MICHIGAN NATIONAL GUARD CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE ACT

Act 37 of 2025

AN ACT to create a Michigan National Guard child care assistance program to provide child care assistance to certain Michigan National Guard members; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state governmental officers and entities; and to authorize the promulgation of rules.

History: 2025, Act 37, Imd. Eff. Dec. 9, 2025

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

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32.451 Short title.

Sec. 1.

This act may be cited as the "Michigan National Guard child care assistance act".

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32.452 Definitions.

Sec. 2.

As used in this act:

(a) "Active service" means that term as defined in section 105 of the Michigan military act, 1967 PA 150, MCL 32.505.

(b) "Adjutant general" means the adjutant general of this state.

(c) "Eligible member" means a member of the Michigan National Guard who meets all of the following conditions:

(i) Is in active service.

(ii) Is not absent without leave or under charges described in the Michigan code of military justice of 1980, 1980 PA 523, MCL 32.1001 to 32.1148.

(iii) Any other criteria determined by the adjutant general consistent with Michigan National Guard recruiting and retention requirements.

(d) "Fund" means the Michigan National Guard member benefit fund created in the Michigan National Guard member benefit fund act.

(e) "Program" means the Michigan National Guard child care assistance program created in section 3.

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32.453 Michigan National Guard child care assistance program; application for assistance; stipend.

Sec. 3.

(1) The Michigan National Guard child care assistance program is created within the department of military and veterans affairs.

(2) The adjutant general shall administer the program and prescribe forms and procedures to effectively carry out the program.

(3) An eligible member may apply for child care assistance from the program. The adjutant general shall approve the application if there is sufficient money in the fund to cover the amount of child care assistance applied for, and if either of the following applies:

(a) The eligible member is a single parent.

(b) The eligible member's spouse is an eligible member.

(4) An eligible member who is approved for child care assistance shall receive a stipend at a rate established annually by the adjutant general. The adjutant general shall determine the amount of assistance that may be provided under this subsection in any fiscal year. The amount of assistance determined by the adjutant general under this subsection applies to all eligible members. Assistance shall be provided for not more than 12 hours a day for weekend drills and annual training, up to a maximum of 39 days each year.

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32.455 Promulgation of rules.

Sec. 5.

The adjutant general may promulgate rules to implement this act under the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328.

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