

# MEMORANDUM



## JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

TO Joint Budget Committee  
FROM Tom Dermody, JBC Staff (303-866-4963)  
DATE March 16, 2017  
SUBJECT Colorado National Guard Tuition Fund – Technical Comeback

As a result of the enactment into law of S.B. 17-174 (Allocation Of Money For National Guard Tuition), a JBC sponsored bill, staff is requesting permission to change the fund splits for the Colorado National Guard Tuition Fund line item in the Executive Director's Office of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. S.B. 17-174 was signed by the Governor on March 1, 2017.

**Staff recommends an appropriation of \$1,596,175 General Fund to the Colorado National Guard Tuition Fund in FY 2017-18.** This recommendation is budget neutral and only changes the fund split for this line item. It does not change the total funds appropriated to the Fund. The table below details the impact of staff's recommendation.

COLORADO NATIONAL GUARD TUITION FUND APPROPRIATION						
	TOTAL FUNDS	GENERAL FUND	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS	FTE
February 2, 2017 figure setting recommendation	\$1,596,157	\$796,157	\$0	\$800,000	\$0	0.0
Technical comeback recommendation	1,596,157	1,596,157	0	0	0	0.0
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$800,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$800,000)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

The Colorado National Guard Tuition Fund (Fund), created in Section 23-5-111.4 (9) (a), C.R.S., provides partial reimbursements to CNG members for tuition at designated institutions of higher education. During staff's February 2, 2017 figure setting hearing for the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA), the Committee approved staff's recommendation for \$1,596,175 total funds, including \$796,157 General Fund and \$800,000 reappropriated funds. The reappropriated funds come from the Department of Higher Education, where the money is first appropriated as General Fund. Staff would note that this technical comeback's recommendation was accounted for in the Department of Higher Education's figure setting.