

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 60th Legislature

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| Bill No.: | HB 1243 |
| Version: | CS |
| Request Number: | 13003 |
| Author: | Rep. Strom |
| Date: | 3/4/2025 |
| Impact: | Creates Revolving Fund; No Impact |

Research Analysis

The committee substitute for HB 1243 creates a financial assistance program to help eligible National Guard members pay for a certification or licensure program at a CareerTech school for a maximum of three years.

To be eligible, a member of the National Guard must:

- Have at least one year left on their enlistment contract, and agree in writing to complete it; and
- Agree in writing to serve actively for at least 24 months after completion of the last semester for which they receive assistance.

To maintain eligibility they must:

- Maintain a 2.0 GPA;
- Maintain satisfactory participation in the Guard; and
- Possess a Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) or Air Force Specialty Code (AFSC) after his or her first semester.

A Guard member who has received assistance but fails to comply with the provisions of the program will be required to repay an amount as calculated in the measure. The measure allows a Guard member to apply for a hardship waiver in certain circumstances.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure as currently written is not anticipated to result in a negative fiscal impact on the state budget or appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.

