

HOUSE BILL NO. 82

INTRODUCED BY G. NIKOLAKAKOS

BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MONTANA NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR INCENTIVE PAYMENTS; PROVIDING FOR A VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROGRAM ON AN INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX RETURN; PROVIDING A STATUTORY AN APPROPRIATION; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTIONS SECTION 15-30-2392 AND 17-7-502, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Montana national guard enlistment incentive program.** (1) There is a Montana national guard enlistment incentive program to encourage enlistment into the Montana national guard.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (3), the enlistment program authorizes an incentive payment of up to \$500 to current members of the Montana national guard in the pay grades of E-1 to O-5 or any ~~former~~ HONORABLY DISCHARGED VETERAN member of the Montana national guard for each new or prior service recruit that a service member refers to the Montana national guard.

(3) The following personnel are ineligible for enlistment incentive program payments:

(a) Montana national guard soldiers and aircrews who are currently assigned or attached or have been assigned or attached in the previous 6 months to either the Montana air national guard recruiting and retention section or the Montana army national guard recruiting and retention battalion;

(b) current federal or civilian employees of the Montana air national guard recruiting and retention section or the Montana army national guard recruiting and retention battalion; and

(c) contractor employers and contractor employees for the Montana air national guard recruiting and retention section or the Montana army national guard recruiting and retention battalion.

Amendment - 1st Reading/2nd House-blue - (S) Finance and Claims

- 2023

68th Legislature 2023

Drafter: Julie Johnson, 406-444-4024

HB0082.003.001

Ch. 284, L. 2017, the inclusion of 81-1-112, 81-1-113, and 81-7-106 terminates June 30, 2023; pursuant to sec. 1, Ch. 340, L. 2017, the inclusion of 22-1-327 terminates July 1, 2023; pursuant to sec. 10, Ch. 374, L. 2017, the inclusion of 76-17-103 terminates June 30, 2027; pursuant to sec. 5, Ch. 50, L. 2019, the inclusion of 37-50-209 terminates September 30, 2023; pursuant to sec. 1, Ch. 408, L. 2019, the inclusion of 17-7-215 terminates June 30, 2029; pursuant to secs. 11, 12, and 14, Ch. 343, L. 2019, the inclusion of 15-35-108 terminates June 30, 2027; pursuant to sec. 7, Ch. 465, L. 2019, the inclusion of 85-2-526 terminates July 1, 2023; pursuant to sec. 5, Ch. 477, L. 2019, the inclusion of 10-3-802 terminates June 30, 2023; pursuant to secs. 1, 2, 3, Ch. 139, L. 2021, the inclusion of 53-9-113 terminates June 30, 2027; pursuant to sec. 8, Ch. 200, L. 2021, the inclusion of 10-4-310 terminates July 1, 2031; pursuant to secs. 3, 4, Ch. 404, L. 2021, the inclusion of 30-10-1004 terminates June 30, 2027; pursuant to sec. 5, Ch. 548, L. 2021, the inclusion of 50-1-115 terminates June 30, 2025; pursuant to secs. 5 and 12, Ch. 563, L. 2021, the inclusion of 22-3-1004 is effective July 1, 2027; and pursuant to sec. 15, Ch. 574, L. 2021, the inclusion of 46-32-108 terminates June 30, 2023.) "

NEW SECTION. SECTION 5. TRANSFER OF FUNDS. BY AUGUST 1, 2023, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER \$250,000 from the state general fund INTO THE ACCOUNT ESTABLISHED IN [SECTION 3].

NEW SECTION. Section 6. Appropriation. (1) There is appropriated \$250,000 from the general fund to the Montana national guard enlistment incentive account provided for in [section 3] TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, for the purpose of encouraging enlistment in the Montana national guard PURPOSES SET FORTH IN [SECTION 1]. The appropriation is one-time-only.

(2) — The legislature intends that the appropriation in this section be considered part of the ongoing base for the next legislative session.

NEW SECTION. Section 7. Codification instruction. [Sections 1 through 3] are intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 10, chapter 1, and the provisions of Title 10, chapter 1, apply to [sections 1 through 3].