

SENATE FILE NO. SF0012

Wyoming national guard reenlistment bonus program.

Sponsored by: Joint Transportation, Highways & Military
Affairs Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to defense forces and affairs; creating the
2 Wyoming national guard member reenlistment and extension
3 program as specified; requiring reporting; requiring
4 rulemaking; providing an appropriation; and providing for
5 effective dates.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 19-9-403 by creating a new subsection
10 (g) is amended to read:

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12 **19-9-403. Pay and allowances of officers and enlisted**
13 **persons in active state service and state active duty;**
14 **worker's compensation coverage for national guard members;**
15 **no pension denied by reason of service.**

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2 (g) There is created the Wyoming national guard
3 member reenlistment and extension program. The military
4 department shall establish and administer this program for
5 the purpose of providing reenlistment and extension bonuses
6 to members of the Wyoming national guard to increase the
7 Wyoming national guard's strength in accordance with the
8 following:

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10 (i) The military department may provide a
11 reenlistment or extension bonus of five thousand dollars
12 (\$5,000.00) to a Wyoming national guard member meeting all
13 of the following requirements:

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15 (A) The Wyoming national guard member
16 satisfies the Wyoming national guard's reenlistment or
17 extension eligibility criteria;

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19 (B) The Wyoming national guard member
20 reenlists or extends with the Wyoming national guard for
21 not less than three (3) years; and

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1 (C) The Wyoming national guard member
2 satisfies any other requirements specified by the military
3 department.

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5 (ii) Upon satisfaction of the requirements under
6 paragraph (i) of this subsection and to the extent
7 sufficient funds are available, the military department
8 shall distribute a reenlistment or extension bonus of not
9 more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to the
10 reenlisting or extending Wyoming national guard member;

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12 (iii) Beginning November 1, 2026 and annually
13 every November 1 thereafter, the military department shall
14 report to the joint transportation, highways and military
15 affairs interim committee on the Wyoming national guard
16 member reenlistment and extension program. The report shall
17 include the following:

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19 (A) The number of Wyoming national guard
20 members who reenlisted or extended;

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22 (B) The average number of years the Wyoming
23 national guard members reenlisted or extended;

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2 (C) The amounts of reenlistment and
3 extension bonuses paid;

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5 (D) The total number of members in the
6 Wyoming national guard including the percentage of increase
7 or decrease in the total number of members in the Wyoming
8 national guard from the previous year;

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10 (E) Any recommended legislation.

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12 **Section 2.** There is appropriated one million dollars
13 (\$1,000,000.00) from the general fund to the Wyoming
14 military department for purposes of funding the Wyoming
15 national guard member reenlistment and extension program as
16 created by this act. This appropriation shall be for the
17 period beginning with the effective date of this act and
18 ending June 30, 2028. This appropriation shall not be
19 transferred or expended for any other purpose and any
20 unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this
21 appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30,
22 2028. It is the intent of the legislature that this
23 appropriation not be included in the standard budget for

1 the Wyoming military department for the immediately
2 succeeding fiscal biennium.

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4 **Section 3.** The Wyoming military department shall
5 promulgate rules necessary to administer the Wyoming
6 national guard member reenlistment and extension program
7 created by this act.

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9 Section 4.

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11 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this
12 section, this act is effective July 1, 2026.

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14 (b) Sections 3 and 4 of this act are effective
15 immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a
16 bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of
17 the Wyoming Constitution.

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19 (END)