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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 663

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the Alaska National Guard and
7 Alaska Naval Militia; and providing for an effective
8 date."

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

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

11 Sec. 26.05.295. EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR ENLISTED PERSONNEL.

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

22 (b) Educational programs and monetary benefits available to persons
23 under (a) of this section are based on and equivalent to those of the
24 federal veterans administration education program.

25 (c) For the purposes of computing eligible benefits under this
26 section [THE ALASKA EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM], each retirement
27 point earned as a member of the Alaska National Guard or the Alaska
28 Naval Militia is equivalent to one day's active military service. Com-
29 putation of credit for retirement points is based on the retirement

1 credits record in accordance with existing federal National Guard and
2 Reserve regulations.

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

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

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

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

17 (b) Persons who have established eligibility for educational
18 assistance benefits under the Veterans Administration education program
19 (38 U.S.C. secs. 1651 - 1687), sec. 295 of this chapter or any other
20 educational benefits by having served in active or reserve forces of the
21 United States other than those mentioned in (a) of this section are not
22 eligible for tuition assistance under this section.

23 * Sec. 4. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-
24 070(c).