirements of the regulations adopted under this section, and pursues a course of
20 study satisfying the normal requirements of the postsecondary institution in which the
21 member is enrolled.
- 22 4. For purposes of this section, "out-of-state" includes any online or remote course of
23 study offered by an accredited postsecondary education institution located outside the
24 state of North Dakota.

- 1 5. Before June 1, 2024, the national guard shall provide a report to the legislative
- 2 management regarding tuition grant usage, including the number of grants awarded
- 3 for the use at out-of-state institutions and grants awarded for online or remote
- 4 coursework.