

# HOUSE BILL No. 1473

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-12-74.

**Synopsis:** National guard tuition supplement program. Establishes the national guard tuition supplement program to: (1) induce qualified individuals to join and remain in the Indiana national guard while earning a college education; (2) increase the number of students entering state educational institutions; (3) encourage eligible students to attend state educational institutions by reducing the financial burden on the eligible students and their families; (4) increase individual economic vitality; and (5) improve the overall quality of life for many Indiana residents. Establishes the national guard tuition supplement program fund to: (1) provide the financial resources necessary to award the tuition scholarships authorized under the program; and (2) be  
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**Effective:** July 1, 1999.

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January 19, 1999, read first time and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

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administered by the state student assistance commission. Appropriates \$1,234,420 from the state general fund to the national guard tuition supplement program fund.

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Introduced

First Regular Session 111th General Assembly (1999)

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## HOUSE BILL No. 1473

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education and to make an appropriation.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-12-74 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 1999]:

4 **Chapter 74. National Guard Tuition Supplement Program**

5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "commission" refers to the state**  
6 **student assistance commission established under IC 20-12-21-4.**

7 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "eligible student" means a**  
8 **person who:**

9 (1) **is a member of the Indiana national guard:**

10 (A) **in active drilling status; and**

11 (B) **who has not been absent without leave within the**  
12 **twelve (12) months immediately preceding the date the**  
13 **person applies for a tuition scholarship under this chapter;**

14 (2) **does not possess a bachelor's degree from an institution of**  
15 **higher learning (as defined in IC 20-12-70-4);**



- 1 (3) possesses the requisite academic qualifications;  
 2 (4) meets the requirements of the state educational institution  
 3 in which the person is enrolled or will enroll; and  
 4 (5) meets all other eligibility requirements as determined by  
 5 the commission.

6 Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "scholarship applicant" means  
 7 a person who:

- 8 (1) is an eligible student;  
 9 (2) is a resident of Indiana;  
 10 (3) has been accepted to attend a state educational institution  
 11 as a full-time or part-time student;  
 12 (4) has been certified to have met all national guard  
 13 requirements; and  
 14 (5) according to commission requirements, has timely filed an  
 15 application for any federal and state financial assistance  
 16 available to the person to attend a state educational  
 17 institution.

18 Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "state educational institution"  
 19 has the meaning set forth in IC 20-12-0.5-1.

20 Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "tuition scholarship" means  
 21 financial assistance provided to a student to offset the costs of  
 22 tuition and other regularly assessed fees incurred by the student in  
 23 attending a state educational institution as determined by the  
 24 commission.

25 Sec. 6. The national guard tuition supplement program is  
 26 established to do the following:

- 27 (1) Induce qualified individuals to join and remain in the  
 28 Indiana national guard while earning a college education.  
 29 (2) Increase the number of students entering state educational  
 30 institutions.  
 31 (3) Encourage eligible students to attend state educational  
 32 institutions by reducing the financial burden on the eligible  
 33 students and their families.  
 34 (4) Increase individual economic vitality.  
 35 (5) Improve the overall quality of life for many Indiana  
 36 residents.

37 Sec. 7. (a) The national guard tuition supplement program fund  
 38 is established to provide the financial resources necessary to award  
 39 the tuition scholarships authorized under the program.

40 (b) The commission shall administer the fund.

41 (c) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from  
 42 money in the fund.



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1           (d) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not  
2 currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same  
3 manner as other public funds may be invested.

4           (e) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not  
5 revert to the state general fund.

6           **Sec. 8. (a) Money in the national guard tuition supplement**  
7 **program fund shall be used to provide annual tuition scholarships**  
8 **to scholarship applicants who qualify under section 9(a) of this**  
9 **chapter in an amount that is equal to one (1) of the following**  
10 **amounts:**

11           (1) If the scholarship applicant does not receive other  
12 financial assistance specifically designated for tuition and  
13 other regularly assessed fees, the amount equal to a full  
14 tuition scholarship to attend the state educational institution.

15           (2) If the scholarship applicant receives other financial  
16 assistance specifically designated for tuition and other  
17 regularly assessed fees, the amount:

18           (A) equal to the balance required to attend the state  
19 educational institution; and

20           (B) not to exceed the amount described in subdivision (1).

21           (b) Each tuition scholarship awarded under this chapter:

22           (1) may be renewed under section 9(b) of this chapter for a  
23 total scholarship award that does not exceed the equivalent of  
24 eight (8) semesters; and

25           (2) that is renewable under section 9(b) of this chapter is  
26 subject to other eligibility criteria as established by the  
27 commission.

28           **Sec. 9. (a) To initially qualify for a tuition scholarship under this**  
29 **chapter, a scholarship applicant must do the following:**

30           (1) Enroll as a full-time or a part-time student in a state  
31 educational institution.

32           (2) Submit to the commission all of the information and  
33 evidence required by the commission to determine eligibility  
34 as a scholarship applicant.

35           (3) Meet any other minimum criteria established by the  
36 commission.

37           (4) Meet any other minimum criteria established by the  
38 national guard.

39           (5) Be recommended to the commission by an appropriate  
40 officer of the national guard.

41           (b) To qualify for a tuition scholarship renewal under this  
42 chapter, a scholarship recipient must do the following:

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- 1           (1) Submit to the commission a renewal application.
- 2           (2) Continue to comply with the requirements set forth in
- 3           subsection (a).
- 4           (3) Continue to be a student in good standing at a state
- 5           educational institution.
- 6           **Sec. 10. If an eligible student, scholarship applicant, or tuition**
- 7           **scholarship recipient violates an agreement entered into under this**
- 8           **chapter, the eligible student, scholarship applicant, or tuition**
- 9           **scholarship recipient may not:**
- 10           (1) receive; or
- 11           (2) renew;
- 12           **a tuition scholarship under this chapter.**
- 13           SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999] (a) There is
- 14           **appropriated to the national guard tuition supplement program**
- 15           **fund established under IC 20-12-74-7, as added by this act, one**
- 16           **million two hundred thirty-four thousand four hundred twenty**
- 17           **dollars (\$1,234,420) from the state general fund for the biennium**
- 18           **beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2001.**
- 19           (b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2001.

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