

CHAPTER 120

EDUCATION - UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

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AN ACT

CONCERNING TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR A MEMBER OF THE COLORADO NATIONAL GUARD ENROLLED IN A PROGRAM IN HOMELAND SECURITY.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. 23-5-111.4 (3) (a), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

23-5-111.4. Tuition for members of the National Guard. (3) (a) For the purposes of this section, "designated institution of higher education" means the Colorado state university - Pueblo, Adams state college, Mesa state college, Metropolitan state college of Denver, Fort Lewis college, Western state college of Colorado, all independent area vocational schools, all local district colleges, the university of northern Colorado, the university of Colorado at Boulder, the university of Colorado at Denver, the university of Colorado at Colorado Springs, Colorado state university, the Colorado school of mines, the university of Colorado health sciences center, ~~and~~ all community colleges governed by the state board for community colleges and occupational education, AND ANY PRIVATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN COLORADO THAT QUALIFIES FOR THE COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY FUND PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 18 OF TITLE 23 AND THAT OFFERS AN ACCREDITED CERTIFICATE OR DEGREE PROGRAM IN HOMELAND SECURITY. FOR A MEMBER OF THE COLORADO NATIONAL GUARD ENROLLED IN A PRIVATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, TUITION ASSISTANCE SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE COMPLETION OF THE ACCREDITED CERTIFICATE OR DEGREE PROGRAM IN HOMELAND SECURITY AND SHALL BE PROVIDED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS. THE TUITION BENEFIT TO MEMBERS OF THE COLORADO NATIONAL GUARD UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (3) FOR AN ACCREDITED

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

CERTIFICATE OR DEGREE PROGRAM IN HOMELAND SECURITY SHALL NOT EXCEED THE MONEYS APPROPRIATED ANNUALLY TO THE COLORADO NATIONAL GUARD PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-3.3-202.

SECTION 2. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

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