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Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to servicemembers and veterans; to amend
- 2 sections 80-901, 80-902, and 80-903, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 3 Nebraska; to change provisions and qualification requirements
- 4 relating to tuition credits; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal
- 5 the original sections.
- 6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 80-901, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
2 amended to read:

3 80-901 Any Nebraska resident who is an enlisted member of a
4 Nebraska-based unit of the Active Selected Reserve of the armed forces of
5 the United States who meets the requirements set forth in section 80-902
6 and complies with section 80-903, and who enrolls in any state-supported
7 university, college, or community college in this state shall be entitled
8 to a credit of (1) seventy-five percent of the resident tuition charges
9 of such school for a diploma, certificate, associate degree, or
10 baccalaureate degree program or (2) fifty percent of the resident tuition
11 charges of such school for a graduate or professional degree program. ~~7~~
12 ~~on or after July 10, 1976, in any state-supported university or college,~~
13 ~~including any community college, shall be entitled to a credit of fifty~~
14 ~~percent of the tuition charges of such university or college. Such~~
15 ~~entitlement shall be continuous so long as the member maintains~~
16 ~~satisfactory service in the Active Selected Reserve and pursues a his~~
17 ~~course of study in a manner which satisfies the normal requirements of~~
18 ~~the university, or college, or community college.~~

19 Sec. 2. Section 80-902, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
20 amended to read:

21 80-902 (1) In order to qualify for the tuition credit provided for
22 in section 80-901, a member of the Active Selected Reserve shall (1) be
23 classified as enlisted personnel who have a minimum of two years
24 remaining on their enlistment at the commencement of each term in their
25 respective courses of study, (2) have agreed to serve a minimum of three
26 years in the reserve, (3) not have completed his tenth year of total
27 service in the armed forces of the United States, and (4) pursue a course
28 of study leading to a diploma, certificate, associate degree,
29 baccalaureate degree, graduate degree, or professional degree degree or
30 the equivalent level of study in a community college, and his entitlement
31 to such credit shall cease upon the attainment of such degree or

1 ~~completion of such course of study.~~

2 (2) There shall be no lifetime limit on tuition credit for any
3 qualifying member.

4 (3) Such entitlement shall not be granted to more than two hundred
5 individuals in any calendar year.

6 Sec. 3. Section 80-903, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
7 amended to read:

8 80-903 It shall be the responsibility of the individual member of
9 the Active Selected Reserve to obtain a certificate from the member's ~~his~~
10 commanding officer attesting to the member's ~~his~~ satisfactory performance
11 and to submit it to the Director of Veterans' Affairs who, if finding ~~he~~
12 ~~finds~~ that granting the entitlement will not exceed the limitation of ~~new~~
13 entitlements provided in section 80-902, shall endorse the certificate of
14 performance as approved and return it to the member for presentation to
15 the college or university in order to obtain tuition credit upon initial
16 enrollment. Such certification, without the necessity of endorsement by
17 the Director of Veterans' Affairs, shall be accomplished and presented at
18 the time of enrollment for each subsequent term for which tuition credit
19 is requested.

20 Sec. 4. Original sections 80-901, 80-902, and 80-903, Reissue
21 Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.