

SENATE FILE NO. SF0013

Wyoming national guard member referral-amendments.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to defense forces and affairs; increasing
2 the referral bonus amount for the Wyoming national guard
3 member referral incentive program; expanding eligibility of
4 the program; extending the sunset date for the program;
5 making conforming amendments; providing an appropriation;
6 and providing for an 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. 19-9-403(e) (intro), (i), (ii),
11 (iv) (B) and (v) is amended to read:

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13 **19-9-403. Pay and allowances of officers and enlisted**
14 **persons in active state service and state active duty;**

1 **worker's compensation coverage for national guard members;**
2 **no pension denied by reason of service.**

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4 (e) There is created the Wyoming national guard
5 member referral incentive program. The purpose of the
6 program shall be to incentivize and maximize peer-to-peer
7 recruiting that results in a completed accession to the
8 Wyoming national guard by providing a referral bonus to
9 Wyoming national guard members, veterans of the Wyoming
10 national guard, current employees of the military
11 department or recruits beginning the enlistment process
12 with the Wyoming national guard who make a successful
13 referral. Administration of this program shall require
14 that:

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16 (i) A Wyoming national guard member, veteran of
17 the Wyoming national guard, current employee of the
18 military department or recruit beginning the enlistment
19 process with the Wyoming national guard may provide the
20 identity and contact information of a person who the
21 member, veteran, employee or recruit believes would be an
22 appropriate recruitment prospect using a form provided by
23 the Wyoming national guard, which includes the person's

1 name, contact information and any other information
2 required by the military department;

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4 (ii) The military department shall keep a record
5 of all forms submitted under paragraph (i) of this
6 subsection. Upon the completed accession of a referred
7 person and to the extent sufficient funds are available,
8 the military department shall distribute a referral bonus
9 to the member, veteran, employee or recruit who provided
10 the successful referral. The military department shall not
11 distribute a referral bonus to a referring recruit until
12 the referring recruit has completed accession into the
13 Wyoming national guard;

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15 (iv) As used in this subsection:

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17 (B) "Referral bonus" means a monetary
18 payment set each calendar year by the adjutant general not
19 to exceed ~~five hundred dollars (\$500.00)~~ one thousand
20 dollars (\$1,000.00);

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22 (v) This subsection is repealed effective July
23 1, ~~2026-2028~~.

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2 **Section 2.** There is appropriated one hundred
3 sixty-three thousand dollars (\$163,000.00) from the general
4 fund to the Wyoming military department for purposes of
5 making referral bonus payments authorized by W.S.
6 19-9-403(e), as amended by this act. This appropriation
7 shall be for the period beginning with the effective date
8 of this act and ending June 30, 2028. This appropriation
9 shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose
10 and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this
11 appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30,
12 2028. It is the intent of the legislature that this
13 appropriation not be included in the standard budget for
14 the Wyoming military department for the immediately
15 succeeding fiscal biennium.

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17 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2026.

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