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H.B. No. 1928

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to supplemental pay for members of the Texas military  
3 forces suffering an economic hardship as a result of serving on  
4 military duty.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Sections 437.220(a), (b), and (c), Government  
7 Code, are amended to read as follows:

8 (a) A person who is called to military duty as a member of  
9 the Texas military forces [~~National Guard~~] in the service of this  
10 state or the United States by proper federal or state authority and  
11 who suffers an economic hardship as a result of serving on military  
12 duty is eligible to receive supplemental pay for serving in  
13 accordance with this section. Payment under this subsection is  
14 subject to the availability of funds.

15 (b) The comptroller shall establish the Texas military  
16 forces [~~National Guard members~~] supplemental military duty pay  
17 account in the general revenue fund. Money in the account may be  
18 appropriated only for purposes of implementing this section. The  
19 comptroller, governor, or adjutant general may accept gifts and  
20 grants for deposit to the credit of the account. The legislature  
21 may transfer money into the account or may appropriate money to  
22 implement this section and the comptroller shall credit that money  
23 to the account.

24 (c) A member of the Texas military forces [~~National Guard~~]

1 described by Subsection (a) is eligible to receive supplemental pay  
2 under this section in an amount not to exceed the lesser of:

3 (1) the amount required to alleviate the economic  
4 hardship the member suffers as a result of serving on active duty;  
5 and

6 (2) the difference between the amount of income that  
7 the member has lost from civilian employment as a result of being  
8 called to military duty and the amount of military pay and  
9 allowances the member receives from state or federal sources while  
10 on military duty.

11 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to  
12 military duty by a member of the Texas military forces occurring on  
13 or after the effective date of this Act regardless of the date the  
14 member was called to military duty. Military duty occurring before  
15 the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on  
16 the date the military duty occurred, and the former law is continued  
17 in effect for that purpose.

18 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.