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House Bill 6013 (as passed by the House)  
Sponsor: Representative Bruce R. Rendon  
House Committee: Military and Veterans Affairs  
Senate Committee: Veterans, Military Affairs and Homeland Security

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**CONTENT**

**The bill would amend the Michigan National Guard Tuition Assistance Act to do the following:**

- **Allow the Adjutant General to make a tuition assistance distribution to an eligible person or eligible institution.**
- **Delete a provision specifying that the tuition assistance program applies regardless of other educational benefits received by an eligible person.**

The bill would take effect 90 days after its enactment.

**Distribution of Tuition Assistance**

The Act created the Michigan National Guard tuition assistance program within the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA). The Adjutant General (who serves as the DMVA Director) administers the program and must determine the amount of tuition assistance that may be provided in any academic year. He or she must approve an application for tuition assistance if the applicant is an eligible person and there is sufficient money in the Michigan National Guard Tuition Assistance Fund to cover the amount of tuition assistance determined to be available in that academic year.

The bill specifies that the Adjutant General could make a tuition assistance distribution under the Act to either the eligible person or the eligible education institution, and could determine when the distribution would be made.

The Act defines "eligible person" as a member of the Michigan National Guard who meets all of the following conditions:

- Is in active service.
- Is not absent without leave or under charges described in the Michigan Code of Military Justice.
- Any other criteria determined by the Adjutant General consistent with the Michigan National Guard's recruiting and retention requirements.

"Eligible educational institution" means a public or private college, university, vocational school, technical school, or trade school located in Michigan.

### Other Educational Benefits

Under the Act, the tuition assistance program applies to an eligible person notwithstanding any other educational incentive or benefit he or she receives under any other educational assistance program provided by any other law. The bill would delete that provision.

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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