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## SENATE BILL NO. 174

Introduced by: Senators Benson, Dennert, Drake, Symens, and Vitter and Representatives Wick, Brooks, Hagen, Kooistra, Lee, Pederson (Gordon), Schaunaman, Schrempp, and Smidt

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to provide certain education benefits to certain members of  
2 reserve units of the United States Armed Forces.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. For the purpose of this Act, the term, reservist, means any resident of South  
5 Dakota who is a member of a United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast  
6 Guard reserve unit headquartered in South Dakota.

7 Section 2. That § 33-6-5 be amended to read as follows:

8 33-6-5. Any member of the National Guard of the State of South Dakota or reservist who  
9 is a resident of the State of South Dakota shall, upon compliance with all the requirements for  
10 admission, subject to the provisions of § 33-6-7, be entitled to attend and pursue any  
11 undergraduate course or courses in any state educational institution under the control and  
12 management of the board of regents upon the payment of ~~only~~ fifty percent of the charges for  
13 tuition. In no event shall eligible national guardsmen or reservist be entitled to more than four  
14 academic years under §§ 33-6-5 to 33-6-8, inclusive. The board of regents shall maintain an  
15 annual record of the number of participants and the tuition dollar value of such participation.

1 Section 3. That § 33-6-6 be amended to read as follows:

2 33-6-6. Any member of the National Guard of the State of South Dakota, who is a resident  
3 of the State of South Dakota or reservist and who possesses the entrance requirements for  
4 admission to any postsecondary vocational program, is entitled to complete one program of  
5 study approved by the State Board of Education in any state postsecondary vocational education  
6 institution upon payment of fifty percent of the tuition charges. The remaining tuition shall be  
7 paid by the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs out of funds appropriated for the  
8 purpose of paying fifty percent of the tuition.

9 Section 4. That chapter 33-6 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as  
10 follows:

11 To be eligible for fifty percent of tuition as provided in § 33-6-5 or 33-6-6, a reservist shall:

- 12 (1) Be a reservist is defined in section 1 of this Act;
- 13 (2) Maintain satisfactory academic progress; and
- 14 (3) Provide proper notice to the institution at the time of registration for the term in  
15 which the benefits are sought.