

1 SB54  
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3 By Senators Dial, Whatley and Williams  
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the Alabama National  
9 Guard Educational Assistance Act authorizes the  
10 Alabama Commission on Higher Education to pay  
11 instate tuition costs for certain qualified members  
12 of the Alabama National Guard.

13 This bill would revise the definition of  
14 tuition for purposes of the act.  
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16 A BILL  
17 TO BE ENTITLED  
18 AN ACT  
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20 To amend Section 31-10-2, Code of Alabama 1975,  
21 relating to the Alabama National Guard Educational Assistance  
22 Act, to revise the definition of tuition.

23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

24 Section 1. Section 31-10-2 of the Code of Alabama  
25 1975, is amended to read as follows:

26 "§31-10-2.

1           "The following words used in this article shall have  
2 the meanings as set forth by this section:

3           "(1) ALABAMA NATIONAL GUARD. Federally recognized  
4 units of the Alabama National Guard.

5           "~~(3)~~ (2) ACTIVE MEMBER. A member of a federally  
6 recognized unit of the Alabama National Guard meeting the  
7 minimum requirements for satisfactory membership as defined in  
8 the Department of the Army and Department of the Air Force  
9 regulations.

10           "~~(5)~~ (3) TUITION. The cost of instruction and fees to  
11 the student as stated in the institution's catalog, plus the  
12 average cost of books and supplies, to a minimum of one  
13 hundred dollars (\$100), and not to exceed \$500 per semester or  
14 quarter or not more than \$1,000 annually 50 percent of the  
15 remaining balance after all federal benefits have been applied  
16 to the account of the student, for a total amount not  
17 exceeding two thousand dollars (\$2,000) annually.

18           "(4) VETERAN. Any person with more than 180 days  
19 active duty under Title 10, United States Code, annotated, and  
20 entitled to federal educational benefits will be considered a  
21 veteran and not eligible for benefits under this article.

22           "~~(2)~~ (5) WORDS IMPORTING THE MASCULINE GENDER ONLY.  
23 Apply to female as well as male."

24           Section 2. 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.