## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## SENATE BILL

No. 1199 Session of 2007

INTRODUCED BY BAKER, PILEGGI, ROBBINS, DINNIMAN, MELLOW, MUSTO, ERICKSON, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, LOGAN, O'PAKE, ORIE, REGOLA, RAFFERTY, TARTAGLIONE, CORMAN, WAUGH, EARLL, KITCHEN, RHOADES, WASHINGTON, KASUNIC, FUMO, TOMLINSON, COSTA, GORDNER, BROWNE, BOSCOLA, D. WHITE, STACK, PIPPY, BRUBAKER AND ARMSTRONG, DECEMBER 7, 2007

REFERRED TO VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, DECEMBER 7, 2007

## AN ACT

- 1 Amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania
- 2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for educational
- 3 leave of absence.
- 4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 5 hereby enacts as follows:
- 6 Section 1. Section 7313 of Title 51 of the Pennsylvania
- 7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:
- 8 § 7313. Educational leave of absence.
- 9 Whenever any member of the Pennsylvania National Guard or
- 10 other reserve component of the armed forces of the United States
- 11 shall be called or ordered to active duty, other than active
- 12 duty for training, including, in the case of members of the
- 13 Pennsylvania National Guard, active State duty, the educational
- 14 institution in which the member is enrolled shall grant the
- 15 member or their spouse a military leave of absence from their
- 16 education. [Persons] <u>Members and spouses</u> on military leave of

- 1 absence from their educational institution shall be entitled,
- 2 upon release from military duty, to be restored to the
- 3 educational status they had attained prior to their being
- 4 ordered to military duty without loss of academic credits
- 5 earned, scholarships or grants awarded or tuition and other fees
- 6 paid prior to the commencement of the military duty. It shall be
- 7 the duty of the educational institution to refund tuition or
- 8 fees paid or to credit the tuition and fees to the next semester
- 9 or term after the termination of the educational military leave
- 10 of absence at the option of the student.
- 11 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.