
DIGEST

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HB 120 Reengrossed

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Wiley

Abstract: Extends various benefits and protections to the La. State Guardsmen that are currently provided to La. National Guardsmen.

Present law (R.S. 29:3) provides for a state militia comprised of the organized militia consisting of the national guard, the La. State Guard, and other organized military forces which may be authorized by law, and also consisting of the unorganized militia consisting of all other persons subject to military duty.

Present law provides for death and disability benefits for La. National Guardsmen called to active duty service by the governor or the president of the U.S.

Proposed law retains present law and provides for death and disability benefits for La. State Guardsmen called to active duty service by the governor or the president of the U.S.

Present law prohibits discrimination in employment against members of the La. National Guardsmen.

Proposed law extends present law to La. State Guardsmen.

Present law provides that no student member of the uniformed services of the U.S. shall have his postsecondary education, including but not limited to colleges and universities, unnecessarily disrupted because of his military service.

Proposed law retains present law and extends the academic protections to La. State Guardsmen.

(Amends R.S. 29:26.1(A)(1), (B)(6), (C)(1) and (2)(a), and (F), 38.1(A), 38.2(A)(1) and (C), 402(A) and (B), and 403(11) and (13))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the original bill:

1. Provide for death and disability benefits for any declared national emergency or contingency operations where activation was ordered between Sept. 11, 2001, and Sept. 11, 2021.

2. Provide that all claims for disability benefits for injuries incurred while on Title 10 or Title 32 of U.S. Code duty shall be submitted no later than June 30, 2026.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Delete provisions for death and disability benefits for any declared national emergency or contingency operations where activation was ordered between Sept. 11, 2001, and Sept. 11, 2021.
2. Delete provisions that all claims for disability benefits for injuries incurred while on Title 10 or Title 32 of U.S. Code duty shall be submitted no later than June 30, 2026.
3. Add technical change to a reference to the Board of Regents policy governing reservists and the La. National Guard.