

CHAPTER 129  
HB 330-FN-A - FINAL VERSION

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HOUSE BILL

***330-FN-A***

AN ACT                   relative to the national guard recruitment incentive program and its funding and rulemaking.

SPONSORS:           Rep. C. McGuire, Merr. 27; Rep. Edwards, Rock. 31; Rep. Schmidt, Straf. 14; Rep. Roy, Rock. 31; Sen. Pearl, Dist 17; Sen. Lang, Dist 2

COMMITTEE:           State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs

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ANALYSIS

This bill removes the requirements for administrative rulemaking under RSA 541-A for certain department of military affairs and veterans services programs, designates fines from military court proceedings to be credited to the enlistment incentive program, and increases the allowable payment of enlistment incentives to \$1,000.

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Explanation:           Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
                              Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~  
                              Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Three*

AN ACT                   relative to the national guard recruitment incentive program and its funding and rulemaking.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1           129:1 Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services; Execution of Sentences. Amend RSA  
2 110-B:55, I to read as follows:

3           I. Fines may be paid to a military court or to an officer executing its process. The amount of any  
4 fine imposed may be noted upon any state roll or account for pay of the delinquent and deducted from any  
5 pay or allowance due or thereafter to become due them, until said fine is liquidated; or the same may be  
6 collected with lawful costs of collection, as in the case of executions issued in action founded upon torts.

7 ***Fines collected shall be paid over to the state treasurer and credited to the New Hampshire national guard***  
8 ***enlistment incentive fund under RSA 110-B:60.***

9           129:2 Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services; New Hampshire National Guard  
10 Enlistment Incentive Program Established. Amend RSA 110-B:60 to read as follows:

11           110-B:60 New Hampshire National Guard Enlistment Incentive Program Established. For the  
12 purpose of encouraging enlistment in the national guard there is hereby established a New Hampshire  
13 national guard enlistment incentive program. This program authorizes a cash incentive up to [\$500]  
14 ***\$1,000*** to current members of the New Hampshire national guard in the pay grades of E-1 to O-3 or any  
15 former member of the New Hampshire national guard for each new or prior service recruit that they bring  
16 into the New Hampshire national guard.

17           129:3 Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services; Revenue for Enlistment Incentive  
18 Program. Amend RSA 110-B:61, I to read as follows:

19           I. There is hereby established a fund to be known as national guard enlistment incentive program  
20 fund. Any appropriations received shall be deposited in the fund. Moneys in the fund and any interest  
21 earned on the fund shall be used for the purpose of encouraging enlistment in the national guard and shall  
22 not be used for any other purpose. The adjutant general shall oversee expenditures from the fund. The  
23 moneys in the fund shall be ***continually appropriated and*** nonlapsing.

24           129:4 Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services; National Guard Enlistment Incentive  
25 Program; Oversight and Administration. Amend RSA 110-B:62 to read as follows:

26           110-B:62 Oversight and Administration. The adjutant general shall ~~[adopt rules pursuant to RSA~~  
27 ~~541-A relative to]~~ ***establish procedures necessary for*** the administration of the enlistment incentive  
28 program and relative to its execution by the New Hampshire Army and Air National Guard recruiting  
29 offices in coordination with the department of military affairs and veterans services.

30           129:5 Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services; Postsecondary Educational Assistance;  
31 Eligibility Determinations. Amend RSA 110-B:63-d to read as follows:

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1        110-B:63-d   Eligibility Determinations.   Eligibility for educational assistance provided by this  
2   subdivision shall be determined and monitored by the adjutant general, who shall *establish* [adopt rules,  
3   ~~pursuant to RSA 541-A, and~~] procedures [deemed by the adjutant general to be] necessary to carry out  
4   and monitor the educational assistance provided by this subdivision.

5        129:6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: June 30, 2023

Effective Date: August 29, 2023

