

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE BILL 486\***

Short Title: National Guard Tuition Assistance Program. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives G. Martin and Szoka (Primary Sponsors).  
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Referred to: Education - Universities, if favorable, Education - Community Colleges

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March 28, 2017

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO BROADEN THE NATIONAL GUARD TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
3 TO COVER STUDENTS ENROLLED IN AN APPROVED PROFESSIONAL  
4 CERTIFICATION PROGRAM.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 116-209.54(b) reads as rewritten:

7 "(b) This tuition assistance benefit shall be applicable to students in the following  
8 categories:

- 9 (1) Students seeking to achieve completion of their secondary school education  
10 at a community college or technical institute.  
11 (2) Students seeking trade or vocational training or education.  
12 (3) Students seeking to achieve a two-year associate degree.  
13 (4) Students seeking to achieve a four-year baccalaureate degree.  
14 (5) Students seeking to achieve a graduate degree.  
15 (6) Students enrolled in a program granting a graduate certificate.  
16 (7) Students enrolled in a professional certification program recommended by  
17 the Director of the North Carolina National Guard Education and  
18 Employment Center and approved by the North Carolina National Guard  
19 Education Services Officer."

20 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with  
21 the 2017 fall academic semester.



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