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ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
SENATE BILL

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ASSEMBLY EDUCATION
DATE: 5/14/03 ROOM: 3143 EXHIBIT M
SUBMITTED BY: CAROL STONEFIELD

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Sponsor: Senator Care

The bill repeals provisions in the Nevada Revised Statutes setting out the current program for paying educational benefits for members of the Nevada National Guard and replaces them with language specifying that the Board of Regents may grant certain waivers for tuition and fees. The measure provides that the Board may waive tuition, registration fees, and laboratory fees for any member of the active Nevada National Guard, including a recruit. In order to qualify, a person must be a resident of Nevada, be a member in good standing of the active Nevada National Guard, and maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.0 for each semester.

The Board of Regents may seek verification that the person is an active member in the Guard. If the waiver is granted to a recruit and the recruit does not enter full-time National Guard duty within one year after enlisting, the recruit must reimburse the Board of Regents for all tuition and fees waived.

Proponents: This proposal is similar to a program existing in New York. This could be used as a recruiting tool by the National Guard. Approximately 150 students utilize the benefits on average. It is an incentive program, not a scholarship.

Opponents: The residency requirement may negatively impact recruitment efforts since 6 to 8 percent of members in the Nevada National Guard are not Nevada residents.

Fiscal Impact: Local Government: None
State Government: None

The committee discussed the impact of waiving laboratory fees. The committee also discussed waiving tuition for nonresident Guard members.

Proposed Amendments: The attached amendment proposes to direct the Board of Regents to extend a reduced nonresident tuition benefit to Guard members who reside outside the state of Nevada and who enroll at an institution of the University and Community College System of Nevada.

Related Issue: SB 306 does not specify whether the educational benefit is limited only to undergraduate education or if it applies to graduate degrees, as well.

SB 306 – Amendment

Page 1 – delete Lines 10 through 12

Page 2 – Add new section:

“If the Board of Regents grants a waiver pursuant to subsection 1, it shall deem a member of the active Nevada National Guard or a recruit an instate student for tuition purposes”.

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