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## AN ACT

Relating to the Alaska National Guard and Alaska Naval Militia; and providing for an effective date.

### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

\* Section 1. AS 26.05.295 is amended to read:

Sec. 26.05.295. EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR ENLISTED PERSONNEL. (a) Each active enlisted member of the Alaska National Guard or the Alaska Naval Militia who has completed the initial voluntary enlistment period of service which fulfills the mandatory requirement for military service under the Military Selective Service Act of 1967 (PL 90-40; 81 Stat. 100; 50 U.S.C. App., secs. 451 - 456 and 458 - 471) is eligible for educational assistance benefits in Alaska educational facilities. Notwithstanding the reference to mandatory military service requirements, each active enlisted female member is fully eligible for educational assistance benefits under this section after completing six years of enlisted service.

(b) Educational programs and monetary benefits available to persons under (a) of this section are based on and equivalent to those of the federal Veterans Administration education program.

(c) For the purposes of computing eligible benefits under this section, each retirement point earned as a member of the Alaska National Guard or the Alaska Naval Militia is equivalent to one day's active military service. Computation of credit for retirement points is based on the retirement credits record in accordance with existing federal National Guard and Reserve regulations.

\* Sec. 2. AS 26.05.295 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(d) Persons applying for or receiving educational assistance benefits under this section are ineligible to apply for or receive benefits under sec. 296 of this chapter.

\* Sec. 3. AS 26.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 26.05.296. TUITION ASSISTANCE. (a) To the extent funds are available, the adjutant general shall authorize the payment of not more than 50 per cent of the cost of tuition and required fees for each active male or female member of the Alaska National Guard or the Alaska Naval Militia who attends an educational, vocational, or technical training school in Alaska. Payments authorized under this section continue so long as the member participates satisfactorily in unit training activities and pursues the course of study in a manner acceptable to the school.

(b) Persons who have established eligibility for educational assistance benefits under the Veterans Administration education program (38 U.S.C. secs. 1651 - 1687), sec. 295 of this chapter or any other educational benefits by having served in active or reserve forces of the United States other than those mentioned in (a) of this section are not eligible for tuition assistance under this section.

\* Sec. 4. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.070(c).