## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## SENATE BILL

No. 707

Session of 2011

INTRODUCED BY SOLOBAY, BAKER, COSTA, BREWSTER, ERICKSON, FOLMER, FONTANA, KITCHEN, ORIE, RAFFERTY, STACK, VOGEL, WASHINGTON, WAUGH AND D. WHITE, FEBRUARY 28, 2011

REFERRED TO VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, FEBRUARY 28, 2011

## 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 the member's spouse a military leave of absence from
- 16 their education. [Persons] <u>Members and spouses</u> on military leave
- 17 of absence from their educational institution shall be entitled,

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