

1 HB329  
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3 By Representatives Hill and Bridges  
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, members of the Alabama  
9 National Guard or Alabama State Defense Force, who  
10 as a direct result of active military state service  
11 are wounded, injured, disabled, or killed, are  
12 entitled to receive medical care and other  
13 compensation for injury, disability, or death.  
14 Payment of any claim is paid through appropriations  
15 to the State Military Department. State employees  
16 who are injured or suffer death on the job are  
17 covered under the State Employees Injury  
18 Compensation Program operated by the Division of  
19 Risk Management of the State Finance Department.

20 This bill would provide that members of the  
21 Alabama National Guard or Alabama State Defense  
22 Force who are injured or suffer death as a direct  
23 result of active military service would be covered  
24 under the State Employees Injury Compensation  
25 Program in the same manner as state employees and  
26 the existing law would be repealed. This bill also  
27 provides authority for the Military Department to

1 pay medical expenses for members of the National  
2 Guard or Alabama State Defense Force who become ill  
3 during or have minor injuries as a direct result of  
4 active military service for the state not covered  
5 by the State Employees Injury Compensation Program.

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7 A BILL  
8 TO BE ENTITLED  
9 AN ACT

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11 Relating to the State Military Department and  
12 members of the Alabama National Guard; to amend Section  
13 36-29A-1 of the Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the State  
14 Employees Injury Compensation Program, to provide that members  
15 of the Alabama National Guard and Alabama State Defense Force  
16 who suffer personal injury as a direct result of active  
17 military service for the state would be covered by the  
18 program; to authorize the Military Department to pay medical  
19 expenses for members of the National Guard or Alabama State  
20 Defense Force who become ill during active military service or  
21 have minor injuries as a direct result of active military  
22 service for the state not covered by the State Employees  
23 Injury Compensation Program; and to repeal Section 31-2-85 of  
24 the Code of Alabama 1975, providing compensation for injury,  
25 disability, or death of a member of the Alabama National Guard  
26 or Alabama State Defense Force.

27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

1                   Section 1. Section 36-29A-1 of the Code of Alabama  
2 1975, is amended to read as follows:

3                   "§36-29A-1.

4                   "The Director of Finance shall have the authority to  
5 implement a program to provide compensation for employees of  
6 the state and its agencies, departments, boards, or  
7 commissions and members of the Alabama National Guard and  
8 Alabama State Defense Force while on active military service  
9 for the state who suffer personal injury as a result of  
10 accidents arising out of and in the course of their state  
11 employment or active military service, under such terms and  
12 conditions as the Director of Finance shall determine. The  
13 said program will be administered by the Division of Risk  
14 Management of the Department of Finance, and will take effect  
15 on October 1, 1994."

16                   Section 2. The Military Department may pay medical  
17 expenses for members of the National Guard or Alabama State  
18 Defense Force who become ill during active military service or  
19 who have minor injuries as a direct result of active military  
20 service for the state not covered by the State Employees  
21 Injury Compensation Program.

22                   Section 3. Section 31-2-85 of the Code of Alabama  
23 1975, is repealed.

24                   Section 4. This act shall become effective on the  
25 first day of the third month following its passage and  
26 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.