



Agency Legislative Proposal - 2019 Session

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State Agency: Connecticut Military Department

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Title of Proposal: AAC Leasing of Military Department Facilities

Statutory Reference: 27-39

Proposal Summary:

To authorize the Adjutant General to lease military facilities to members of the armed forces of the state for ceremonies to recognize their own significant military career events.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2019

PROPOSAL BACKGROUND

◇ Reason for Proposal

Please consider the following, if applicable:

- (1) *Have there been changes in federal/state/local laws and regulations that make this legislation necessary?*
- (2) *Has this proposal or something similar been implemented in other states? If yes, what is the outcome(s)?*
- (3) *Have certain constituencies called for this action?*
- (4) *What would happen if this was not enacted in law this session?*

Current statutory provisions do not allow for members of the state armed forces to lease military facilities for ceremonies that mark significant military career events. Many members desire to lease military facilities these purposes. This authorization is consistent with the benefits provided to members of the armed forces serving on active duty (e.g., to use the post chapel for a wedding). The Adjutant General requests this authorization in order to provide a nominal benefit to members for their service which places them on parity with their active duty counterparts, and as a recruiting and retention incentive.



Origin of Proposal **New Proposal** **Resubmission**

If this is a resubmission, please share:

- (1) What was the reason this proposal did not pass, or if applicable, was not included in the Administration's package?
- (2) Have there been negotiations/discussions during or after the previous legislative session to improve this proposal?
- (3) Who were the major stakeholders/advocates/legislators involved in the previous work on this legislation?
- (4) What was the last action taken during the past legislative session?

Reference Raised House Bill No. 5235, 2018 Session. Senate Calendar No. 478, File No. 148. Died on Calendar.

PROPOSAL IMPACT

AGENCIES AFFECTED (please list for each affected agency)

Agency Name: Proposal does not affect other agencies.

Agency Contact (name, title, phone):

Date Contacted: [Click here](#) to enter text.

Approve of Proposal **YES** **NO** **Talks Ongoing**

Summary of Affected Agency's Comments

None

Will there need to be further negotiation? **YES** **NO**

FISCAL IMPACT (please include the proposal section that causes the fiscal impact and the anticipated impact)

Municipal (please include any municipal mandate that can be found within legislation)

NONE

State

NONE

Federal

NONE

Additional notes on fiscal impact



◇ **POLICY and PROGRAMMATIC IMPACTS** *(Please specify the proposal section associated with the impact)*

This proposal is necessary to facilitate effective military operations by enhancing the Military Department's ability to appropriately recognize the service of its members by permitting use of military facilities to recognize their significant military career events, and help recruit and retain members of the armed forces of the state.

Insert fully drafted bill here

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Subsections (b) to (d), inclusive, of Section 27-39 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

(b) The Adjutant General is charged with the responsibility for the use, maintenance, security and leasing of all military facilities and other military property under the provisions for such use imposed by the statutes. Each military facility shall be under the charge of a commissioned officer, designated by the Adjutant General. Each application for the lease or use of such facility shall be made to the Adjutant General, who shall approve or disapprove such application and so advise the applicant. Prior to any such approval, each applicant for lease or use of such facility shall furnish a certificate of insurance or self-insurance indemnifying the state and federal governments against any bodily injury to persons or damage to property. Any cost of such certificate shall be in addition to any other cost incurred as a result of such lease or use. Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, the Adjutant General shall limit the lease or use of military facilities to military and nonprofit organizations, organizations receiving state aid, [and] governmental agencies and members of the armed forces of the state. Proceeds from the lease of military facilities shall be paid to the Adjutant General, who shall promptly transmit such proceeds, except proceeds received from the lease of certain military facilities pursuant to subsection (e) of this section, to the State Treasurer for deposit in the military facilities account established under subsection (f) of this section. The Adjutant General shall, in military facilities where space is available, assign space to veterans' service organizations for their joint uses, subject to the regulations concerning military facilities. Units of the armed forces of the state and veterans' organizations jointly utilizing military facilities shall be allowed the use of the drill shed and such other common areas of the facility.

(c) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as allowing the lease or use of, or assignment of space in, any military facility (1) on the drill night of any active military organization stationed in the facility or in a manner that conflicts with the military usage of the facility, (2) at a reduced rate, or (3) in a manner that conflicts with federal military regulations or the use of the facility for military purposes. In no case shall any lease approved by the Adjutant General pursuant to subsection (b) of this section permit subleasing.



(d) The Adjutant General may allow lease or use of any military facility, at a cost not exceeding the actual operating cost of such facility during the period of such lease or use, to (1) any public or private nonprofit elementary or secondary school or any public institution of higher education for purposes of athletic events with respect to which no admission is charged, (2) the American Red Cross for purposes of blood supply programs, (3) any local, state or federal governmental agency, (4) any agricultural or other association that receives state aid, [or] (5) any charitable military organization[.], or (6) any member of the armed forces of the state for the limited purpose of holding a ceremony to recognize their own significant military career event, including promotion, receipt of an award, enlistment, commissioning, wedding or retirement.



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Lead agency division requesting this proposal: The Adjutant General

Agency Analyst/Drafter of Proposal: Captain Heinonen

Title of Proposal: AAC the Organization of the State Guard

Statutory Reference: 27-9

Proposal Summary:

To clarify the Governor's authority with respect to the command and control of the Connecticut State Guard.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2019

PROPOSAL BACKGROUND

◇ Reason for Proposal

Please consider the following, if applicable:

- (1) *Have there been changes in federal/state/local laws and regulations that make this legislation necessary?*
- (2) *Has this proposal or something similar been implemented in other states? If yes, what is the outcome(s)?*
- (3) *Have certain constituencies called for this action?*
- (4) *What would happen if this was not enacted in law this session?*

Current statutory provisions pertaining to the Connecticut State Guard require revision to clarify the Governor's authority with respect to the Connecticut State Guard, its organization and use. At least 22 states currently have volunteer state guards. The Military Department's 2012-2013 audit report and subsequent Formal Opinion of the Attorney General (2017-09) indicated that revision of the current statute would best serve the interests of the state and Military Department.



◇ **Origin of Proposal** **New Proposal** **Resubmission**

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- (2) *Have there been negotiations/discussions during or after the previous legislative session to improve this proposal?*
- (3) *Who were the major stakeholders/advocates/legislators involved in the previous work on this legislation?*
- (4) *What was the last action taken during the past legislative session?*

Reference Raised Senate Bill No. 224, 2018 Session. Senate Calendar No. 65, File No. 46. Died on Calendar.

PROPOSAL IMPACT

◇ **AGENCIES AFFECTED** *(please list for each affected agency)*

Agency Name: Proposal does not affect other agencies.

Agency Contact (name, title, phone):

Date Contacted: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Approve of Proposal **YES** **NO** **Talks Ongoing**

Summary of Affected Agency's Comments

None

Will there need to be further negotiation? **YES** **NO**

◇ **FISCAL IMPACT** *(please include the proposal section that causes the fiscal impact and the anticipated impact)*

Municipal *(please include any municipal mandate that can be found within legislation)*

NONE

State

NONE

Federal

NONE

Additional notes on fiscal impact



◇ **POLICY and PROGRAMMATIC IMPACTS** *(Please specify the proposal section associated with the impact)*

This proposal is necessary to facilitate effective military operations by codifying the state's practice of utilizing the State Guard to execute military operations which is supported by the Attorney General's Formal Opinion 2017-09.

Insert fully drafted bill here

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 27-9 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof *(Effective July 1, 2019)*:

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ORGANIZATION OF THE CONNECTICUT STATE GUARD

Sec. 27-9. Organization of the Connecticut State Guard. The Governor may [Whenever the Connecticut National Guard is called into the federal service or whenever such a call, in the opinion of the Governor, is deemed to be imminent, the Governor shall forthwith] raise, organize, maintain and govern, [from the unorganized militia], a body of volunteer troops for state military duty. Said body of troops [, when so organized,] shall be known as "the Connecticut State Guard" and [for and during the time of its existence as herein provided it] shall be a part of the organized militia.



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Lead agency division requesting this proposal: The Adjutant General

Agency Analyst/Drafter of Proposal: Captain Heinonen

Title of Proposal: AAC Military Unit Bylaws

Statutory Reference: 27-79

Proposal Summary:

To eliminate obsolete requirement for military unit bylaws and to allow the state to configure and administer its military units in a manner consistent with federal military units.

PROPOSAL BACKGROUND

◇ **Reason for Proposal**

Please consider the following, if applicable:

- (1) *Have there been changes in federal/state/local laws and regulations that make this legislation necessary?*
- (2) *Has this proposal or something similar been implemented in other states? If yes, what is the outcome(s)?*
- (3) *Have certain constituencies called for this action?*
- (4) *What would happen if this was not enacted in law this session?*

Proposal updates obsolete statutory language concerning the configuration and administration of military units of the armed forces of the state. This provision will eliminate an obsolete and antiquated requirement for units of the armed forces of the state to create bylaws, and will require the state to configure and administer state military units in a manner consistent with federal military units. The change will support the efficient and orderly conduct of state military operations.

◇ **Origin of Proposal**

New Proposal

Resubmission

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- (2) *Have there been negotiations/discussions during or after the previous legislative session to improve this proposal?*
- (3) *Who were the major stakeholders/advocates/legislators involved in the previous work on this legislation?*
- (4) *What was the last action taken during the past legislative session?*

Reference Raised Senate Bill No. 226, 2018 Session. Senate Calendar No. 66, File No. 47.

Original language of bill struck in its entirety by Senate Schedule A LCO # 4859 which substituted unrelated language. Bill passed as amended.



PROPOSAL IMPACT

◇ **AGENCIES AFFECTED** *(please list for each affected agency)*

Agency Name: Proposal does not affect other agencies. Agency Contact (name, title, phone): Date Contacted: Click here to enter text.
Approve of Proposal <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Talks Ongoing
Summary of Affected Agency's Comments None
Will there need to be further negotiation? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

◇ **FISCAL IMPACT** *(please include the proposal section that causes the fiscal impact and the anticipated impact)*

Municipal <i>(please include any municipal mandate that can be found within legislation)</i> NONE
State NONE
Federal NONE
Additional notes on fiscal impact NONE

◇ **POLICY and PROGRAMMATIC IMPACTS** *(Please specify the proposal section associated with the impact)*

This proposal is necessary to ensure effective configuration and administration of organized militia units of the armed forces of the state.
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Insert fully drafted bill here

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 27-79 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

[Each organization of the armed forces of the state] The Governor shall [make bylaws for its government, which shall be binding on its members when approved by the regimental or corresponding commander and the Adjutant General; and all fines and dues imposed by such bylaws may be collected in accordance with such procedure as the Adjutant General may, by regulation, prescribe, provided notice shall be given to any delinquent of the incurrence of any fine or dues within thirty days of the date when the same has been incurred and notice may be given collectively of such fines or dues or both. The commanding officer of the organization shall be the president of the association created in the bylaws, except that, if two or more organizations combine in one association, the senior commanding officer shall be president. The treasurer shall be elected from the enlisted personnel of the organization or, if two or more organizations combine, from among the enlisted personnel of one of the organizations. The treasurer of each such organization shall give a bond to such organization in an amount satisfactory to the Adjutant General. The premium on such bond shall be paid by such organization] determine the organizational structure of the organized militia, pursuant to section 27-14. Each military unit of the organized militia shall be composed in a manner consistent with National Guard or federal military units of similar composition, size and purpose. The Adjutant General may adopt bylaws for the administration of organized militia units.



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Agency Analyst/Drafter of Proposal: Captain Heinonen

Title of Proposal: AAC the Adjutant General

Statutory Reference: 4-5, 4-8

Proposal Summary:

[Click here to enter text.](#) To provide that the Adjutant General of the Military Department possesses the qualifications, powers and duties of a statutory department head.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2019

PROPOSAL BACKGROUND

◇ **Reason for Proposal**

Please consider the following, if applicable:

- (1) *Have there been changes in federal/state/local laws and regulations that make this legislation necessary?*
- (2) *Has this proposal or something similar been implemented in other states? If yes, what is the outcome(s)?*
- (3) *Have certain constituencies called for this action?*
- (4) *What would happen if this was not enacted in law this session?*

This provision codifies that the Adjutant General of the Military Department possesses the necessary qualifications, and ensures he maintains the powers and duties to perform all necessary duties of the office.

◇ **Origin of Proposal**

New Proposal

Resubmission

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- (1) *What was the reason this proposal did not pass, or if applicable, was not included in the Administration's package?*
- (2) *Have there been negotiations/discussions during or after the previous legislative session to improve this proposal?*
- (3) *Who were the major stakeholders/advocates/legislators involved in the previous work on this legislation?*
- (4) *What was the last action taken during the past legislative session?*

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PROPOSAL IMPACT

◇ **AGENCIES AFFECTED** *(please list for each affected agency)*

Agency Name: Proposal does not affect other agencies. Agency Contact: Date Contacted: Click here to enter text.
Approve of Proposal <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Talks Ongoing
Summary of Affected Agency's Comments
Will there need to be further negotiation? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO

◇ **FISCAL IMPACT** *(please include the proposal section that causes the fiscal impact and the anticipated impact)*

Municipal <i>(please include any municipal mandate that can be found within legislation)</i> NONE
State NONE
Federal NONE
Additional notes on fiscal impact NONE

◇ **POLICY and PROGRAMMATIC IMPACTS** *(Please specify the proposal section associated with the impact)*

Statutory clarification necessary for the efficient operation of the Military Department with respect to powers and duties of statutory department heads.



Insert fully drafted bill here

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 4-5 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

Sec. 4-5. "Department head" defined. As used in sections 4-6, 4-7 and 4-8, the term "department head" means Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, Commissioner of Administrative Services, Commissioner of Revenue Services, Banking Commissioner, Commissioner of Children and Families, Commissioner of Consumer Protection, Commissioner of Correction, Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, State Board of Education, Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, Commissioner of Agriculture, Commissioner of Public Health, Insurance Commissioner, Labor Commissioner, Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Commissioner of Social Services, Commissioner of Developmental Services, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, Commissioner of Transportation, Commissioner of Veterans Affairs, Commissioner of Housing, Commissioner of Rehabilitation Services, the Commissioner of Early Childhood, the executive director of the Office of Military Affairs and the executive director of the Technical Education and Career System. As used in sections 4-6 and 4-7, "department head" also means the Commissioner of Education." As used in section 4-8, "department head" also means the Adjutant General of the Military Department.



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Lead agency division requesting this proposal: Fiscal Division

Agency Analyst/Drafter of Proposal: Captain Heinonen

Title of Proposal: AAC Establishment of a Law Enforcement Support Program Account

Statutory Reference: 10 USC § 2576a

Proposal Summary:

To establish a separate non-lapsing fund within the General Fund in order to execute the fiscal requirements of the federal program administered by the Military Department through which excess Department of Defense equipment is transferred to state Law Enforcement Agencies.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2019

PROPOSAL BACKGROUND

◇ **Reason for Proposal**

Please consider the following, if applicable:

- (1) Have there been changes in federal/state/local laws and regulations that make this legislation necessary?
- (2) Has this proposal or something similar been implemented in other states? If yes, what is the outcome(s)?
- (3) Have certain constituencies called for this action?
- (4) What would happen if this was not enacted in law this session?

The Secretary of Defense is authorized by 10 USC § 2576a to transfer to state Law Enforcement Agencies, personal property that is excess to the needs of the Department of Defense and that the Secretary determines is suitable to be used by such agencies in law enforcement activities, with preferences for counter-drug / counter-terrorism or border security activities, under such terms prescribed by the Secretary. The Governor designated the Military Department as the state agency to implement this program statewide, as well as to conduct program management and oversight. The program is funded by fees paid to the Military Department by participating law enforcement agencies. The Military Department requires a non-lapsing fund to execute the program's fiscal requirements.



◇ **Origin of Proposal** **New Proposal** **Resubmission**

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- (4) What was the last action taken during the past legislative session?

PROPOSAL IMPACT

◇ **AGENCIES AFFECTED** (please list for each affected agency)

Agency Name: Proposal does not affect other agencies.
Agency Contact (name, title, phone)
Date Contacted: Click here to enter text.

Approve of Proposal **YES** **NO** **Talks Ongoing**

Summary of Affected Agency's Comments

Click here to enter text.

Will there need to be further negotiation? **YES** **NO**

◇ **FISCAL IMPACT** (please include the proposal section that causes the fiscal impact and the anticipated impact)

Municipal (please include any municipal mandate that can be found within legislation)

NONE

State

NONE

Federal

NONE

Additional notes on fiscal impact

NONE

◇ **POLICY and PROGRAMMATIC IMPACTS** (Please specify the proposal section associated with the impact)

A dedicated fund is necessary and the proper mechanism for processing programmatic fees.



Insert fully drafted bill here

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

NEW SECTION (Effective July 1, 2019):

Law Enforcement Support Office Program Account. There is established an account to be known as the "Law Enforcement Support Office Program Account" which shall be a separate, non-lapsing account within the General Fund. The account shall contain any moneys required by law to be deposited in the account, which shall include, but not be limited to, the participation fees submitted by law enforcement agencies. Moneys in the account shall be expended by the Adjutant General for the purposes of facilitating the operations of the Law Enforcement Support Program.



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Agency Analyst/Drafter of Proposal: Captain Heinonen

Title of Proposal: AAC the Civilian Medal of Merit
Statutory Reference: None
Proposal Summary: To establish a civilian equivalent to the Connecticut Medal of Merit, an award that may be provided to members of the armed forces of the state who have distinguished themselves by exceptionally meritorious conduct in performing outstanding service in the armed forces of the state. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2019

PROPOSAL BACKGROUND

◇ Reason for Proposal

<i>Please consider the following, if applicable:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Have there been changes in federal/state/local laws and regulations that make this legislation necessary? (2) Has this proposal or something similar been implemented in other states? If yes, what is the outcome(s)? (3) Have certain constituencies called for this action? (4) What would happen if this was not enacted in law this session? <p>The Military Department desires an appropriate means to recognize civilians who distinguish themselves by meritorious service or achievements that contribute significantly to the accomplishment of the mission of the armed forces of the state.</p>

◇ Origin of Proposal New Proposal Resubmission

<i>If this is a resubmission, please share:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) What was the reason this proposal did not pass, or if applicable, was not included in the Administration’s package? (2) Have there been negotiations/discussions during or after the previous legislative session to improve this proposal? (3) Who were the major stakeholders/advocates/legislators involved in the previous work on this legislation? (4) What was the last action taken during the past legislative session?



PROPOSAL IMPACT

◇ **AGENCIES AFFECTED** *(please list for each affected agency)*

Agency Name: Proposal does not affect other agencies. Agency Contact <i>(name, title, phone)</i> Date Contacted: Click here to enter text.
Approve of Proposal <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Talks Ongoing
Summary of Affected Agency's Comments
Will there need to be further negotiation? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

◇ **FISCAL IMPACT** *(please include the proposal section that causes the fiscal impact and the anticipated impact)*

Municipal <i>(please include any municipal mandate that can be found within legislation)</i> NONE
State NONE
Federal NONE
Additional notes on fiscal impact NONE

◇ **POLICY and PROGRAMMATIC IMPACTS** *(Please specify the proposal section associated with the impact)*

A state military award to recognize civilian excellence is in keeping with military customs, courtesies, and traditions, and helps to ensure the continued support of the armed forces of the state by the greater civilian community.
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Insert fully drafted bill here

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2019):

The Adjutant General and two officers of field grade or above, appointed by the Adjutant General, shall constitute a board of officers to receive recommendations for the award of the civilian medal of merit to any person, except military civilian employees, military personnel, or military contractors, who has distinguished himself or herself by meritorious service or achievements that contribute significantly to the accomplishment of the mission of the armed forces of the state and to make such awards as the board finds suitable.



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Lead agency division requesting this proposal: The Adjutant General

Agency Analyst/Drafter of Proposal: Captain Heinonen

Title of Proposal: AAC Additional Pay for Active Service on or After September 11, 2001

Statutory Reference: 27-61a

Proposal Summary:

To establish an additional payment to new enlisted members of the Connecticut National Guard, who have not previously served in the armed forces of the United States, upon successful completion of initial entry training and their military occupational specialty training.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2019

PROPOSAL BACKGROUND

◇ **Reason for Proposal**

Please consider the following, if applicable:

- (1) Have there been changes in federal/state/local laws and regulations that make this legislation necessary?
- (2) Has this proposal or something similar been implemented in other states? If yes, what is the outcome(s)?
- (3) Have certain constituencies called for this action?
- (4) What would happen if this was not enacted in law this session?

The Connecticut National Guard must continually access qualified individuals into its ranks to ensure it is capable of accomplishing its state and federal mission sets. The Connecticut National Guard must compete with its sister service components and the civilian sector to man our all-volunteer force.

◇ **Origin of Proposal**

New Proposal

Resubmission

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- (4) What was the last action taken during the past legislative session?



PROPOSAL IMPACT

◇ **AGENCIES AFFECTED** *(please list for each affected agency)*

Agency Name: Proposal does not affect other agencies. Agency Contact <i>(name, title, phone)</i> Date Contacted: Click here to enter text.
Approve of Proposal <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Talks Ongoing
Summary of Affected Agency's Comments
Will there need to be further negotiation? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

◇ **FISCAL IMPACT** *(please include the proposal section that causes the fiscal impact and the anticipated impact)*

Municipal <i>(please include any municipal mandate that can be found within legislation)</i> NONE
State \$300,000 or less annually.
Federal NONE
Additional notes on fiscal impact NONE

◇ **POLICY and PROGRAMMATIC IMPACTS** *(Please specify the proposal section associated with the impact)*

An additional state payment to new enlisted members of the Connecticut National Guard will help the state attract new members to its armed forces thereby ensuring its continued readiness and ability to meet all operational demands in times of war and domestic emergency.
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Insert fully drafted bill here

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 27-61a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
(Effective July 1, 2019):

Sec. 27-61a. Additional pay for active service on or after September 11, 2001. (a) As used in this section, "eligible member or veteran" means a member or former member of the Connecticut National Guard who (1) is or was called to active service on or after September 11, 2001, (2) is or was in such active service for at least ninety consecutive days, and (3) if discharged, is or was honorably discharged or discharged for injuries sustained in the line of duty.

(b) (1) On and after July 1, 2005, the Adjutant General shall pay each eligible member or veteran the amount of fifty dollars for each month or major part thereof of active service by such eligible member or veteran on or after September 11, 2001. On and before June 30, 2007, the maximum payment to any eligible member or veteran shall not exceed five hundred dollars.

(2) On and after July 1, 2007, the maximum payment to any eligible member or veteran under this subsection shall not exceed five hundred dollars, except that such maximum payment shall not exceed one thousand two hundred dollars if, during such active service, such eligible member or veteran is or was deployed to an area designated as a combat zone by the President of the United States.

(3) No payment shall be made under this subsection to any eligible member or veteran who makes application for such payment later than three years after the date of the cessation of such operations in which such member or veteran served.

(c) The Adjutant General, in consultation with the Commissioner of Veterans Affairs, shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this section. Such regulations shall include procedures for verification of eligibility of an eligible member or veteran and for the application for and payment of the amounts specified in this section.

(d) On or after July 1, 2019, the Adjutant General shall pay new enlisted members of the Connecticut National Guard, who have no prior service in the armed forces of the United States, the amount of five hundred dollars upon successful completion of initial entry training and military occupational specialty training.