

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0017

National guard recruiting incentive.

Sponsored by: Joint Transportation, Highways and Military Affairs Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the Wyoming National Guard; establishing
2 the Wyoming national guard recruitment bonus payment plan;
3 providing for administration by the adjutant general;
4 granting rulemaking authority; specifying eligibility
5 criteria; providing an appropriation; and providing for an
6 effective date.

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8 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 19-9-601 through 19-6-604 are created
11 to read:

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ARTICLE 6

14

OTHER ASSISTANCE

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16 **19-9-601. Recruitment bonus plan established.**

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2 The Wyoming national guard recruitment referral bonus plan
3 is established to pay qualified members of the Wyoming
4 national guard a bonus for referring to a Wyoming national
5 guard recruiter an eligible enlistee who enlists in the
6 Wyoming national guard. The plan shall be administered by
7 the adjutant general in accordance with the provisions of
8 this article. The adjutant general shall promulgate rules
9 for the administration, implementation and proper
10 utilization of the plan.

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12 **19-9-602. Definitions.**

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14 (a) As used in this article:

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16 (i) "Eligible enlistee" means a person who has
17 not been a member of the Wyoming national guard during the
18 six (6) months before the date of referral;

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20 (ii) "Qualified member" means an active member
21 in good standing of the Wyoming national guard, but does
22 not include those members described in W.S. 19-9-603(b).

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24 **19-9-603. Requirements for premium reimbursement.**

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2 (a) Subject to legislative appropriation and in
3 accordance with the provisions of this article, the
4 adjutant general or his designee, may authorize the payment
5 of a referral bonus, to a qualified member, subject to the
6 following:

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8 (i) The qualified member refers an eligible
9 enlistee to a Wyoming national guard recruiter after May 1,
10 2006;

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12 (ii) The eligible enlistee confirms in writing
13 that the qualified member referred the enlistee to the
14 recruiter;

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16 (iii) The eligible enlistee enters into service
17 with the Wyoming national guard within ninety (90) days of
18 the referral by the qualified member;

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20 (iv) The eligible enlistee has successfully
21 completed basic training during a previous enlistment or
22 the new enlistment.

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1 (b) Members of the Wyoming national guard who hold
2 recruiting or retention assignments are not eligible to
3 receive a recruiting bonus. In addition, the adjutant
4 general may designate additional persons by rank, position
5 or assigned duties who are ineligible for a referral bonus.

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7 (c) Referral bonuses shall not be shared with the
8 eligible enlistee but may be shared with other members of
9 the Wyoming national guard as provided in the department's
10 rules and regulations.

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12 (d) Referral bonuses to any one (1) qualified member
13 under this article shall not exceed five hundred dollars
14 (\$500.00) for the first eligible enlistee referred and two
15 hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) for each subsequent
16 eligible enlistee referred.

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18 (e) Any dispute concerning the payment of a referral
19 bonus is not subject to the provisions of the Wyoming
20 Administrative Procedure Act and shall be resolved in the
21 sole discretion of the adjutant general or his designee.

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23 **19-9-604. Referral bonus not a bounty.**

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1 Payment of a referral bonus pursuant to this article shall
2 not be construed as a bounty for purposes of 10 U.S.C. §
3 5149(a).

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5 **Section 2.** Four hundred fifty thousand dollars
6 (\$450,000.00) is appropriated from the general fund to the
7 military department for the payment of referral bonuses as
8 provided by this act.

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10 **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon
11 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
12 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
13 Constitution.

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