

HOUSE BILL No. 6013

November 9, 2016, Introduced by Rep. Rendon and referred to the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs.

A bill to amend 2014 PA 259, entitled
"Michigan national guard tuition assistance act,"
by amending section 3 (MCL 32.433).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 3. (1) The Michigan ~~national~~**NATIONAL** ~~guard~~**GUARD** tuition
2 assistance program is created within the department of military and
3 veterans affairs.

4 (2) The adjutant general shall administer the tuition
5 assistance program and prescribe forms and procedures to
6 effectively carry out the tuition assistance program.

7 (3) An eligible person may apply for tuition assistance from
8 the tuition assistance program before enrolling in an eligible
9 educational institution. The adjutant general shall approve the
10 application if the applicant is an eligible person and if there is
11 sufficient money in the fund to cover the amount of tuition

1 assistance determined to be available under this subsection by the
2 adjutant general in that academic year. The adjutant general shall
3 determine the amount of tuition assistance that may be provided
4 under this subsection in any academic year. The amount of tuition
5 assistance determined by the adjutant general under this subsection
6 ~~shall apply~~ **APPLIES** to all eligible persons.

7 (4) If an eligible person has enrolled in an eligible
8 educational institution and has not applied for and received
9 tuition assistance from the tuition assistance program, the
10 eligible person may apply for tuition assistance for tuition paid
11 to the eligible educational institution in that current academic
12 year. The adjutant general shall approve the application if the
13 applicant is an eligible person and if there is sufficient money in
14 the fund to cover the amount of tuition assistance determined to be
15 available under this subsection by the adjutant general in that
16 academic year. The adjutant general shall determine the amount of
17 tuition assistance that may be provided under this subsection in
18 any academic year. The amount of tuition assistance determined by
19 the adjutant general under this subsection ~~shall apply~~ **APPLIES** to
20 all eligible persons.

21 (5) The tuition assistance program applies to any course of
22 study that is intended to culminate in vocational or technical
23 training, a certificate, or the eligible person's first associate
24 degree, bachelor's degree, or master's degree.

25 ~~(6) The tuition assistance program applies to an eligible~~
26 ~~person notwithstanding any other educational incentive or benefit~~
27 ~~received by the eligible person under any other educational~~

1 ~~assistance program provided by any other law.~~ **THE ADJUTANT GENERAL**
2 **MAY MAKE A TUITION ASSISTANCE DISTRIBUTION UNDER THIS SECTION TO**
3 **EITHER THE ELIGIBLE PERSON OR THE ELIGIBLE EDUCATION INSTITUTION,**
4 **AND MAY DETERMINE WHEN THE DISTRIBUTION IS MADE.**

5 (7) Upon completion of a course of study, an eligible person
6 who successfully applied for tuition assistance under subsection
7 (3) or (4) shall provide evidence of attendance and completion of
8 the course of study with a minimum grade point average of 2.0 on a
9 4.0 scale, as applicable, in that current semester, in a manner
10 prescribed by the adjutant general.

11 (8) If an eligible person who received tuition assistance
12 under subsection (3) or who received reimbursement for the cost of
13 tuition under subsection (4) did not complete the course of study
14 for which it was granted, that eligible person shall reimburse the
15 fund in an amount and in a manner prescribed by the adjutant
16 general unless the eligible person was deployed in a state or
17 federal status that resulted in the eligible person's inability to
18 complete the course of study. In that case, the matter shall be
19 determined by the adjutant general.

20 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
21 after the date it is enacted into law.