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S.B. No. 424

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.