

HIGHER EDUCATION FINANCIAL AID AMENDMENTS

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Val L. Peterson

Senate Sponsor: John D. Johnson

LONG TITLE

Committee Note:

The Education Interim Committee recommended this bill.

Legislative Vote: 18 voting for 0 voting against 2 absent

General Description:

This bill amends the definition of "fees" to include additional expenses.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ amends the definition of "fees" to include additional expenses; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

39A-3-201, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 373

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **39A-3-201** is amended to read:

39A-3-201. Tuition and fees assistance for Utah National Guard members -- Use



28 **and allocation -- Appropriation.**

29 (1) (a) As used in this section, "fees" means general course fees, in addition to tuition,
30 that are:

31 (i) imposed by an institution of higher education; and

32 (ii) required to be paid by a student to engage in a course of study at the institution of
33 higher education.

34 (b) "Fees" [~~does not include~~] includes:

35 (i) a special course fee[-]; and

36 (ii) expenses for required:

37 (A) text books; and

38 (B) course related materials.

39 (2) The Utah National Guard may provide tuition and fees assistance to a member of
40 the Utah National Guard for study at an institution of higher education, subject to the following
41 requirements:

42 (a) the individual shall be, at the time the individual receives the assistance, an active
43 member of the Utah National Guard; and

44 (b) the assistance is for tuition and fees only and may not be more than the resident
45 tuition and fees for the actual course of postsecondary study engaged in by the individual.

46 (3) (a) Tuition and fees assistance shall be awarded as the adjutant general considers
47 necessary.

48 (b) An individual may apply to the adjutant general of the state for assistance for each
49 year during which the individual is an active member of the Utah National Guard.

50 (c) The adjutant general may recoup funds if a recipient fails to meet the requirements
51 of the program.

52 (4) The adjutant general of the state shall pay tuition and fees assistance directly to the
53 institution of higher education from the funds appropriated.

54 (5) The adjutant general of the state shall establish regulations, procedures, forms, and
55 reports necessary to administer the allocation of assistance and payment of funds under this
56 section.

57 (6) The adjutant general may use no more than 10% of the funds for administration of
58 the program as the adjutant general considers necessary.

59 Section 2. **Effective date.**

60 This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.