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Overview

Increases the support rate and broadens eligibility for the tuition and textbook reimbursement grant program of the Minnesota national guard. Also provides an appropriation for the program for FY02-03 (unspecified amount).

Section

1 Tuition and textbook reimbursement grant program; eligibility and support level.

Clarifies that warrant officers and commissioned officers are eligible for the grant program (in addition to the enlisted members of the guard).

Increases the maximum support level from 75 percent to 100 percent of the cost of tuition for lower division programs in the college of liberal arts at the Twin Cities campus of the University of Minnesota (clause 1). This is the reimbursement rate for the vast majority of participating guard members, whether attending public or private institutions, and whether those institutions are located within or outside of Minnesota.

Similarly increases from 50 percent to 100 percent the cost of tuition for eligible members of the national guard who are attending graduate school or medical school at a public educational institution, whether it is located inside or outside Minnesota (clause 2).

- Appropriation. Provides a blank-sum appropriation from the general fund to the adjutant general of the Minnesota national guard for the tuition and textbook reimbursement grant program, available for the FY02-03 biennium.
- 3 **Effective date.** Effective July 1, 2001