SENATE BILL NO. 306-SENATOR CARE

## MARCH 17, 2003

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

- SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing educational benefits provided to members of Nevada National Guard. (BDR 36-991)
- FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No. Effect on the State: No.

EXPLANATION - Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to the Nevada National Guard; revising the provisions governing the educational benefits provided to members of the Nevada National Guard; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 396 of NRS is hereby amended by adding 2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 1. The Board of Regents may grant a waiver of tuition, 4 registration fees and laboratory fees for any member of the active 5 Nevada National Guard, including, without limitation, a recruit,

6 who attends a school within the System as a full-time or part-time7 student.

8 2. To be eligible for a waiver pursuant to subsection 1, a 9 person must:

10 (a) Be a resident of the State of Nevada at the beginning of 11 and throughout the entire semester for which the waiver is 12 granted;

13 (b) Be a member in good standing of the active Nevada 14 National Guard, including, without limitation, a recruit, at the

- 15 beginning of and throughout the entire semester for which the
- 16 waiver is granted; and



(c) Maintain at least a 2.0 grade-point average, on a 4.0 1 2 grading scale, each semester, or the equivalent of a 2.0 gradepoint average if a different grading scale is used. 3 3. The Board of Regents may request the Adjutant General to 4 verify the membership in the active Nevada National Guard of a 5 person who is seeking or has been granted a waiver of tuition, 6 registration fees and laboratory fees pursuant to subsection 1. The 7 Adjutant General shall, upon receiving such a request, notify the 8 Board of Regents in writing concerning the status and dates of 9 10 membership of that person in the active Nevada National Guard. 4. If a waiver is granted pursuant to subsection 1 for a recruit 11 and the recruit does not enter full-time National Guard duty 12 within 1 year after enlisting, the recruit shall reimburse the Board 13 14 of Regents for all tuition, registration fees and laboratory fees waived on behalf of the recruit if his failure to enter full-time 15 National Guard duty is attributable to his own conduct. 16 17 5. As used in this section: (a) "Full-time National Guard duty" has the meaning ascribed 18 to it in 32 U.S.C § 101(19). 19 (b) "Recruit" means a person who has enlisted in the Nevada 20 National Guard but has not begun his required military duty. 21 22 Sec. 2. NRS 412.143 is hereby repealed. 23 Sec. 3. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2003.

## **TEXT OF REPEALED SECTION**

## **412.143** Educational benefits.

1. The Adjutant General may authorize the payment of no more than 100 percent of the consolidated fee each semester for each member of the active Nevada National Guard who attends one of the universities within the University and Community College System of Nevada as a full-time or part-time student from money appropriated for this purpose.

2. The Adjutant General may authorize the payment of no more than 100 percent of the credit-hour cost each semester for each member of the active Nevada National Guard who attends one of the community colleges within the University and Community College System of Nevada as a full-time or part-time student from money appropriated for this purpose.

3. To be eligible to receive benefits, a person must be a member in good standing of the active Nevada National Guard at



the beginning of and throughout the entire semester for which benefits are received.

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