
Issue Brief – National Guard Tuition Assistance

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SUMMARY

The Militia and Armories Act (Utah Code 39-1-63) provides for tuition assistance to members of the National Guard for study at postsecondary institutions of learning. The statute further states “that the adjutant general shall include a request each year for funds for this program”.

DISCUSSION

Actions of the 2005 General Session of the Legislature appropriated \$500,000 of one-time funding from the General Fund for tuition assistance to qualifying National Guard personnel. The National Guard has stated that the above level of funding will help educate approximately 10% of the National Guard force.

They are requesting an ongoing amount of \$782,600 for continued tuition assistance to Guard personnel.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The Analyst recommends that the Transportation, Environmental Quality, and National Guard Appropriations Subcommittee consider the funding of \$500,000 one time from the General Fund for the continued initiative to assist with the education of National Guard personnel.