

HOUSE BILL No. 1086

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 21-13-12.

Synopsis: Reservist tuition supplement program. Establishes the reservist tuition supplement program (program) and reservist tuition supplement program fund (fund). Requires the commission for higher education to administer the program and fund. Provides that money in the fund is continually appropriated.

Effective: July 1, 2020.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2019 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 21-13-12 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2020]:
4 **Chapter 12. Reservist Tuition Supplement Program**
5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "fund" refers to the reservist**
6 **tuition supplement program fund established by section 5 of this**
7 **chapter.**
8 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "program" refers to the reservist**
9 **tuition supplement program established by section 4 of this**
10 **chapter.**
11 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "reservist" means an individual**
12 **who serves in a reserve component of the armed forces of the**
13 **United States or the Indiana National Guard.**
14 **Sec. 4. (a) The reservist tuition supplement program is**
15 **established to provide tuition scholarships to eligible applicants.**
16 **The commission shall administer the program.**
17 **(b) To be eligible for a tuition scholarship under this chapter, an**



- 1 applicant must:
- 2 (1) be a reservist;
- 3 (2) be a resident of Indiana;
- 4 (3) intend to pursue or, in the case of an applicant who is
- 5 already attending a state educational institution, be pursuing
- 6 an associate degree or a baccalaureate degree in:
- 7 (A) science;
- 8 (B) technology;
- 9 (C) engineering;
- 10 (D) math; or
- 11 (E) a course of study that would enable the applicant, upon
- 12 graduation, to teach in an accredited school in Indiana;
- 13 and
- 14 (4) meet any other eligibility criteria established by the
- 15 commission.
- 16 Sec. 5. (a) The reservist tuition supplement program fund is
- 17 established to provide tuition scholarships to eligible applicants
- 18 under the program.
- 19 (b) The fund shall be administered by the commission.
- 20 (c) The fund consists of the following:
- 21 (1) Money appropriated to the fund by the general assembly.
- 22 (2) Donations, gifts, and money received from any other
- 23 source, including transfers from other funds or accounts.
- 24 (d) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from
- 25 money in the fund.
- 26 (e) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not
- 27 revert to the state general fund but remains available to be used for
- 28 providing money for reservist tuition supplement scholarships
- 29 under this chapter.
- 30 (f) Money in the fund is continually appropriated to carry out
- 31 the purposes of the fund.
- 32 Sec. 6. Money in the fund shall be used to provide annual tuition
- 33 scholarships to eligible applicants in an amount that is equal to one
- 34 (1) of the following:
- 35 (1) If the eligible applicant does not receive other financial
- 36 assistance specifically designated for educational costs, an
- 37 amount equal to the cost of full tuition to attend the state
- 38 educational institution for the academic year.
- 39 (2) If the eligible applicant receives other financial assistance
- 40 specifically designated for educational costs, an amount that:
- 41 (A) is equal to the balance required to attend the state
- 42 educational institution for the academic year; and



1 **(B) does not exceed the amount described in subdivision**
2 **(1).**
3 **Sec. 7. (a) Subject to subsection (b), a scholarship awarded to an**
4 **eligible applicant may be renewed under this chapter for a total**
5 **scholarship award to the eligible applicant that does not exceed the**
6 **number of academic terms that constitutes four (4) undergraduate**
7 **academic years.**
8 **(b) A scholarship awarded to an individual under this chapter**
9 **may not be renewed if the individual fails to maintain at least a**
10 **cumulative grade point average that the state educational**
11 **institution determines is satisfactory academic progress.**

