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H.517

Introduced by Representative Fagan of Rutland City

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Education; Vermont National Guard Tuition Benefit Program

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to extend the Vermont National Guard Tuition Benefit Program to a member seeking a master's degree or a second baccalaureate degree, provided that the member satisfies eligibility criteria.

~~An act relating to the Vermont National Guard Tuition Benefit Program.~~ *An act relating to educational benefits for members of the military and their families and eligibility for election to serve as Adjutant and Inspector General*

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

~~Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 2857 is amended to read:~~

§ 2857. VERMONT NATIONAL GUARD TUITION BENEFIT PROGRAM

(a) Program creation. The Vermont National Guard Tuition Benefit Program (Program) is created, under which a member of the Vermont National Guard (member) who meets the eligibility requirements in subsection (c) of this section is entitled to the following tuition benefit for up to full time attendance.

1 ~~(1) For courses at either campus of the Northern Vermont University~~
2 (NVU), the Vermont Technical College (VTC), the University of Vermont and
3 State Agricultural College (UVM), or at the Community College of Vermont
4 (CCV), the benefit shall be the in-state residence tuition rate for the relevant
5 institution.

6 (2) For courses at a Vermont State College, other than NVU, VTC, or
7 CCV, or at any eligible Vermont private postsecondary institution, the benefit
8 shall be the in-state tuition rate charged by NVU.

9 (3) For courses at an eligible training institution offering nondegree,
10 certificate training, or continuing education programs, the benefit shall be the
11 lower of the institution's standard tuition or the in-state tuition rate charged by
12 NVU.

13 (b) Tuition benefit. The tuition benefit provided under the Program shall
14 be paid on behalf of the member by the Vermont Student Assistance
15 Corporation (VSAC), subject to the appropriation of funds by the General
16 Assembly specifically for this purpose. An eligible Vermont postsecondary
17 institution that accepts or receives the tuition benefit on behalf of a member
18 shall charge the member the tuition rate for an in-state student. The amount of
19 tuition for a member who attends an educational institution under the Program
20 on less than a full-time basis shall be reduced to reflect the member's course
21 load in a manner determined by VSAC under subdivision (1)(1) of this section.

1 ~~The tuition benefit shall be conditioned upon the member's executing a~~
2 promissory note obligating the member to repay the member's tuition benefit,
3 in whole or in part, if the member fails to complete the period of Vermont
4 National Guard service required in subsection (d) of this section, or if the
5 member's benefit is terminated pursuant to subdivision (e)(1) of this section.

6 (c) Eligibility.

7 (1) To be eligible for the Program, an individual, whether a resident or
8 nonresident, shall satisfy all of the following requirements:

9 ~~(1)(A)~~ be an active member of the Vermont National Guard;

10 ~~(2)(B)~~ have successfully completed basic training;

11 ~~(3)(C)~~ be enrolled at UVM, a Vermont State College, or any other
12 college or university located in Vermont in a program that leads to an
13 undergraduate certificate ~~or a baccalaureate degree, or a graduate degree,~~ or at
14 an eligible training institution in a program that leads to a certificate or other
15 credential recognized by VSAC;

16 ~~(4)~~ have not previously earned an undergraduate bachelor's degree;

17 ~~(5)(D)~~ continually demonstrate satisfactory academic progress as
18 determined by criteria established by the Vermont National Guard and VSAC,
19 in consultation with the educational institution at which the individual is
20 ~~enrolled under the Program,~~

1 ~~(C)(E) have used available post-September 11, 2001 tuition benefits and~~

2 other federally funded military tuition assistance; provided, however, that this
3 subdivision shall not apply to:

4 ~~(A)(i)~~ tuition benefits and other federally funded military tuition
5 assistance for which the individual has not yet earned the full amount of the
6 benefit or tuition;

7 ~~(B)(ii)~~ Montgomery GI Bill benefits;

8 ~~(C)(iii)~~ post-September 11, 2001 educational program housing
9 allowances;

10 ~~(D)(iv)~~ federal educational entitlements;

11 ~~(E)(v)~~ National Guard scholarship grants;

12 ~~(F)(vi)~~ loans under section 2856 of this title; and

13 ~~(G)(vii)~~ other nontuition benefits; and

14 ~~(7)(F)~~ have submitted a statement of good standing to VSAC signed by
15 the individual's commanding officer within 30 days prior to the beginning of
16 each semester.

17 (2)(A) To be eligible to pursue a second undergraduate baccalaureate

18 degree under the Program, an individual, whether a resident or nonresident,

19 shall satisfy all of the following requirements.

1 ~~(i) have received a first undergraduate baccalaureate degree that~~
2 ~~was not funded under the Program or any other State funding source designed~~
3 ~~exclusively for members of the Vermont National Guard; and~~

4 ~~(ii) pursue a second undergraduate baccalaureate degree that~~
5 ~~qualifies the individual for a critical occupation career, which are any of~~
6 ~~practical nursing, child care, nursing, mental health counseling programs,~~
7 ~~bookkeeping, accounting, information technology services, production~~
8 ~~technician, graphic design, software and web development, electrical,~~
9 ~~plumbing, dental hygiene, small business management, radiologic science, and~~
10 ~~respiratory therapy.~~

11 ~~(B) VSAC shall match baccalaureate degrees to the critical~~
12 ~~occupation career list as updated from time to time by the General Assembly~~
13 ~~to ensure compliance with this section.~~

14 ~~(3)(A) To be eligible to pursue a graduate degree under the Program, an~~
15 ~~individual, whether a resident or nonresident, shall agree in the promissory~~
16 ~~note under subsection (b) of this section to, upon receipt of the graduate~~
17 ~~degree, be employed full time in Vermont or, if unemployed, be actively~~
18 ~~seeking full-time employment in Vermont until the individual's service~~
19 ~~commitment under subsection (d) of this section is satisfied.~~

1 ~~(B) An individual may pursue a graduate degree under the Program~~
2 ~~even if the individual has received an undergraduate baccalaureate degree~~
3 ~~under the Program.~~

4 (d) Service commitment.

5 (1) For each full academic year of attendance under the Program, a
6 member shall be required to serve two years in the Vermont National Guard in
7 order to receive the full tuition benefit under the Program.

8 (2) If a member's service with the Vermont National Guard terminates
9 before the member fulfills this two-year service commitment, other than for
10 good cause as determined by the Vermont National Guard, the individual shall
11 reimburse VSAC a pro rata portion of the tuition paid under the Program
12 pursuant to the terms of an interest-free reimbursement promissory note signed
13 by the individual at the time of entering the Program.

14 (3) For members participating in the Program on a less than full-time
15 basis, the member's service commitment shall be at the rate of one month of
16 Vermont National Guard service commitment for each credit hour, not to
17 exceed 12 months of service commitment for a single semester.

18 (e) Termination of tuition benefit.

19 (1) The Office of the Vermont Adjutant and Inspector General may
20 ~~terminate the tuition benefit provided an individual under the Program if.~~

1 (A) the individual's commanding officer revokes the statement of
2 good standing submitted pursuant to subdivision (c)(7) of this section as a
3 result of an investigation or disciplinary action that occurred after the
4 statement of good standing was issued;

5 (B) the individual is dismissed from the educational institution in
6 which the individual is enrolled under the Program for academic or
7 disciplinary reasons; or

8 (C) the individual withdraws without good cause from the
9 educational institution in which the individual is enrolled under the Program;
10 or

11 (D) for an individual who has earned a graduate degree under the
12 Program, for failure to satisfy the work requirement under subdivision
13 (c)(3)(A) of this section.

14 (2) If an individual's tuition benefit is terminated pursuant to
15 subdivision (1) of this subsection, the individual shall reimburse VSAC for the
16 tuition paid under the Program, pursuant to the terms of an interest-free
17 reimbursement promissory note signed by the individual at the time of entering
18 the Program; shall be responsible on a pro rata basis for the remaining tuition
19 cost for the current semester or any courses in which the individual is currently
20 enrolled; and shall be ineligible to receive future tuition benefits under the
21 Program.

1 ~~(2) If an individual is dismissed for academic or disciplinary reasons~~
2 from any postsecondary educational institution before receiving tuition
3 benefits under the Program, the Office of the Adjutant and Inspector General
4 may make a determination regarding the individual's eligibility to receive
5 tuition benefits under the Program.

6 (f) Adoption of policies, procedures, and guidelines.

7 (1) VSAC, in consultation with the Office of the Adjutant and Inspector
8 General, shall adopt policies, procedures, and guidelines necessary to
9 implement the provisions of this section, which shall include eligibility,
10 application, and acceptance requirements, proration of service requirements for
11 academic semesters or attendance periods shorter than one year, data sharing
12 guidelines, and the criteria for determining "good cause" as used in
13 subdivisions (d)(2) and (e)(1)(C) of this section.

14 (2) Each educational institution participating in the Program shall adopt
15 policies and procedures for the enrollment of members under the Program.
16 These policies and procedures shall be consistent with the policies, procedures,
17 and guidelines adopted by VSAC under subdivision (1) of this subsection.

18 (g) Reports.

19 (1) On or before November 1 of each year, the President, Chancellor, or
20 equivalent position of each educational institution that participated in the
21 Program during the immediately preceding school year shall report to the

1 ~~Vermont National Guard and VSAC regarding the number of members~~
2 enrolled at its institution during that school year who received tuition benefits
3 under the Program and, to the extent available, the courses or program in
4 which the members were enrolled.

5 (2) On or before January 15 of each year, the Vermont National Guard
6 and VSAC shall report these data and other relevant performance factors,
7 including information pertaining to the achievement of the goals of this
8 entitlement program and the costs of the Program to date, to the Governor, the
9 House and Senate Committees on Education, and the House Committees on
10 Appropriations and on General, Housing, and Military Affairs. The provisions
11 of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d), expiration of reports, shall not apply to the reports to be
12 made under this subsection.

13 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

14 ~~This act shall take effect on passage.~~

Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 2857(c) is amended to read:

(c) Eligibility.

(1) To be eligible for the Program, an individual, whether a resident or nonresident, shall satisfy all of the following requirements:

(+) (A) be an active member of the Vermont National Guard;

~~*(-) (B) have successfully completed basic training,*~~

~~(3)(C) be enrolled at UVM, a Vermont State College, or any other college or university located in Vermont in a program that leads to an undergraduate certificate or degree or at an eligible training institution in a program that leads to a certificate or other credential recognized by VSAC;~~

~~(4)(D) have not previously earned an undergraduate bachelor's degree;~~

~~(5)(E) continually demonstrate satisfactory academic progress as determined by criteria established by the Vermont National Guard and VSAC, in consultation with the educational institution at which the individual is enrolled under the Program;~~

~~(6)(F) have used available post-September 11, 2001 tuition benefits and other federally funded military tuition assistance; provided, however, that this subdivision shall not apply to:~~

~~(A)(i) tuition benefits and other federally funded military tuition assistance for which the individual has not yet earned the full amount of the benefit or tuition;~~

~~(B)(ii) Montgomery GI Bill benefits;~~

~~(C)(iii) post-September 11, 2001 educational program housing allowances;~~

~~(D)(iv) federal educational entitlements;~~

~~(E)(v) National Guard scholarship grants;~~

~~(F)(vi) loans under section 2856 of this title, and~~

~~(C)(iii) other nontuition benefits; and~~

~~(F)(G) have submitted a statement of good standing to VSAC signed by the individual's commanding officer within 30 days prior to the beginning of each semester.~~

~~(2) An individual may receive more than one undergraduate certificate or other credential recognized by VSAC under the Program, provided that the cost of all certificates and credentials received by the individual under the Program does not exceed the full-time in-state tuition rate charged by NVU for completion of an undergraduate baccalaureate degree.~~

~~Sec. 2. VERMONT NATIONAL GUARD TUITION BENEFIT~~

~~PROGRAM EXTENSION; MASTER'S DEGREE OR A SECOND
BACCALAUREATE DEGREE; PILOT~~

~~(a) The provisions of this section shall apply notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 2857.~~

~~(b) A National Guard member shall be eligible to pursue a second undergraduate baccalaureate degree under the Vermont National Guard Tuition Benefit Program, whether a resident or nonresident, if the individual received a first undergraduate baccalaureate degree that was not funded under the Program or any other State funding source designed exclusively for members of the Vermont National Guard.~~

~~(a)(1) A National Guard member shall be eligible to pursue a graduate degree under the Program, whether a resident or nonresident, if the individual agrees in the promissory note under 16 V.S.A. § 2857(b) to, upon receipt of the graduate degree and until the individual's service commitment under 16 V.S.A. § 2857(d) is satisfied, be employed full time in Vermont or, if unemployed, be actively seeking full-time employment in Vermont.~~

~~(2) An individual may pursue a graduate degree under the Program even if the individual has received an undergraduate baccalaureate degree under the Program.~~

~~(3) The Office of the Vermont Adjutant and Inspector General may terminate the tuition benefit provided to an individual who has earned a graduate degree under the Program for failure to satisfy the work requirement under subdivision (1) this subsection.~~

Sec. 3. REPEAL

Sec. 2 of this act is repealed on July 1, 2025.

Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

~~*This act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.*~~

** * * Vermont National Guard Tuition Benefit Program * * **

Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 2857 is amended to read:

§ 2857. VERMONT NATIONAL GUARD TUITION BENEFIT PROGRAM

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(1) For courses at ~~either campus of the Northern Vermont University (NVU), the Vermont Technical College (VTC), the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College (UVM), or at the Community College of Vermont (CCV)~~ any Vermont State College institution or the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College (UVM), the benefit shall be the in-state residence tuition rate for the relevant institution.

(2) For courses at ~~a Vermont State College, other than NVU, VTC, or CCV, or at any eligible Vermont private postsecondary institution~~, the benefit shall be the in-state tuition rate charged by ~~NVU~~ UVM.

(3) For courses at an eligible training institution offering nondegree, certificate training, or continuing education programs, the benefit shall be the lower of the institution's standard tuition or the in-state tuition rate charged by ~~NVU~~ UVM.

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(c) Eligibility.

(1) To be eligible for the Program, an individual, whether a resident or nonresident, shall satisfy all of the following requirements:

~~(A)~~ (A) be an active member of the Vermont National Guard;

~~(2)~~(B) *have successfully completed basic training;*

~~(3)~~(C) *be enrolled at UVM, a Vermont State College, or any other college or university located in Vermont in a program that leads to an undergraduate certificate or degree or at an eligible training institution in a program that leads to a certificate or other credential recognized by VSAC;*

~~(4)~~(D) *have not previously earned an undergraduate bachelor's degree;*

~~(5)~~(E) *continually demonstrate satisfactory academic progress as determined by criteria established by the Vermont National Guard and VSAC, in consultation with the educational institution at which the individual is enrolled under the Program;*

~~(6)~~(F) *have used available post-September 11, 2001 tuition benefits and other federally funded military tuition assistance; provided, however, that this subdivision shall not apply to:*

~~(A)~~(i) *tuition benefits and other federally funded military tuition assistance for which the individual has not yet earned the full amount of the benefit or tuition;*

~~(B)~~(ii) *Montgomery GI Bill benefits;*

~~(C)~~(iii) *post-September 11, 2001 educational program housing allowances;*

~~(D)~~(iv) *federal educational entitlements;*

~~(E)~~(v) *National Guard scholarship grants;*

~~(F)(vi)~~ *loans under section 2856 of this title; and*

~~(G)(vii)~~ *other nontuition benefits; and*

~~(7)(G)~~ *have submitted a statement of good standing to VSAC signed by the individual's commanding officer within 30 days prior to the beginning of each semester.*

(2) An individual may receive more than one undergraduate certificate or other credential recognized by VSAC under the Program, provided that the cost of all certificates and credentials received by the individual under the Program does not exceed the full-time in-state tuition rate charged by UVM for completion of an undergraduate baccalaureate degree.

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Sec. 2. VERMONT NATIONAL GUARD TUITION BENEFIT

*PROGRAM EXTENSION; MASTER'S DEGREE OR A SECOND
BACCALAUREATE DEGREE; PILOT*

(a) The provisions of this section shall apply notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 2857.

(b) A National Guard member shall be eligible to pursue a second undergraduate baccalaureate degree under the Vermont National Guard Tuition Benefit Program, whether a resident or nonresident, if the individual received a first undergraduate baccalaureate degree that was not funded under the Program or any other State funding source designed exclusively for

members of the Vermont National Guard.

(c)(1) A National Guard member shall be eligible to pursue a graduate degree under the Program, whether a resident or nonresident, if the individual agrees in the promissory note under 16 V.S.A. § 2857(b) to, upon receipt of the graduate degree and until the individual's service commitment under 16 V.S.A. § 2857(d) is satisfied, be employed full time in Vermont or, if unemployed, be actively seeking full-time employment in Vermont.

(2) An individual may pursue a graduate degree under the Program even if the individual has received an undergraduate baccalaureate degree under the Program.

(3) The Office of the Vermont Adjutant and Inspector General may terminate the tuition benefit provided to an individual who has earned a graduate degree under the Program for failure to satisfy the work requirement under subdivision (1) this subsection.

Sec. 3. REPEAL

Sec. 2 of this act is repealed on July 1, 2025.

* * * Education of Military Families * * *

Sec. 4. 16 V.S.A. § 1073 is amended to read:

§ 1073. "LEGAL PUPIL" DEFINED; ACCESS TO SCHOOL

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(d) If one or both of a child's parents or guardians are being relocated to

the State under military orders, a school district shall allow registration of the student by mail, telephone, or electronically and shall not require the parent or legal guardian of the student or the student themselves to physically appear at a location within the district to register the student. Proof of required residency shall not be required at the time of the remote registration but shall be required within 10 days of the student's attendance in the school district.

Sec. 5. 16 V.S.A. § 2185 is amended to read:

§ 2185. DETERMINATION OF RESIDENCY FOR TUITION PURPOSES

(a) The Board of Trustees shall adopt policies related to residency for tuition purposes, consistent with State and federal requirements.

(b) Any member of the U.S. Armed Forces on active duty who is transferred to Vermont for duty other than for the purpose of education shall, upon transfer and for the period of active duty served in Vermont, be considered a resident for in-state tuition purposes at the start of the next semester or academic period.

(c) The spouse and dependent child of any person who is a member of the U.S. Armed Forces and stationed in this State pursuant to military orders shall be entitled to be considered, upon taking up a residence in the State, a resident for in-state tuition purposes at the start of the next semester or academic period. The spouse or dependent child shall not lose classification as an in-state student if the spouse or dependent child continues to reside in the State

and the member of the U.S. Armed Forces is transferred on military orders or retires. The spouse or dependent child shall lose this classification as an in-state student under this subsection if the spouse or dependent child no longer resides in the State and shall regain this classification upon again taking up a residency in the State only if the member of the U.S. Armed Forces is stationed in this State pursuant to military orders.

Sec. 6. 16 V.S.A. § 2282a is amended to read:

§ 2282a. DETERMINATION OF RESIDENCY FOR TUITION PURPOSES

(a) Enrollment at an institution for higher learning, or presence within the State for the purposes of attending an institution of higher learning, shall not by itself constitute residence for in-state tuition purposes or for the purpose of eligibility for assistance from the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation.

(b) Any member of the U.S. Armed Forces ~~of the United States~~ on active duty who is transferred to Vermont for duty other than for the purpose of education shall, upon transfer and for the period of active duty served in Vermont, be considered a resident for in-state tuition purposes at the start of the next semester or academic period.

(c) The spouse and dependent child of any person who is a member of the U.S. Armed Forces and stationed in this State pursuant to military orders shall be entitled to be considered, upon taking up a residence in the State, a resident for in-state tuition purposes at the start of the next semester or academic

period. The spouse or dependent child shall not lose classification as an in-state student if the spouse or dependent child continues to reside in the State and the member of the U.S. Armed Forces is transferred on military orders or retires. The spouse or dependent child shall lose this classification as an in-state student under this subsection if the spouse or dependent child no longer resides in the State and shall regain this classification upon again taking up a residency in the State only if the member of the U.S. Armed Forces is stationed in this State pursuant to military orders.

** * * Purple Star School Programs * * **

Sec. 7. 16 V.S.A. § 568 is added to read:

§ 568. PURPLE STAR CAMPUS DESIGNATION

(a) As used in this section, “military-connected student” means a student who is a dependent of a current or former member of:

(1) the U.S. military serving in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Space Force, or Coast Guard on active duty;

(2) the Vermont National Guard;

(3) a reserve force of the U.S. Armed Forces; or

(4) a member of a military or reserve force described in subdivision (1), (2), or (3) of this subsection who was killed in the line of duty.

(b) The Agency of Education shall designate a school district as a Purple Star Campus if the school district applies and qualifies for the designation

under this section.

(c) To qualify as a Purple Star Campus, a school district shall:

(1) designate a staff member as a military liaison, whose duties include:

(A) identifying military-connected students enrolled in the district's schools;

(B) serving as the point of contact between the school district and military-connected students and their families;

(C) determining appropriate school services available to military-connected students; and

(D) assisting in coordinating school programs relevant to military-connected students;

(2) maintain within the school district an Internet website with an easily accessible web page that includes resources for military-connected students and their families, including information regarding:

(A) relocation to, enrollment at, registration at, and transferring records to the school district;

(B) academic planning, course sequences, and advanced classes available at the school district; and

(C) counseling and other support services available for military-connected students enrolled in the school district;

(3) maintain a transition program led by students, where appropriate,

that assists military-connected students in transitioning into the school district;

(4) offer professional development for staff members on issues related to military-connected students; and

(5) offer at least one of the following initiatives:

(A) a resolution showing support for military-connected students and their families;

(B) recognition of the Month of the Military Child or Military Family Month with relevant events hosted by the school district; or

(C) a partnership with a local military installation that provides opportunities for active duty military members to volunteer with the school district, speak at an assembly, or host a field trip.

(d) To comply with the requirements under subdivisions (c)(2), (4), or (5) of this section, a school district may partner with a third party to provide those services and initiatives.

** * * Eligibility for Election to Serve as Adjutant and Inspector General * * **

Sec. 8. 2 V.S.A. § 10 is amended to read:

§ 10. ELECTION OF STATE AND JUDICIAL OFFICERS

(a) At 10 o'clock and 30 minutes, forenoon, on the seventh Thursday after their biennial meeting and organization, the Senate and House of Representatives shall meet in joint assembly and proceed therein to elect the State officers, except judicial officers, whose election by the Constitution and

laws devolves in the first instance upon them in joint assembly, including the Sergeant at Arms, ~~the Adjutant and Inspector General,~~ and legislative trustees of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College. In case election of all such officers shall not be made on that day, they shall meet in joint assembly at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes, forenoon, on each succeeding day, Saturdays and Sundays excepted, and proceed in such election, until all such officers are elected.

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(c) At 10 o'clock and 30 minutes, forenoon, on the seventh Thursday of the second year of the biennial session, the Senate and House of Representatives shall meet in joint assembly and proceed therein to elect the ~~legislative trustees of the Vermont State Colleges Corporation~~ State Officers, whose election by the Constitution and laws devolves in the first instance upon them in joint assembly, including the legislative trustees of the Vermont State Colleges Corporation and the Adjutant and Inspector General. In case election of all such ~~legislative trustees~~ officers shall not be made on that day, they shall meet in joint assembly at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes, forenoon, on each succeeding day, Saturdays and Sundays excepted, and proceed in such election, until all such ~~legislative trustees~~ officers are elected.

Sec. 9. 20 V.S.A. § 363 is amended to read:

§ 363. OFFICERS GENERALLY

(a)(1) The General Assembly shall biennially elect an Adjutant and Inspector General for a term of two years.

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(3) In order to be eligible for election to serve as Adjutant and Inspector General, an individual shall:

(A) have attained the rank of Colonel (O-6) or above;

(B) be a current member of the U.S. Army, the U.S. Air Force, the U.S. Army Reserve, the U.S. Air Force Reserve, the Army National Guard, or the Air National Guard or be eligible to return to active service in the Army National Guard or the Air National Guard;

(C) be a graduate of a Senior Service College; and

(D) be eligible for federal recognition.

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Sec. 10. CURRENT TERM OF ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR GENERAL

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the term of the Adjutant and Inspector General in office on the effective date of this act shall end on March 1, 2024.

** * * Effective Date * * **

Sec. 11. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.