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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

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OTHER	<u>    </u>	

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing PCB: Veteran & Military Affairs  
 2 Subcommittee

3 Representative Smith offered the following:

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5 **Amendment**

6 Remove lines 65-169 and insert:  
 7 and grade verification for each student directly to the  
 8 Education Service Office of the Florida Department of Military  
 9 Affairs.

10 (b) The program shall define those members of the Florida  
 11 National Guard who are ineligible to participate in the program  
 12 and those courses of study which are not authorized for the  
 13 program.

14 1. Ineligible members include, but are not limited to, any  
 15 member, commissioned officer, warrant officer, or enlisted  
 16 person who has obtained a master's degree using the program.

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17           2. Courses not authorized include noncredit courses,  
18 courses that do not meet degree requirements, courses that do  
19 not meet requirements for completion of career training, or  
20 other courses as determined by program definitions.

21           3. Developmental education courses are authorized for the  
22 program.

23           (c) The Adjutant General shall adopt rules for the overall  
24 policy, guidance, administration, implementation, and proper use  
25 of the program. Such rules must include, but not be limited to:  
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27           1. Guidelines for certification by the Adjutant General of  
a guard member's eligibility.

28           2. Guidelines for approving courses of study that are  
29 authorized for the program, including online courses, courses  
30 that are part of the Complete Florida Degree Program under s.  
31 1006.735, and courses leading to a degree offered by a Florida  
32 College System institution as part of the Governor's \$10,000  
33 Degree Challenge.

34           2. Procedures for notification to an institution of a  
35 guard member's termination of eligibility.~~and~~

36           3. Procedures for restitution when a guard member fails to  
37 comply with the penalties described in this section.

38           4. Procedures to facilitate the award of academic credit,  
39 pursuant to s. 1004.096, for college-level training and  
40 education acquired in the military.  
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42 In developing the rules, the Adjutant General may work with the  
43 University of Florida Institute for Online Learning to establish  
44 guidelines for eligibility for University of Florida Online  
45 baccalaureate degree programs.

46 (8) Subject to appropriations, the Department of Military  
47 Affairs may pay the full cost of tuition and fees for required  
48 courses for current members of the Florida National Guard.  
49 Members are eligible to use the program upon enlistment in the  
50 Florida National Guard. If a member is enrolled in a nonpublic  
51 postsecondary education institution or a nonpublic vocational-  
52 technical program, the Department of Military Affairs shall pay  
53 an amount equal to the amount that would be required to pay for  
54 the average tuition and fees at a public postsecondary education  
55 institution or public vocational-technical program. Tuition and  
56 fees for repeated courses are not eligible.

57 (a) The Department of Military Affairs may reimburse  
58 student textbook and instructional material costs in accordance  
59 with limits set each fiscal year based on funding availability  
60 and ultimately at the Adjutant General's discretion.

61 ~~(b)~~ A member may participate in the program if he or she  
62 maintains satisfactory participation in, and is an active  
63 drilling member of, the Florida National Guard. Inactive members  
64 of the Florida National Guard and members of the Individual  
65 Ready Reserve (IRR) are not eligible to participate in the  
66 program.

67 (c)~~(b)~~ Penalties for noncompliance with program

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68 requirements include, but are not limited to, the following:

69 1. If a member of the Florida National Guard receives  
70 payment of tuition and fees for any academic term and fails to  
71 maintain satisfactory participation in the Florida National  
72 Guard during that academic term, the member shall reimburse the  
73 Department of Military Affairs all tuition charges and student  
74 fees for the academic term for which the member received  
75 payment.

76 2. If a member of the Florida National Guard leaves the  
77 Florida National Guard during the period specified in the  
78 member's enlistment or reenlistment contract, the member shall  
79 reimburse the Department of Military Affairs all tuition charges  
80 and student fees for which the member received payments,  
81 regardless of whether the obligation to reimburse the department  
82 was incurred before, on, or after July 1, 2009, unless the  
83 Adjutant General finds that there are justifiable extenuating  
84 circumstances.

85 3. If the service of a member of the Florida National  
86 Guard is terminated or the member is placed on scholastic  
87 probation while receiving payments, the member shall reimburse  
88 the Department of Military Affairs all tuition charges and  
89 student fees for the academic term for which the member received  
90 payment.

91 4. If a member defaults on any reimbursement made under  
92 this paragraph, the department may charge the member the maximum  
93 interest rate authorized by law.

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94 (9) Beginning in the 2014-2015 fiscal year, the sum of  
95 \$14,500,000 in recurring funds is appropriated from the General  
96 Revenue Fund to the Department of Military Affairs to pay the  
97 full tuition and fees, not to exceed the in-state rate at the  
98 applicable institution, for all Florida National Guard members  
99 deployed on or after October 31, 2013. Funds appropriated in  
100 this paragraph may be used to reimburse student textbook and  
101 instructional material costs, as provided in (8) (a), after all  
102 eligible members' tuition and fees are paid for that fiscal  
103 year.

104 (a) To be eligible under this subsection, a deployed  
105 Florida National Guard member must:

106 1. Enroll in a classroom-based or online degree program at  
107 a state university or Florida College System institution within  
108 one year after the end of his or her deployment; and

109 2. Meet the eligibility criteria and application  
110 requirements for the Educational Dollars for Duty program.

111 (10) For the 2014-2015 fiscal year, the sum of \$1,000,000  
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