

SB 566-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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SENATE BILL            **566-FN**

AN ACT                relative to recruiting incentive programs for the national guard.

SPONSORS:            Sen. Pearl, Dist 17; Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19; Sen. Avar, Dist 12; Sen. Innis, Dist 7; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. McGough, Dist 11; Sen. McConkey, Dist 3; Sen. Lang, Dist 2; Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13; Sen. Murphy, Dist 16; Sen. Gannon, Dist 23; Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Sen. Prentiss, Dist 5; Sen. Fenton, Dist 10; Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21; Sen. Abbas, Dist 22; Rep. Moffett, Merr. 4; Rep. Wood, Merr. 13; Rep. Aures, Merr. 13

COMMITTEE:          Executive Departments and Administration

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ANALYSIS

This bill expands the list of eligible national guard service members who refer citizens for enlistment in the national guard, increases the state cash incentive for those who re-enlist or reclassify into a critical unfilled vacancy, and expands the incentive program to include additional recipients for reimbursement for achieving or recertification of credentials and fees associated with their military job specialty.

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Explanation:        Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six*

AN ACT relative to recruiting incentive programs for the national guard.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1       1   New Hampshire National Guard Enlistment and Reenlistment Incentive Program  
2   Established. Amend RSA 110-B:60 to read as follows:

3       110-B:60   New Hampshire National Guard Enlistment and Reenlistment Incentive Program  
4   Established. For the purpose of encouraging enlistment and reenlistment in the national guard  
5   there is hereby established a New Hampshire national guard enlistment incentive program. This  
6   program authorizes a cash incentive up to \$1000 to **any** current **or former** members of the New  
7   Hampshire national guard [~~in the pay grades of E-1 to O-3 or any former member of the New~~  
8   ~~Hampshire national guard~~] **or any currently serving service member** for each new or prior  
9   service recruit that they bring into the New Hampshire national guard. The program also  
10   authorizes a cash incentive up to [~~\$6,000~~] **\$8,000** to current members of the New Hampshire  
11   national guard who are not eligible for a federal reenlistment bonus and who reenlist for service in  
12   the New Hampshire national guard, or who reclassify into a critical, unfilled vacancy. ***The***  
13   ***program authorizes reimbursement of expenses and fees up to \$4,000 associated with***  
14   ***achieving or recertification of credentials applicable with their military job specialty for***  
15   ***members of the New Hampshire national guard who are not authorized federal***  
16   ***reimbursement for such expenses.***

17       2   Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

**SB 566-FN- FISCAL NOTE  
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**FISCAL IMPACT: This bill does not provide funding.**

<b>Estimated State Impact</b>				
	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>	<b>FY 2029</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Revenue Fund(s)</i>	None			
<b>Expenditures*</b>	\$0	Up to \$125,000	Up to \$125,000	Up to \$125,000
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	General Fund			
<b>Appropriations*</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	None			

**\*Expenditure = Cost of bill**

**\*Appropriation = Authorized funding to cover cost of bill**

**METHODOLOGY:**

This bill expands eligibility for the recruiting incentive to include any current or former National Guard member and any currently serving service member, increases the reenlistment or reclassification incentive from \$6,000 to \$8,000, and adds a new reimbursement of up to \$4,000 for credentialing or recertification expenses related to a member’s military job specialty when federal reimbursement is not available.

The Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services states this program has only been in effect for one year so the exact fiscal impact is indeterminable. However, the Department states the current operating budget for this program is \$75,000 for FY 2026 and \$115,000 for FY 2027 with these new changes the Department anticipates needing an additional appropriation of \$125,000 in FY 2027 and forward to accommodate the expansion of the program.

It is assumed the fiscal impact of this bill will not occur until FY 2027.

**AGENCIES CONTACTED:**

Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services