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1   **HOUSE BILL NO. 2455**
2   Offered January 9, 2019
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4 *A BILL to amend and reenact § 23.1-610 of the Code of Virginia, relating to members of the Virginia*
5   *National Guard; education grants.*
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              Patrons—Simon, Cole and Guzman
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8   Referred to Committee on Education
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10   **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**
11 **1. That § 23.1-610 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**
12   **§ 23.1-610. Members of the National Guard; grants.**
13   A. Any individual who (i) is a member of the Virginia National Guard and has a minimum
14 remaining obligation of ~~two~~ *three* years, (ii) has satisfactorily completed required initial active duty
15 service, (iii) is satisfactorily performing duty in accordance with regulations of the National Guard, and
16 (iv) is enrolled in any course or program*, including vocational or nondegree courses or programs,* at
17 any public institution of higher education or accredited nonprofit private institution of higher education
18 whose primary purpose is to provide collegiate or graduate education and not to provide religious
19 training or theological education is eligible for a grant in the amount of the difference between the full
20 cost of tuition*, fees, and textbooks* and any other educational benefits for which he is eligible as a
21 member of the National Guard. Application for a grant shall be made to the Department of Military
22 Affairs. Grants shall be awarded from funds made available for the purpose by the Department of
23 Military Affairs.
24   B. Notwithstanding the requirement in subsection A that a member of the Virginia National Guard
25 have a minimum of ~~two~~ *three* years remaining on his service obligation, if a member is activated or
26 deployed for federal military service, an additional day shall be added to the member's eligibility for the
27 grant for each day of active federal service, up to 365 days. Additional credit or credit for state duty
28 may be given at the discretion of the Adjutant General.