

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 472—COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

(ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION)

MARCH 23, 2015

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the use of money in the Patriot Relief Account. (BDR 36-1163)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Executive Budget.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to the Nevada National Guard; revising provisions governing the use of money in the Patriot Relief Account; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law authorizes the payment of various benefits to members of the
2 Nevada National Guard from the Patriot Relief Account, which is a special account
3 created in the State General Fund. (NRS 412.1435) This bill eliminates
4 reimbursement to a member of the Nevada National Guard from the Account for
5 premiums paid on a group life insurance policy purchased pursuant to the
6 provisions of 38 U.S.C. §§ 1965 et seq., commonly known as Servicemembers'
7 Group Life Insurance. This bill also establishes a limit of \$1,000 per semester,
8 quarter or term, as applicable, on reimbursement to a member of the Nevada
9 National Guard who is enrolled at an institution within the Nevada System of
10 Higher Education for the cost of textbooks.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** NRS 412.1435 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:

3 412.1435 1. The Patriot Relief Account is hereby created as a
4 special account in the State General Fund.

5 2. The money in the Patriot Relief Account does not lapse to
6 the State General Fund at the end of any fiscal year. The interest and
7 income earned on the sum of:



(a) The money in the Patriot Relief Account, after deducting any applicable charges; and

(b) Unexpended appropriations made to the Patriot Relief Account from the State General Fund,

must be credited to the Account. All claims against the Patriot Relief Account must be paid as other claims against the State are paid.

3. The Office may accept gifts, grants and donations from any source for deposit in the Patriot Relief Account.

4. The money in the Patriot Relief Account may only be used to provide:

(a) Reimbursement to a member of the Nevada National Guard for the cost of ~~+~~:

~~—— (1) Premiums on a policy of group life insurance purchased pursuant to the provisions of 38 U.S.C. §§ 1965 et seq.; or~~

~~—— (2) Textbooks~~ *textbooks* required for a course of study in which the member is enrolled at an institution within the Nevada System of Higher Education ~~+~~ *to the extent that there are funds available, up to a maximum of \$1,000 per semester, quarter or term, as applicable, per fiscal year, less any amount provided by the Federal Government for textbook reimbursement;* and

(b) Monetary relief from economic hardships experienced by a member of the Nevada National Guard who has been called into active service.

5. The Adjutant General shall adopt any regulations necessary to ~~determine~~ :

(a) Determine eligibility for reimbursement or monetary relief from the Patriot Relief Account , *including, without limitation, defining the types of hardships that qualify a member of the Nevada National Guard for monetary relief pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 4;*

(b) Establish a timeline for reimbursement requests pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 4; and ~~to carry~~

(c) Carry out a program to provide such reimbursement and monetary relief.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

