

HOUSE BILL No. 1111

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 5-10-11-3; IC 10-16; IC 21-13; IC 34-30-2.1-125.

Synopsis: Indiana National Guard. Increases, from \$8,800 to \$20,000, the amount that shall be paid by the state if a member of the Indiana National Guard dies in the active service of the state. Provides that a spouse or dependent of a member of the Indiana National Guard is eligible for a state employee death benefit if the member dies while serving on state active duty. Provides that the adjutant general may procure a medical insurance plan for members of the Indiana National Guard who are ordered to state active duty. Adds awards and decorations that may be awarded by the Indiana National Guard. Provides that members of the Indiana National Guard, while serving on state active duty, shall be considered state employees for purposes of receiving worker's compensation. Provides that a scholarship applicant of the National Guard tuition supplement program may use the scholarship for a credential-certifying program, licensing program, trade certification program, or apprenticeship program for an in-demand occupation as identified by the adjutant general and the department of workforce development, in consultation with the commission for higher education. Provides that if a scholarship applicant of the National Guard tuition supplement program receives a twenty-first century scholars program scholarship, the scholarship applicant may use a National Guard tuition supplement program scholarship awarded to pay for room and board for two years. Makes technical corrections.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning public safety.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 5-10-11-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.2-2007,
2 SECTION 86, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "state employee" means
4 an employee of a state agency, except a state educational institution.
5 **The term includes a member of the Indiana National Guard while**
6 **the member is serving on state active duty.** "State employee" does
7 not include a public safety officer who receives benefits under
8 IC 5-10-10.

9 SECTION 2. IC 10-16-7-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
10 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 7. (a) The governor
11 shall order on state duty all or part of the ~~national guard~~ **Indiana**
12 **National Guard** in the following cases:

- 13 (1) War.
14 (2) Invasion.
15 (3) Insurrection.
16 (4) Public disaster.
17 (5) Breach of the peace or imminent danger of breach of the



1 peace.

2 (6) Forcible obstruction of the execution of the laws, or
3 reasonable belief that the execution of the laws will be obstructed.

4 (7) At any other time the governor considers necessary.

5 (b) A member of the Indiana ~~national guard~~ **National Guard** who
6 is ordered out on duty may not be held civilly liable for any act done by
7 the person in the discharge of the person's military duty. The member
8 may not be subject to criminal prosecution if an alleged criminal act
9 occurred while the member was carrying out the orders of a superior
10 officer that the member reasonably believed to be legal orders under all
11 of the attendant facts and circumstances.

12 (c) If the President of the United States calls, orders, or requisitions
13 troops, the governor shall first order into the service of the United
14 States the organization and arms of the service specified in the
15 president's requisition.

16 (d) If a civil suit or proceeding is commenced in any court by any
17 person against any member of the Indiana ~~national guard~~ **National**
18 **Guard** acting under the authority of an order described in subsection
19 (b), the attorney general shall defend the member. If the action or
20 proceeding is criminal, the governor shall designate counsel to
21 represent the accused and the state will be financially responsible for
22 the expense of the defense of any civil or criminal action incurred. The
23 expenses for the defense shall be paid by the adjutant general out of
24 appropriated funds.

25 (e) **The adjutant general may procure a medical insurance plan**
26 **for members of the Indiana National Guard who are ordered to**
27 **state active duty.**

28 SECTION 3. IC 10-16-7-18 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
29 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 18. (a) A member of
30 the Indiana ~~national guard~~ **National Guard** who

31 (1) when on duty or assembled for duty, in case of riot, tumult,
32 breach of peace, insurrection, invasion, public disaster or
33 whenever ordered by the governor, the commanding general of
34 the ~~national guard;~~ **Indiana National Guard**, or called to the aid
35 of civil authorities, is injured; is disabled; or contracts a disease
36 because of the member's duty or assembly; or

37 (2) without fault or neglect on that member's part, is wounded or
38 disabled while performing any lawfully ordered duty that
39 temporarily incapacitates the member from pursuing the member's
40 usual business or occupation;

41 shall; during the period of incapacity; receive the pay to which the
42 member was entitled while on or assembled for duty; plus any actual



1 necessary expenses for care and medical attention. shall be considered
 2 a state employee for purposes of receiving worker's compensation
 3 under IC 22-3. The receipt of worker's compensation by a member
 4 of the Indiana National Guard shall not be construed as an
 5 exclusive remedy (as described in IC 22-3-2-6) for purposes of
 6 determining the member's eligibility for the member's retirement
 7 benefits or other benefits provided to a member of the Indiana
 8 National Guard.

9 (b) If a claim is made under this section, the adjutant general may
 10 cause examinations of the claimant to be made from time to time by a
 11 medical officer designated for that purpose by the adjutant general. The
 12 adjutant general may direct the removal of a claimant to and treatment
 13 in a hospital designated by the adjutant general. If the claimant refuses:

14 (1) to allow an examination; or

15 (2) to go to a designated hospital or to otherwise follow the advice
 16 or treatment prescribed;

17 the claimant forfeits and is barred from all right to any claim or
 18 allowance under this section.

19 (c) Under this chapter:

20 (1) a disability may not be considered temporary if the disability
 21 continues for more than one (1) year from the date of receiving
 22 the injury or of incurring or contracting the disease or disability;
 23 and

24 (2) pay and expenses for care and medical attendance for more
 25 than one (1) year is not allowed.

26 (d) The adjutant general may appoint a medical examiner or a board
 27 of three (3) officers, at least one (1) being a medical officer, to inquire
 28 into the merits of any claim arising under this section. However, the
 29 adjutant general may determine any claim without appointing a medical
 30 examiner and fix the amount to be allowed under this section. A
 31 medical examiner or board appointed under this section has the same
 32 power to take evidence, administer oaths, issue subpoenas and compel
 33 witnesses to attend and testify and produce books and papers and
 34 punish their failures to do so as is possessed by a general court-martial.
 35 The findings of the medical examiner or board are subject to the
 36 approval of the adjutant general, who may return the proceedings of the
 37 medical examiner or board for revision and for taking further
 38 testimony. The amount found due a member by the medical examiner
 39 or board and approved by the adjutant general of the state shall be paid
 40 by the state in the same manner as other military accounts are paid.

41 SECTION 4. IC 10-16-7-19, AS AMENDED BY P.L.92-2016,
 42 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE



1 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 19. (a) A member of the Indiana ~~national guard~~
 2 **National Guard** who is wounded or disabled or was disabled in the
 3 service of the state including service related to:

- 4 (1) a riot;
 5 (2) a tumult;
 6 (3) a breach of the peace;
 7 (4) a resistance to process;
 8 (5) an invasion;
 9 (6) a public disaster;
 10 (7) the aid of civil authority; or

11 (8) a lawfully ordered parade, drill, encampment, or inspection;
 12 within ten (10) years preceding the member's application for a pension
 13 under this chapter shall, upon proof of the disability, be placed on the
 14 roll of invalid pensioners of the state and shall receive out of money in
 15 the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, upon the audit of the
 16 adjutant general and approval of the governor, the same pension or
 17 reward that a person under similar circumstances would receive from
 18 the United States. In case of a wound, an injury, or a disease that results
 19 in death, the surviving spouse, dependent children, or dependent parent
 20 of the member of the Indiana ~~national guard~~ **National Guard** shall
 21 receive the pension and reward dating from the time of receiving the
 22 injuries on account of which the pension or reward is allowed. An
 23 officer or enlisted person is not entitled while in active service to apply
 24 for or receive a pension.

25 (b) If a member of the Indiana ~~national guard~~ **National Guard** dies
 26 in the active service of the state, the member's reasonable funeral
 27 expenses, not exceeding ~~eight thousand eight hundred dollars (\$8,800);~~
 28 **twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000)**, shall be paid by the state in the
 29 manner as the governor directs.

30 (c) This section does not make applicable any provision of the
 31 national service life insurance law of the United States, and the pension
 32 or reward granted under this section shall be that provided for by the
 33 pension laws of the United States in substance, without regard to form.

34 SECTION 5. IC 10-16-12-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.169-2013,
 35 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 36 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 1. The following awards and decorations are
 37 established to be bestowed upon the officers and enlisted persons of the
 38 armed forces of Indiana under the conditions and in the manner
 39 provided in this article:

- 40 (1) An Indiana Distinguished Service Cross shall be awarded to
 41 any ~~commissioned~~ officer or enlisted person of the militia, who:
 42 (A) performs, at great personal danger and risk of life or limb



- 1 in peace or war, any act of heroism designed to protect life or
 2 property; ~~or~~
 3 (B) in the face of a military or armed enemy of the United
 4 States government or of the state of Indiana, performs an act
 5 over and beyond the call of duty, which act, danger, or risk the
 6 officer or enlisted person could have failed to perform or incur
 7 without being subject to censure for neglect of duty; **or**
 8 **(C) through an act of courage contributes directly to**
 9 **saving the life or lives of others.**
- 10 (2) An Indiana Distinguished Service Medal shall be awarded to
 11 a commissioned officer or an enlisted person of the militia and
 12 other officers, enlisted persons, and civilians, who perform
 13 unusually distinguished or meritorious service, that:
 14 (A) to a marked degree is reflected in the increased efficiency
 15 of the militia; or
 16 (B) brings exceptional and great honor or credit to the Indiana
 17 armed forces and commands the attention and respect of the
 18 citizens of Indiana and of the military establishment
 19 throughout the United States.
- 20 (3) Long Service Medals shall be awarded to officers and enlisted
 21 persons for honest and faithful service in the federally recognized
 22 Indiana ~~national guard~~ **National Guard** for periods of:
 23 (A) ten (10) years;
 24 (B) fifteen (15) years;
 25 (C) twenty (20) years;
 26 (D) twenty-five (25) years; and
 27 (E) for longer periods.
- 28 A symbol shall be worn on the ribbon of each medal, one (1) for
 29 each year in addition to the period for which the medal was
 30 issued, until the officer or enlisted person is entitled to a medal
 31 for the next period for which a different long service medal is
 32 issued.
- 33 (4) An Indiana ~~national guard~~ **National Guard** commendation
 34 medal shall be awarded to any commissioned officer or enlisted
 35 person of the militia and other officers, enlisted persons, and
 36 civilians, who have distinguished themselves by meritorious
 37 achievement or meritorious service. The required meritorious
 38 achievement or meritorious service while of lesser degree than
 39 that required for the award of the Indiana distinguished service
 40 medal must have been accomplished with distinction. The award
 41 may be made for acts of outstanding courage that do not meet the
 42 requirements for award of the Indiana distinguished service



1 medal. It is particularly desirable that emphasis be placed on the
 2 award of this decoration to outstanding company grade officers,
 3 warrant officers, and enlisted personnel whose achievements and
 4 service meet the prescribed standards.

5 **(5) An Indiana achievement medal shall be awarded to any**
 6 **officer or enlisted person of the militia and other officers,**
 7 **enlisted persons, or civilians, who have distinguished**
 8 **themselves by outstanding achievement or service. The**
 9 **required achievement or service, while of lesser degree than**
 10 **that required for the award of the Indiana National Guard**
 11 **commendation medal, must have been accomplished with**
 12 **distinction.**

13 ~~(5)~~ **(6)** An Indiana Emergency Service Ribbon shall be awarded
 14 to all currently assigned officers, warrant officers, and enlisted
 15 members of the Indiana ~~national guard~~ **National Guard** who have
 16 served on state active duty during a state emergency. For purposes
 17 of this subdivision, "state emergency" means any emergency for
 18 any period declared by the governor or the adjutant general. The
 19 Indiana emergency service ribbon shall be awarded to denote
 20 honorable state active military duty by members of the Indiana
 21 ~~army~~ **Army** and ~~air national guard~~ **Air National Guard** during
 22 state emergencies.

23 ~~(6)~~ **(7)** Other medals for any war or campaign or mobilization for
 24 which a medal has not been awarded by the federal government
 25 may be:

26 (A) established by executive order of the governor; and

27 (B) awarded to members of any federally recognized military
 28 force of the state who participated in the military force.

29 ~~(7)~~ **(8)** An Air National Guard First Sergeant Ribbon is authorized
 30 for a currently assigned member who serves or has previously
 31 served as a first sergeant in the Indiana Air National Guard, if the
 32 member meets the criteria set forth in clause (A). A request for an
 33 award, including a retroactive award, must be submitted in the
 34 manner set forth in clause (B), and meet any other criteria
 35 established by the adjutant general. The ribbon shall consist of a
 36 plain blue field with a silver diamond device in the center, and no
 37 medal shall accompany the award of the ribbon. The ribbon shall
 38 be awarded as follows:

39 (A) In recognition of meritorious service by a member of the
 40 Indiana Air National Guard who has served in the first
 41 sergeant career field, Special Duty Identifier 8F000, and who
 42 meets the following criteria:



- 1 (i) Has been assigned to a valid first sergeant position for at
 2 least three (3) years.
- 3 (ii) Graduated from either the United States Air Force
 4 Academy or the Army National Guard First Sergeant
 5 Academy.
- 6 (B) The individual unit commander of a member of the
 7 Indiana Air National Guard who meets the criteria set forth in
 8 clause (A) shall submit a letter to the wing commander,
 9 recommending the member for the award based upon the
 10 member's contributions, conduct, and demonstrated leadership
 11 as a first sergeant. If the wing commander approves, the wing
 12 commander shall forward the letter of recommendation to the
 13 military personnel flight commanding officer for action. If the
 14 wing commander disapproves, the wing commander shall
 15 return the letter of recommendation to the unit commander.
- 16 (C) The adjutant general shall establish procedures for the
 17 award presentation ceremony following accepted practice and
 18 ~~military~~ **military** tradition.
- 19 **(8) (9)** An Indiana Funeral Honors Ribbon shall be awarded to all
 20 members of the Indiana Air National Guard, the Indiana Army
 21 National Guard, retired members of the Indiana Air National
 22 Guard and Indiana Army National Guard, and members of
 23 veterans' organizations who have been trained and certified by the
 24 United States Department of Defense as Department of Defense
 25 Funeral Honors participants. The Indiana Funeral Honors Ribbon
 26 shall be awarded to denote honorable and distinguished service in
 27 the performance of military funerals and similar activities within
 28 Indiana.
- 29 **(10) An Indiana Outstanding Airman or Soldier of the Year**
 30 **Medal shall be awarded to the finest members of the Indiana**
 31 **National Guard on an annual basis. This medal is authorized**
 32 **in the quantities and qualifications set forth by the adjutant**
 33 **general, who shall establish and publish procedures for award**
 34 **presentation.**
- 35 **(11) An Indiana Exemplary Fitness Medal shall be awarded**
 36 **to members and employees of the Indiana National Guard**
 37 **who distinguish themselves for outstanding physical fitness.**
 38 **This medal is authorized in the quantities and qualifications**
 39 **set forth by the adjutant general, who shall establish and**
 40 **publish procedures for award presentation.**
- 41 For the purposes of this article, officers and enlisted persons of the
 42 regular army assigned to the armed forces of Indiana as instructors and



1 assistant instructors shall be considered as officers and enlisted persons
2 of the Indiana armed forces.

3 SECTION 6. IC 21-13-1-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.240-2023,
4 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
5 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 8. "Scholarship applicant", for purposes of
6 IC 21-13-4, means a person who:

7 (1) is an eligible student;

8 (2) has been accepted to attend **either:**

9 (A) a state educational institution or an approved
10 postsecondary educational institution listed in
11 IC 21-7-13-6(a)(1)(C)(i) through IC 21-7-13-6(a)(1)(C)(xxx)
12 as a full-time or part-time student; **or**

13 (B) **a credential-certifying program, licensing program,**
14 **trade certification program, or apprenticeship program**
15 **for an in demand occupation as identified by the adjutant**
16 **general and the department of workforce development, in**
17 **consultation with the commission;**

18 (3) has been certified to have met all National Guard
19 requirements; and

20 (4) according to commission requirements, has timely filed an
21 application for and, if applicable, used any federal and state
22 financial assistance available to the person.

23 SECTION 7. IC 21-13-4-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.240-2023,
24 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
25 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 2. Money in the National Guard tuition
26 supplement program fund shall be used to provide annual scholarships
27 to scholarship applicants under this chapter. Annual scholarships shall
28 be awarded in the following amounts:

29 (1) A scholarship applicant who attends a state educational
30 institution shall receive a scholarship under this chapter in an
31 amount that is equal to one (1) of the following:

32 (A) If the scholarship applicant does not receive other
33 financial assistance specifically designated for educational
34 costs, the amount equal to a full undergraduate tuition
35 scholarship, regardless as to whether the student uses the
36 scholarship for undergraduate or graduate educational costs,
37 to attend the state educational institution.

38 (B) **Except as provided in subdivision (3),** if the scholarship
39 applicant receives other financial assistance specifically
40 designated for educational costs, the amount:

41 (i) equal to the balance required to attend the state
42 educational institution; and



1 (ii) not to exceed the amount described in clause (A).

2 (2) A scholarship applicant who attends an approved
3 postsecondary educational institution listed in
4 IC 21-7-13-6(a)(1)(C)(i) through IC 21-7-13-6(a)(1)(C)(xxx) **or**
5 **who attends a program described in IC 21-13-1-8(2)(B) for an**
6 **occupational and technical education (as defined by**
7 **IC 21-22-1-2)** shall receive a scholarship under this chapter in an
8 amount equal to the lesser of the following:

9 (A) **Except as provided in subdivision (3)**, if the scholarship
10 applicant receives other financial assistance specifically
11 designated for educational costs, the amount equal to the
12 balance required to attend the approved postsecondary
13 educational institution.

14 (B) Five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

15 **(3) If a scholarship applicant receives a twenty-first century**
16 **scholars program scholarship under IC 21-12-6, the**
17 **scholarship applicant may use a scholarship awarded under**
18 **this chapter to pay for room and board for two (2) years in an**
19 **amount equal to the lesser of the following for each applicable**
20 **school year:**

21 (A) **The amount equal to the scholarship applicant's cost**
22 **for room and board for the school year.**

23 (B) **Five thousand dollars (\$5,000).**

24 SECTION 8. IC 34-30-2.1-125, AS ADDED BY P.L.105-2022,
25 SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
26 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 125. IC 10-16-7-7 (Concerning members of the
27 ~~national guard~~: **Indiana National Guard**).

