

**HIGHER EDUCATION FINANCIAL AID AMENDMENTS**

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE****General Description:**

This bill amends the definition of "fees" to include additional expenses.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ amends the definition of "fees" to include additional expenses; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**39A-3-201**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 373

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **39A-3-201** is amended to read:

**39A-3-201. Tuition and fees assistance for Utah National Guard members -- Use and allocation -- Appropriation.**

(1) (a) As used in this section, "fees" means general course fees, in addition to tuition, that are:

(i) imposed by an institution of higher education; and

(ii) required to be paid by a student to engage in a course of study at the institution of higher education.

(b) "Fees" [~~does not include~~] includes:

(i) a special course fee[-]; and

(ii) expenses for required:

(A) text books; and

33 (B) course related materials.

34 (2) The Utah National Guard may provide tuition and fees assistance to a member of  
35 the Utah National Guard for study at an institution of higher education, subject to the following  
36 requirements:

37 (a) the individual shall be, at the time the individual receives the assistance, an active  
38 member of the Utah National Guard; and

39 (b) the assistance is for tuition and fees only and may not be more than the resident  
40 tuition and fees for the actual course of postsecondary study engaged in by the individual.

41 (3) (a) Tuition and fees assistance shall be awarded as the adjutant general considers  
42 necessary.

43 (b) An individual may apply to the adjutant general of the state for assistance for each  
44 year during which the individual is an active member of the Utah National Guard.

45 (c) The adjutant general may recoup funds if a recipient fails to meet the requirements  
46 of the program.

47 (4) The adjutant general of the state shall pay tuition and fees assistance directly to the  
48 institution of higher education from the funds appropriated.

49 (5) The adjutant general of the state shall establish regulations, procedures, forms, and  
50 reports necessary to administer the allocation of assistance and payment of funds under this  
51 section.

52 (6) The adjutant general may use no more than 10% of the funds for administration of  
53 the program as the adjutant general considers necessary.

54 **Section 2. Effective date.**

55 This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.