## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA **SESSION 2025**

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## **HOUSE BILL DRH30036-NDa-1**

Short Title:	Nat.l Guard Student Loan Repayment Program.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Representative Reives.	
Referred to:		
	A BILL TO BE ENTITLED	
AN ACT TO CREATE THE NATIONAL GUARD STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT		
PROGRAM AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS.		
The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:		
<b>SECTION 1.</b> Chapter 127A of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new Article to read:		
Article to rea	ad: "Article 19.	
"National Guard Student Loan Repayment Program.		
"§ 127A-230. National Guard Student Loan Repayment Program.		
The National Guard Student Loan Repayment Program is established. The Program shall		
provide student loan repayment awards to active members of the North Carolina National Guard		
to incentivize the initiation or completion of a term of service with the North Carolina National		
Guard. For purposes of this Article, a term of service shall be no shorter than three years in length.		
"§ 127A-231. Program administration.		
(a) The general supervision and administration of the Program shall be vested in the		
North Carolina National Guard Adjutant General. It shall be the duty of the Adjutant General or		
-	General's designee to do each of the following:	
	Organize and establish rules and regulations for the Program,	as necessary.
	<ul> <li>Direct and control all Program personnel matters.</li> <li>Oversee and direct the administration and functioning of the F</li> </ul>	Program
<ul> <li>(3) Oversee and direct the administration and functioning of the Program.</li> <li>(b) The Program shall include at a minimum each of the following guidelines:</li> </ul>		
	No award recipient shall receive an award exceeding the am	
<u>\</u>	loan debt held by the recipient at the time of the award.	ount of student
(2	No award recipient shall receive an award exceeding fifty the	nousand dollars
	(\$50,000) for a term of service, except that recipients serving a	
	exceeding three years in length may receive up to an addition	al ten thousand
	dollars (\$10,000) in award monies for each additional year of	service beyond
	the first three years of service.	
<u>(.</u>	Prior to receiving an award from the Program, award recipient	
	signed and notarized agreement to repay to the National Guar	
	Repayment Program Fund award monies for every month	
	service the award recipient failed to serve as an active memb	
	Carolina National Guard. Repayment pursuant to the agreement required by	
this subdivision shall only apply to an award recipient whose term of service was terminated voluntarily. The repayment amount under this subdivision		
shall equal the product of the total number of months of the term of service in		
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which the award recipient failed to serve as an active member of the North Carolina National Guard, multiplied by the quotient of the total amount of the award divided by the total number of months of the term of service.

## "§ 127A-232. National Guard Student Loan Repayment Program Fund.

- (a) The National Guard Student Loan Repayment Program Fund is established as a nonreverting special revenue fund. The Fund consists of General Fund appropriations, gifts, donations, grants, devises, fees, and monies contributed by State and non-State entities for the operation, maintenance, and expansion of the National Guard Student Loan Repayment Program established by this Article, and any other revenues specifically allocated to the Fund by an act of the General Assembly.
- (b) Revenue credited to the Fund may only be used for costs associated with the operations, maintenance, and expansion of the National Guard Student Loan Repayment Program established by this Article."
- **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the North Carolina National Guard Student Loan Repayment Program Fund the sum of twenty-five million five hundred forty thousand nine hundred dollars (\$25,540,900) in nonrecurring funds for the 2025-2026 fiscal year to be used pursuant to the guidelines of that Fund.
- **SECTION 3.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the North Carolina National Guard the sum of one hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$180,000) in recurring funds for the 2025-2026 fiscal year to be used to hire at least two full-time communications professionals.

**SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2025.

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