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AN ACT

1 Establishing the State Military College Legislative Appointment
2 Initiative Program.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the State
7 Military College Legislative Appointment Initiative Program Act.

8 Section 2. Definitions.

9 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
10 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
11 context clearly indicates otherwise:

12 "Committee." A State military college selection committee.

13 "ECP." The Early Commissioning Program of the United States
14 Army.

15 "ROTC." Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

16 "State military college." A coeducational, postsecondary,
17 two-year institution, a part of which is located in a county of

1 the third class, whose mission is to educate students in both an
2 academic and military environment.

3 Section 3. The State Military College Legislative Appointment
4 Initiative Program.

5 (a) Establishment.--The State Military College Legislative
6 Appointment Initiative Program is established within the General
7 Assembly.

8 (b) State military college selection committee.--Each member
9 of the General Assembly may establish a State military college
10 selection committee. The committee shall serve the legislative
11 district of the member. The State Ethics Commission shall
12 develop guidelines to govern the establishment and functions of
13 committees to help ensure that the committees and the
14 legislative appointments do not create any conflicts of interest
15 or otherwise violate 65 Pa.C.S. Ch. 11 (relating to ethics
16 standards and financial disclosure) or the act of July 10, 1968
17 (P.L.316, No.154), known as the Legislative Code of Ethics.

18 (c) Appointments.--Each member of the General Assembly may
19 annually appoint an eligible student who is a resident of the
20 member's legislative district for guaranteed initial enrollment
21 in a State military college. Appointments must be made at the
22 sole recommendation of a State military college selection
23 committee. A State military college shall offer initial
24 enrollment to any eligible student appointed under this act.

25 (d) Educational funding.--Nothing in this act shall be
26 construed to establish a scholarship granted or funded by the
27 Commonwealth.

28 (e) Eligibility.--An individual may be recommended by a
29 committee for appointment if the individual meets all of the
30 following requirements:

1 (1) Graduation from high school or earning a general
2 educational development diploma or the equivalent thereof.

3 (2) Maintenance of domicile within this Commonwealth
4 during the term of the appointment.

5 (3) Compliance with any conditions placed upon the
6 appointee by a State military college, including all ECP
7 admission requirements and requirements deemed necessary to
8 successfully matriculate at a State military college.

9 (f) Application.--A student shall apply to a committee for a
10 recommendation for appointment in a manner prescribed by the
11 committee, to include the provision of all information and
12 documentation required by the committee.

13 (g) Termination.--If a student terminates enrollment in a
14 State military college during an academic year or prior to
15 completing the two-year program, the State military college
16 shall notify the appointing legislator in writing.

17 (h) Annual report.--Any member of the General Assembly who
18 establishes a committee under subsection (b) shall file an
19 annual report with the State Ethics Commission that shall
20 include the name of each member of the selection committee for
21 that year, the names and addresses of applicants for appointment
22 and the name of the applicant who is appointed after final
23 selection.

24 Section 4. Expiration.

25 This act shall expire June 30, 2016, unless reenacted sooner.

26 Section 5. Effective date.

27 This act shall take effect immediately.