

1 Proposed language for Committee amendment to H.72

2 Rep. Fagan

3 First: In Sec. 2, by striking out the original subsection (g) in its entirety and
4 inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (g) to read:

5 (g) Reports.

6 (1) On or before November 1 of each year, the President, Chancellor, or
7 equivalent position of each educational institution that participated in the
8 Program during the immediately preceding school year shall report to the
9 Vermont National Guard and the Corporation regarding the number of
10 members enrolled at its institution during that school year who received tuition
11 benefits under the Program and, to the extent available, the courses or program
12 in which the members were enrolled.

13 (2) On or before January 15 of each year, the Vermont National Guard
14 and the Corporation shall report these data and other relevant performance
15 factors, including information pertaining to the achievement of the goals of this
16 entitlement program and the costs of the program to date, to the Governor, the
17 House and Senate Committees on Education, and the House Committees on
18 Appropriations and General, Housing, and Military Affairs. The provisions of
19 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of reports) shall not apply to the reports to be
20 made under this subsection.

21 Second: By adding a new section, to be Sec. 5, to read:

1 Sec. 5. EXCESS COST; SERVICE REQUIRMENT

2 If the cost to the State under the Vermont National Guard Tuition Benefit
3 Program exceeds the cost estimate for the Program provided by the Vermont
4 National Guard to the General Assembly during the 2018 Legislative Session,
5 then the General Assembly shall amend 16 V.S.A. § 2857 to require, for each
6 full academic year of attendance at the University of Vermont and State
7 Agricultural College, three years of service in the Vermont National Guard in
8 order to receive the full tuition benefit under the Program.