

House Bill 1328

By: Representatives Wade of the 9th, Bonner of the 73rd, Hawkins of the 27th, Dubnik of the 29th, Gaines of the 120th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Subpart 5A of Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of
2 Georgia Annotated, relating to University of North Georgia military scholarships, so as to
3 authorize the selection committee to select additional scholarship recipients; to authorize
4 additional nominations for candidates to receive a scholarship; to provide a limit on the
5 number of scholarships that can be awarded; to provide criteria for selecting scholarship
6 recipients; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Subpart 5A of Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
10 Annotated, relating to University of North Georgia military scholarships, is amended by
11 revising Code Section 20-3-422, relating to nomination of candidates for scholarships, as
12 follows:

13 "20-3-422.

14 The authority shall establish and promulgate, consistent with this subpart, criteria for the
15 eligibility and award of such scholarships. The authority shall, on or before February 1 of
16 each year, select and nominate not less than six and not more than ten persons from each

17 congressional district in Georgia from a list of persons recommended to the authority by
18 members of the General Assembly. From the persons so nominated, at least three persons
19 from each congressional district shall be selected as scholarship recipients as provided in
20 Code Section 20-3-423."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 Said subpart is further amended in Code Section 20-3-423, relating to creation and
23 composition of selection committee and duties of selection committee, by revising
24 subsection (b) as follows:

25 "(b) It shall be the duty of the selection committee to select, from the ~~six~~ nominees from
26 each congressional district submitted to the committee pursuant to Code Section 20-3-422,
27 three persons from each congressional district to receive a scholarship under this subpart.
28 In the event a congressional district does not have three qualified candidates, the committee
29 may select a candidate or candidates at large from alternate nominees among the original
30 candidates without regard to the congressional district of residence. Subject to available
31 funding, the committee shall be authorized to select additional candidates to receive a
32 scholarship under this part; provided, however, that in no event shall the total number of
33 persons receiving scholarship assistance under this part exceed 70 percent of the Georgia
34 Army National Guard cadets enrolled in the University of North Georgia or 210 persons,
35 whichever is less. When selecting such additional candidates to receive a scholarship, the
36 committee shall make selections in such a manner as to award scholarships equally
37 between congressional districts and cadet cohorts, to the extent practicable. Upon selecting
38 the recipients of scholarships, the committee shall:

- 39 (1) Notify each recipient of the scholarship;
40 (2) Notify each member of the legislative delegation from each congressional district of
41 the names of the recipients of the scholarships from that congressional district; and
42 (3) Notify the authority of the names and addresses of the recipients of the scholarships."

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SECTION 3.

44 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.