

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 for 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.