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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

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 program as
3 specified; requiring reporting; requiring rulemaking;
4 providing an appropriation; and providing for effective
5 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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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 (g) There is created the Wyoming national guard member
7 reenlistment program. The military department shall
8 establish and administer this program for the purpose of
9 providing reenlistment bonuses to members of the Wyoming
10 national guard to increase the Wyoming national guard's
11 strength in accordance with the following:

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

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18 (A) The Wyoming national guard member
19 satisfies the Wyoming national guard's reenlistment
20 eligibility criteria;

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1 (B) The Wyoming national guard member
2 reenlists with the Wyoming national guard for not less than
3 three (3) years; and

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5 (C) The Wyoming national guard member
6 satisfies any other requirements specified by the military
7 department.

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

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

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1 (A) The number of Wyoming national guard
2 members who reenlisted;

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4 (B) The average number of years the Wyoming
5 national guard members reenlisted;

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7 (C) The amounts of reenlistment bonuses
8 paid;

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10 (D) The total number of members in the
11 Wyoming national guard including the percentage of increase
12 or decrease in the total number of members in the Wyoming
13 national guard from the previous year;

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15 (E) Any recommended legislation.

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17 **Section 2.** There is appropriated one million dollars
18 (\$1,000,000.00) from the general fund to the Wyoming
19 military department for purposes of funding the Wyoming
20 national guard member reenlistment program as created by
21 this act. This appropriation shall be for the period
22 beginning with the effective date of this act and ending
23 June 30, 2028. This appropriation shall not be transferred

1 or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended,
2 unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall
3 revert as provided by law on June 30, 2028. It is the
4 intent of the legislature that this appropriation not be
5 included in the standard budget for the Wyoming military
6 department for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

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10 **STAFF COMMENT**

11 The Committee may wish to consider whether to provide a
12 sunset date for this program similar to the Wyoming
13 national guard member referral incentive program in
14 subsection (e) of this section. The appropriation in
15 Section 2 of this bill draft would revert on June 30, 2028.

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19 **Section 3.** The Wyoming military department shall
20 promulgate rules necessary to administer the Wyoming
21 national guard member reenlistment program created by this
22 act.

24 **Section 4.**

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

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

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6 (END)