

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT**  
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**OFFERED BY MS. NORTON OF DISTRICT OF**  
**COLUMBIA**

At the end of subtitle E of title V, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 5\_\_\_.** **DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA NATIONAL GUARD EDU-**  
2 **CATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Chapter 1611 of title 10, United  
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
5 lowing new section:

6 **“§ 16402. District of Columbia National Guard edu-**  
7 **ational assistance program**

8 “(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The commanding general of  
9 the District of Columbia National Guard shall provide fi-  
10 nancial assistance to an eligible member of the District  
11 of Columbia National Guard for expenses incurred by the  
12 member—

13 “(1) while enrolled in an approved institution of  
14 higher education; and

15 “(2) to pursue the member’s first under-  
16 graduate, masters, doctoral, vocational, or technical  
17 degree or certification.

1           “(b) ELIGIBILITY.—(1) A member of the District of  
2 Columbia National Guard is eligible to receive assistance  
3 under this section if the commanding general of the Dis-  
4 trict of Columbia National Guard determines the fol-  
5 lowing:

6                   “(A) The member has satisfactorily com-  
7 pleted required initial active duty service.

8                   “(B) The member is not receiving a Re-  
9 serve Officer Training Corps scholarship.

10                   “(C) The member has entered into a writ-  
11 ten agreement to serve as a member of the Dis-  
12 trict of Columbia National Guard for a period  
13 determined by the commanding general.

14           “(2) To maintain eligibility for assistance under  
15 this section, a member of the District of Columbia  
16 National Guard shall—

17                   “(A) satisfactorily perform duty in the  
18 District of Columbia National Guard;

19                   “(B) be enrolled on a full-time or part-time  
20 basis (seeking to earn at least three, but fewer  
21 than 12 credit hours per semester) in an ap-  
22 proved institution of higher education; and

23                   “(C) maintain satisfactory progress in the  
24 course of study the member is pursuing, deter-  
25 mined in accordance with section 484(c) of the

1 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
2 1091(c)).

3 “(c) ASSISTANCE: AMOUNTS; TREATMENT.—(1) As-  
4 sistance received by a member of the District of Columbia  
5 National Guard under this section may be used for—

6 “(A) tuition and fees charged by an ap-  
7 proved institution of higher education involved;

8 “(B) the cost of books; and

9 “(C) laboratory expenses.

10 “(2) The amount of assistance provided to a  
11 member of the District of Columbia National Guard  
12 under this section may not exceed the following:

13 “(A) For tuition, \$10,000 per year.

14 “(B) For books, \$500 per year.

15 “(C) For fees and laboratory expenses,  
16 \$500 per year.

17 “(3) If the commanding general of the District  
18 of Columbia National Guard determines that the  
19 amounts available to provide assistance under this  
20 section in any year will be insufficient, the com-  
21 manding general may reduce any maximum amount  
22 of the assistance authorized, or set a limit on the  
23 number of participants, to ensure that amounts ex-  
24 pended do not exceed available amounts.

1           “(4) Except as provided in subsection  
2           (b)(1)(B), a member of the District of Columbia Na-  
3           tional Guard may receive assistance under this sec-  
4           tion in addition to educational assistance provided  
5           under any other provision of law.

6           “(5) A member of the District of Columbia Na-  
7           tional Guard who receives assistance under this sec-  
8           tion and who fails to serve for the period specified  
9           in an agreement described in subsection (b)(1) or  
10          fails to comply with the eligibility conditions speci-  
11          fied in subsection (b)(2) shall be subject to the re-  
12          payment provisions of section 373 of title 37.

13          “(d) ADMINISTRATION; FUNDING.—(1) The com-  
14          manding general of the District of Columbia National  
15          Guard, in consultation with approved institutions of high-  
16          er education, shall develop policies and procedures for the  
17          administration of this section. Nothing in this section shall  
18          be construed to require an institution of higher education  
19          to alter any admission policy or standard to enable a mem-  
20          ber of the District of Columbia National Guard to enroll  
21          in such institution.

22          “(2)(A) There are authorized to be appro-  
23          priated such sums as may be necessary to carry out  
24          this section. Funds so appropriated shall remain  
25          available until expended.

1           “(B) The commanding general may accept  
2           the transfer of funds from a Federal agency  
3           and use any funds so transferred for purposes  
4           of providing assistance under this section.  
5           There is authorized to be appropriated to the  
6           head of any executive branch agency such sums  
7           as may be necessary to permit the transfer of  
8           funds to the commanding general to provide as-  
9           sistance under this section.

10           “(C) The commanding general may accept,  
11           use, and dispose of donations of services or  
12           property to provide assistance under this sec-  
13           tion.

14           “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15           “(1) The term ‘approved institution of higher  
16           education’ means an institution of higher education  
17           that—

18           “(A) is eligible to participate in the stu-  
19           dent financial assistance programs under title  
20           IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20  
21           U.S.C. 1070 et seq.); and

22           “(B) has entered into an agreement with  
23           the commanding general of the District of Co-  
24           lumbia National Guard containing an assurance  
25           that funds made available under this section are

1           used to supplement and not supplant other as-  
2           sistance that may be available for a member of  
3           the District of Columbia National Guard.

4           “(2) The term ‘institution of higher education’  
5           has the meaning given such term in section 102 of  
6           the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
7           1002).”.

8           (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
9           at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting  
10          after the item relating to section 16401 the following new  
11          item:

          “16402. District of Columbia National Guard educational assistance program.”.

12          (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Financial assistance may be  
13          provided under section 16402 of such title, as added by  
14          subsection (a), for a period of instruction that begins on  
15          or after January 1, 2025.

