

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0183

Military tuition assistance.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Esquibel, K., Buchanan, Edmonds, Hammons and Harshman and Senator(s) Johnson, Larson, Peterson and Vasey

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to educational assistance for national
2 guard members; expanding post secondary education
3 institutions for which program assistance may be applied;
4 and providing for an effective date.

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 19-9-502(a)(vi) and 19-9-503(b)(ii)
9 are amended to read:

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11 **19-9-502. Definitions.**

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13 (a) As used in this article:

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15 (vi) "Wyoming institution of higher education"
16 or "institution" means:

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(A) A public or private educational institution located and, except for the University of Wyoming and Wyoming community colleges, licensed under W.S. 21-2-401 through 21-2-407 to operate within this state, and approved for payment of Montgomery GI Bill benefits; or

(B) A public or private educational institution offering an accredited degree program in Wyoming through means of distance education under a partnership agreement with any branch of the United States armed forces, approved for payment of Montgomery GI Bill benefits and except for the University of Wyoming and Wyoming community colleges, licensed to operate in this state under W.S. 21-2-401 through 21-2-407.

19-9-503. Requirements for educational assistance; assistance payments.

(b) Members meeting the requirements of subsection (a) of this section may receive educational assistance benefit payments as follows:

1 (ii) For authorized courses at a Wyoming private
2 institution of higher education or a public or private
3 institution as defined under W.S. 19-9-502(a)(vi)(B),
4 payment may be made for the lesser of the actual costs of
5 tuition and mandatory fees or an amount equal to the
6 average resident tuition and mandatory fee charges of all
7 Wyoming public institutions of higher education for an
8 undergraduate student enrolled for twelve (12) semester
9 hours;

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11 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2009.

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