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An act relating to the National Guard; amending s. 250.10, F.S.; revising language with respect to payments under the educational tuition assistance program administered by the Department of Military Affairs; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

- Section 1. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (8) of section 250.10, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
- 250.10 Appointment and duties of the Adjutant General.--
- (8) The Department of Military Affairs is authorized to administer an educational tuition assistance program for members of the Florida National Guard who qualify pursuant to subsection (7).
- (a) Members of the Florida National Guard as of June 30, 1997, shall be exempt from payment of one-half of tuition and fees subject to the following limitations:
- Participation in the program shall not exceed a period of 10 years from the date of enrollment in the tuition assistance program, or shall continue until graduation or termination of the full-time or part-time student, whichever occurs earlier.
- Florida National Guard members shall be admitted on 2. a space-available basis.
- (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) and subject to appropriations, the Department of Military Affairs may pay the full cost of tuition and fees for required courses for members

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of the Florida National Guard who were members as of June 30,
   1997, if a member is unable to obtain admittance on a
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    space-available basis and, at least on one previous occasion,
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           Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
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