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4 Montpelier, Laroche of Franklin, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Nicoll of
5 Ludlow, Nigro of Bennington, and White of Bethel move that the bill be
6 amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu
7 thereof the following:

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

9 (c) Eligibility.

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

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

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

14 ~~(3)~~(C) be enrolled at UVM, a Vermont State College, or any other

15 college or university located in Vermont in a program that leads to an

16 undergraduate certificate or degree or at an eligible training institution in a

17 program that leads to a certificate or other credential recognized by VSAC;

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

19 ~~(5)~~(E) continually demonstrate satisfactory academic progress as

20 determined by criteria established by the Vermont National Guard and VSAC,

1 in consultation with the educational institution at which the individual is
2 enrolled under the Program;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 (2) An individual may receive more than one undergraduate
20 certificate or other credential recognized by VSAC under the Program,
21 provided that the cost of all certificates and credentials received by the

1 individual under the Program does not exceed the full-time in-state tuition rate
2 charged by NVU for completion of an undergraduate baccalaureate degree.

3 Sec. 2. VERMONT NATIONAL GUARD TUITION BENEFIT

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

6 (a) The provisions of this section shall apply notwithstanding 16 V.S.A.
7 § 2857.

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

14 (c)(1) A National Guard member shall be eligible to pursue a graduate
15 degree under the Program, whether a resident or nonresident, if the individual
16 agrees in the promissory note under 16 V.S.A. § 2857(b) to, upon receipt of the
17 graduate degree and until the individual's service commitment under 16 V.S.A.
18 § 2857(d) is satisfied, be employed full time in Vermont or, if unemployed, be
19 actively seeking full-time employment in Vermont.

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

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

8 Sec. 3. REPEAL

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

10 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

11 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.