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HOUSE BILL NO. [BILL NUMBER]

Wyoming national guard member referral-amendments.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to defense forces and affairs; expanding
2 eligibility for the Wyoming national guard member referral
3 incentive program; providing a definition; and providing
4 for an effective date.

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 19-9-403(e)(intro), (i), (ii), and
9 (iv) by creating a new subparagraph (C), and by renumbering
10 subparagraph (C) as (D) is amended to read:

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1 **19-9-403. Pay and allowances of officers and enlisted**
2 **persons in active state service and state active duty;**
3 **worker's compensation coverage for national guard members;**
4 **no pension denied by reason of service.**

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6 (e) There is created the Wyoming national guard
7 member referral incentive program. The purpose of the
8 program shall be to incentivize and maximize peer-to-peer
9 recruiting that results in a completed accession to the
10 Wyoming national guard by providing a referral bonus to
11 Wyoming national guard members, retired military service
12 members, current employees of the military department or
13 recruits beginning the enlistment process with the Wyoming
14 national guard who make a successful referral.
15 Administration of this program shall require that:

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17 (i) A Wyoming national guard member, retired military
18 service member, current employees of the military
19 department or recruit beginning the enlistment process with
20 the Wyoming national guard may provide the identity and
21 contact information of a person who the member believes
22 would be an appropriate recruitment prospect using a form
23 provided by the Wyoming national guard, which includes the

1 person's name, contact information and any other
2 information required by the military department;

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4 (ii) The military department shall keep a record of
5 all forms submitted under paragraph (i) of this subsection.
6 Upon the completed accession of a referred person and to
7 the extent sufficient funds are available, the military
8 department shall distribute a referral bonus to the member,
9 retired service member or employee who provided the
10 successful referral. The military department shall not
11 distribute a referral bonus to a referring recruit until
12 the referring recruit has membership in the Wyoming
13 national guard;

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15 (iv) As used in this subsection:

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17 (C) "Retired military service member" means
18 a person who has retired from the armed forces as defined
19 by W.S. 8-1-102(a)(xxi), the army national guard or air
20 national guard.

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22 ~~(C)~~(D) "Successful referral" means
23 providing the identity and contact information pursuant to

1 paragraph (e)(i) of this subsection of any person not
2 already a member of the Wyoming national guard that results
3 in a completed accession to the Wyoming national guard.

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5 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2025.

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