By Senator Altman

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to military affairs; creating s. 250.335, F.S.; requiring annual mandatory mental health screening for members of the Florida National Guard at the expense of the state; requiring periodic, mandatory mental health screening before and after specified deployment for active duty military service; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Section 250.335, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

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250.335 Mental health screening.—Every member of the Florida National Guard shall be provided with mandatory screening for existing or potential mental health disorders at the expense of the state:

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(1) Annually, according to a schedule developed by the Adjutant General;

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(2) Thirty days before returning from overseas deployment for active duty military service; and

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(3) When scheduled for deployment to active duty military service following a previous deployment for active duty military service.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.