

Committee Report

CONSENT CALENDAR

March 13, 2019

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

**The Committee on Finance to which was referred HB
225,**

**AN ACT relative to the National Guard Scholarship
Fund. Having considered the same, report the same
with the following amendment, and the recommendation
that the bill OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. William Hatch

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	Finance
Bill Number:	HB 225
Title:	relative to the National Guard Scholarship Fund.
Date:	March 13, 2019
Consent Calendar:	CONSENT
Recommendation:	OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT 2019-0084h

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill changes and clarifies the National Guard Scholarship Fund. Original law stated all rental for National Guard Armories from non-governmental organizations would be credited to the New Hampshire National Guard Scholarship. Federal law does not permit this practice thus the bill changes this law to there may be an annual appropriation as determined by the General Court.

Vote 21-0.

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House Finance
January 23, 2019
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Committee on Finance
New Hampshire House of Representatives
Legislative Office Building
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

HB 225

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Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 225

BILL TITLE: relative to the National Guard Scholarship Fund.

DATE: March 13, 2019

LOB ROOM: 210-211

MOTIONS: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Moved by Rep. Hatch

Seconded by Rep. Ford

AM Vote: 21-0

Amendment # 2019-0084h

Moved by Rep. Ford

Seconded by Rep. Huot

Vote: 21-0

CONSENT CALENDAR: YES

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep Katherine Rogers, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 225

BILL TITLE: relative to the National Guard Scholarship Fund.

DATE: 3-13-19

LOB ROOM: 210-211

MOTION: (Please check one box)

- OTP
- ITL
- Retain (1st year)
- Adoption of Amendment # _____ (if offered)
- Interim Study (2nd year)

Moved by Rep. Hatch Secoded by Rep. Ford Vote: UNANIMOUS yes

MOTION: (Please check one box)

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Moved by Rep. _____ Secoded by Rep. _____ Vote: _____

CONSENT CALENDAR: YES NO

Minority Report? Yes No If yes, author, Rep: _____ Motion _____

Respectfully submitted: Rep Katherine Rogers, Clerk

2019 SESSION

Finance

Bill #: 225 Motion: OTP/A AM #: 0084h Exec Session Date: 3-13-19

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
Wallner, Mary Jane Chairman	21		
Huot, David O. Vice Chairman	1		
Rogers, Katherine D. Clerk	2		
Nordgren, Sharon L.	3		
Leishman, Peter R.	4		
Buco, Thomas L.	5		
Hatch, William A.	6		
Ford, Susan M.	7		
Lovejoy, Patricia T.	8		
Walz, Mary Beth	9		
Leath, Mary	10		
Martin, Joelle	11		
Murray, Kate R.	12		
Neyler, Kenneth L.	13		
Ober, Lynne M.			1
Danielson, David J.	14		
Spanos, Peter J.	15		
Hennessey, Erin T.	16		
Barry, Richard W.	17		
Pitre, Joseph A.	18		
Horn, Werner D.	19		
Hirf, Keith	20		
TOTAL VOTE:	21	0	

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UNAPPROVED

Division I
Work Session
Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON Finance
DIVISION I WORK SESSION ON HB 225

BILL TITLE: relative to the National Guard Scholarship Fund.

DATE: January ²³~~17~~, 2019

ROOM: 212

Time Work Session Called to Order: 10:00 a.m.

Time Adjourned:

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Lovejoy, Hatch, Leishman, Walz, Wallner, L. Ober, Spanos and Barry

Bill Sponsors:

Rep. Graham
Sen. D'Allesandro

Rep. Baldasaro
Sen. Bradley

Sen. Giuda

TESTIMONY

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*2019-0084h

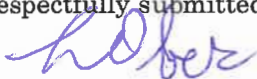
Deputy Adjutant General Warren Perry explained how the change in federal law, RSA 110-B:55 also impacts this scholarship program.

After discussion the Division decided to get an amendment to change line 6 from "shall" to "may."

HB 458-FN, repealing certain inactive dedicated funds, is in Ways and Means and eliminates the dedicated fund for scholarship.

Rep. Hatch moved OTP/A, seconded by Rep. L. Ober. Motion adopted 5-0

Respectfully submitted,



Rep. Lynne Ober, Clerk
Division I

Dir 1 attending -
HB 225 Loriejoy, Hatch, Lederman,
Wass, Ober, Spanos

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HB 352

Rep. Loriejoy asked DES about completed paperwork.

From DES: Tracy Wood and Beth Peacock -
Mr. Wood said Beth had reviewed the list.
List was created as part of budgeting estimates

Mr. Wood does not to prepare a list of projects that have been completed. She wants us to appropriate a large sum of

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2019 SESSION

Finance - Division I

Bill #: HB 255 Motion: OTPA AM #: 20019-0084^h work Exe-Session Date: 1/23/19

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
Lovejoy, Patricia T. Chairman	1		
Hatch, William A. Vice Chairman	1		
Leishman, Peter R.			1
Walz, Mary Beth	1		
Wallner, Mary Jane			
Ober, Lynne M. Clerk	1		
Spanos, Peter J.	1		
Barry, Richard W.			1
TOTAL VOTE:	5	0	

*Moved by Rep. Hatch
 Second by L. Ober*

~~5-0~~

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 225

BILL TITLE: relative to the National Guard Scholarship Fund.

DATE: January 17, 2019

ROOM: 210-211

Time Public Hearing Called to Order: 11:07 a.m.

Time Adjourned: 11:22 a.m.

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. Wallner, Huot, Rogers, Nordgren, Leishman, Buco, Hatch, Ford, Lovejoy, Walz, Heath, Marin, K. Murray, Weyler, L. Ober, Danielson, Spanos, Hennessey, Barry, Pitre, Horn and Ert

Bill Sponsors:

Rep. Graham
Sen. D'Allesandro

Rep. Baldasaro
Sen. Bradley

Sen. Giuda

TESTIMONY

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The following individuals submitted pink cards to speak:

Rep. John Graham, Hillsborough 7, prime sponsor, in support.

Rep. Al Baldasaro, Rockingham 5, co-sponsor, in support.

*Warren Perry, NH National Guard, submitted written testimony on behalf of the Adjutant General, Major General Mikolaities, in support.

Kevin Grady, State Veterans Advisory Committee, in support.

Please refer to the attached transcript for a detailed account of the Public Hearing on HB 225.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. , Acting Clerk

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Rep Johnathan - annual approp
clear up language - meet Title I standards
Rep Al Baldasaro - take out ~~army~~ army use

Warren Perry -

Rep Danielson - army fee sit US Fiscal Office
& Adj General
cannot raise money in an army
no longer used by ~~army~~ guard goes back to town
or state

Kevin Grady - Rep Veteran Advisory Community

HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Legislative Office Building, Rooms 210-211

Concord, NH

Thursday, January 17, 2019

HOUSE BILL 225, AN ACT relative to the National Guard
Scholarship Fund.

TESTIMONY BY:

Rep. John Graham.	Pg. 1
Rep. Al Baldasaro	Pg. 3
Deputy Adjutant General Warren Perry.	Pg. 3
Kevin Grady	Pg. 7

(The public hearing convened at 11:07 a.m.)

MARY JANE WALLNER, State Representative, Merrimack County, District #10, and Chair: I'm going to open the hearing on House Bill 225 which is a bill relative to the National Guard Scholarship Fund. And I will call on -- hold on just a minute here so I get myself organized. Representative Graham. Thank you. Sorry.

JOHN GRAHAM, State Representative, Hillsborough County, District #07: Thank you, Madam Chair, Members of the Committee. For the record, I am Representative John Graham. I represent Hillsborough District 7, which is the Town of Bedford. You have before you a very simple housekeeping bill. What it does is remove some language that runs afoul of Title 10 U.S.C., the details of which a representative of the Adjutant General will talk about after I am finished and whenever you call on them, Madam Chair.

What this does is very simply state that the National Guard Scholarship Fund shall consist of an annual appropriation, meaning that it will be up to us to determine what, if any, monies go into that and that is very simple. Killing this bill would just revert us back to the existing language that goes to run afoul of U.S. law. So, I would ask that you pass this bill

and let's just clean-up the language in our RSAs to be in compliance with federal rules and law. And, with that, I'll try to answer any questions and try to get you back on track, Madam Chair.

CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: Thank you. Any questions? Yes, Representative Walz.

MARY BETH WALZ, State Representative, Merrimack County, District #23: Thank you. Representative Graham, is this the scholarship fund that was effectively created in the last biennium by Representative Cook?

REP. GRAHAM: No.

CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: Representative Walz, we're going to need you to speak up a little so we can hear the question.

REP. WALZ: Oh, I'm sorry. What I asked was there was a scholarship fund created last biennium and a bill sponsored by Representative Cook, and I wondered if this is the same thing or something different.

REP. GRAHAM: It is something different. This has existed for a while. And as I said, the Adjutant General is here to talk about the details of how many, what it is, how they're awarded, those types of things, all of which are contained in RSA 110-B.

REP. WALZ: Thank you.

LYNNE OBER, State Representative, Hillsborough County, District #37: Madam Chairman.

CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: Representative Ober.

REP. OBER: To piggy-back on the question, which is good, we had a bill last biennium. Representative Baldasaro worked with us to put \$25,000 into the scholarship fund. We put that into the budget and that was done as an operating budget line item and that may be what you were thinking of. Thank you.

CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: Thank you. Further questions?

REP. GRAHAM: I guess that was not a question.

CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: I think that was a comment. Thank you for clarifying. Thank you very much. Representative Baldasaro.

AL BALDASARO, State Representative, Rockingham County, District #05: Thank you, Madam Chair, fellow Reps, real quick. I put down two minutes. I probably just need one. This here is just a housekeeping bill to fix the language. Years ago, they used to make a lot of money that went to scholarships here from the armories on renting them. The State Fire Marshal shut them down. I filed legislation the last few years and was putting this into play. Behind the scenes were Representative Ober and Leishman there. They gave 25 -- put 25,000 in the budget. Then the following year we had to come back because it was taken out or something happened. So then last term that we -- between the Finance Committee put this in as a line item number, because it's a retention tool for the National Guard. So all we're doing is cleaning it up because we cannot use the armories anymore to raise money and the language has no business being in the law. That's all this is. Thank you.

CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: Questions? Seeing none. Thank you very much. Warren Perry.

WARREN PERRY, Deputy Adjutant General, Adjutant General Department: Thank you, Madam Chair. For the record, Warren Perry, Deputy Adjutant General, New Hampshire National Guard and Adjutant General's Department. Again, we support the bill. This is, again, housekeeping language. The issue is that even if you don't pass this bill, any revenue that comes the Federal Law trumps it and we won't be able to use those revenues for the scholarship. So, really, that's what we want to do. And we'd like to clarify a little bit about the scholarship fund so there's some understanding about what we're doing here.

The scholarship fund is eligible to members in good standing of both the Air and Army National Guard of New Hampshire. The bill that you referenced, the bill that was referenced earlier that was sponsored by Bill Cook was -- there was another amendment to this statute. That amendment only allowed us to use those scholarship funds for other than degree programs. So, we expanded the language and the use of this scholarship for non-degree programs, licensure programs, books, lab fees, those kinds of things, so that we could fill gaps in the scholarship program that weren't being met by other postsecondary education financial assistance. So there was that.

There was a bill that was sponsored by Representative Baldasaro that added a line item to the budget that funded this. So both of those are not necessarily relevant to this particular legislation, but they did happen last year.

So last year we awarded about twenty -- we awarded 25 -- \$26,000 in scholarships to about 46 members of the National Guard. Three of them were awarded about a thousand dollars each for certificate and licensure programs outside of degree programs; 43 were awarded in degree programs primarily for books and fees, not for tuition. So most of the other postsecondary financial assistance that occurs, it rarely pays for tuition. So this -- this kind of fills those gaps in those places.

The average award for the degree program scholarships was about \$560. So, we divided that up and spread it as far as we could do to get after some of those book pieces.

Also, the scholarship fund you would note that I said more than \$25,000 which was the appropriation in the scholarship fund last year. You'll note I said 26. We also -- the statute also provides for when fines are given to the members of the National Guard through our non-judicial punishment, we use those funds to go pay -- to supplement the scholarship piece. In the last five years, we're averaging about \$500 a year in fines that are levied to members of the Guard.

So, we really support this bill. This -- it just cleans up the federal language. In the written testimony, you can see what Title 10, section -- I think it's 18236(c) says. I added the emphasis on the and because when we rent the facilities, the "and" means we have to take that money and put it back into the facility. So, we're just catching up with cleaning up the language there. Pending any questions that's --

CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: Thank you. Questions? Representative Danielson.

DAVID DANIELSON, State Representative, Hillsborough County, District #07: Thank you. Thank you, sir, for being here today, appreciate it very much, and your service as well. Who sets -- I have a couple of questions that are relative. Who sets the fees for renting?

DEPUTY ADJUTANT GENERAL PERRY: The fees there is an armory rental fee program. They're set by coordination between the State Adjutant General's Department and United States Property and Fiscal Officer. The fees are determined based on use. So, we're not -- it's not a revenue-generating piece. It's really to recoup operating costs for things like water, electricity, heat, snow removal, toilet paper, paper towels, those kinds of things and generally the rental fees are modest. For example, at Edward Cross Training Center you can rent the three bay multi-purpose room for about \$90 a day.

REP. DANIELSON: Follow-up.

CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: Yes.

REP. DANIELSON: If you -- if you were to have a charity who would ask to use that facility for a fund-raiser, how would you address that?

DEPUTY ADJUTANT GENERAL PERRY: So, fund-raising is prohibited in those buildings. The charity could use them but not for the purpose of fund-raising in a military building.

REP. DANIELSON: Last question.

CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: Yes.

REP. DANIELSON: There's -- I think as I drive through the state, I think there's a number of former armories, former facilities that appear to be mothballed to some degree or another. My question is, if they are mothballed, standing fairly idle, is there any intent to use those or what if someone could come and say I think I want to use that facility for this particular use.

DEPUTY ADJUTANT GENERAL PERRY: So, it depends on the facility. So the facilities until they -- until the terms of the deed for transfer are met. So, for example, we recently transferred the Armory in Keene back to the City of Keene. It was being used by the Fire Department there, you know, very economically. I think about a thousand dollars a month they were renting the facility.

The revisionary, when we decided that there was no longer a use for the National Guard, we -- we decided to divest ourselves of that property. The original deed said when it was no longer being used as a Readiness Center or an Armory, it reverted back to the control of the town. So -- so if it appears that something's mothballed, it's probably not. If there's a use or somebody who wants to use it and we still own it, we have a policy to address that. And you can reach out to our business office, and I can put you in touch with those folks and they can use it; but the divesting depends on each deed. So in Berlin there is no revisionary clause or in Plymouth there's no revisionary clause. So, when we're done using it, it becomes State property and we have to, you know, with the approval of generally the General Court or the Executive Branch, we have to divest of that in accordance with those procedures.

So -- and we will -- we will be doing some divesting over the course of the next three years. None of that is in concrete yet. We're still trying to figure that out. But each deed is different. But if we still own the property and somebody wants

to use it, you know, as long as it's not for fund-raising or any other prohibited activity, we'd be happy to allow them to use it.

REP. DANIELSON: Excellent. Thank you. Thank you.

CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: Further question? Seeing none. Thank you very much for your testimony. And the final card is Kevin Grady.

KEVIN GRADY, Hooksett, NH: Thank you, Madam Chair, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Committee. For the record, my name is Kevin Grady. I've lived in Hooksett, New Hampshire, for the last 20 years after retiring from 25 years of service in our Air Force. Today, I'm here representing the -- the 19 members of -- of the 19-member organizations of the State Veterans Advisory Committee. For those of you who may be unfamiliar with what we do, we are commissioned by State RSA to essentially speak for the veteran community. And one of those tasks that comes to us is to look at all of the bills, there's 1115 of them so far, and determine which ones we think have veteran impact. and the ones that do have veteran impact, we try and send somebody, principally me, to tell you what we think about that.

In the interest of full disclosure, we did discuss this at our 9 January meeting, but we had just gotten the language from it, and we were told this is just a change to clean it up and make it in accordance with Title 10 of U.S. law, and so on these kinds of things we support these. The mood was supportive of this thing; but our formal vote for this thing will actually take place at our 5 February meeting. So, we will support this legislation going forward. It's just a question of dotting the I's and crossing the T's on doing that.

And the names of the folks that on our Committee are names that should be familiar to you. Things like the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign War, the Disabled American Veterans, representatives from each of the various services, the Air Force, the Army, the Navy, the Marine Corps, those kinds of organizations for those of you that might be unfamiliar with

what we do. That's all I wanted to do is sort of introduce and say that we will support this on our 5 February meeting.

CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: Any questions of Mr. Grady? Seeing none. Thank you very much for your testimony.

MR. GRADY: Thank you.

CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: That's the final card that I had. I'll read from the blue sheet. In favor; Representative Dick Hinch, Representative Glen Aldrich, Representative Mark Pearson, Representative Steve Pearson, Senator Bob Giuda, Senator Lou D'Allesandro, Warren Perry, David Mikolaities, and Representative Al Baldasaro. Thank you very much and the hearing is closed.

(The hearing closed at 11:22 a.m.)

CERTIFICATION

I, Cecelia A. Trask, a Licensed Court Reporter-Shorthand, do hereby certify that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate transcript from my shorthand notes taken on said date to the best of my ability, skill, knowledge and judgment.

Cecelia A. Trask

Cecelia A. Trask, LSR, RMR, CRR
State of New Hampshire
License No. 47



Fill in ONLY if SPEAKING on Bill

Bill # HB 225 Date 1/17/19

Committee Finance

I support the bill

I oppose the bill

I have written testimony

(Number of copies)

Time needed to speak: 5 min

Name Rep John Gruber

Address Redford

Phone

Representing Hills 7

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Fill in ONLY if SPEAKING on Bill

Bill # 225 Date 1/17/19

Committee Finance

I support the bill

I oppose the bill

I have written testimony

(Number of copies)

Time needed to speak: 2 mins

Name Rep Al Baldasaro

Address

Phone

Representing Londonderry

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Fill in ONLY if SPEAKING on Bill

Bill # HB 225 Date 1/17

Committee FINANCE

I support the bill

I oppose the bill

I have written testimony

(Number of copies)

Time needed to speak: 5 MIN

Name WARREN PEERY

Address 4 PEMBROKE RD
CONCORD NH

Phone 225-1302

Representing RHNG

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Fill in ONLY if SPEAKING on Bill

Bill # HB 225 Date 17 Jan 19

Committee Finance

I support the bill

I oppose the bill

I have written testimony

(Number of copies)

Time needed to speak: 2 mins

Name Kevin Grady

Address 140 Hackett Hill Road
Hooksett, NH 03106

Phone 603-268-0912

Representing State Veterans Advisory
Committee

Testimony

January 15, 2019

To the Honorable Members Finance Committee,

I am writing in support of House Bill 225 that, when passed, will bring RSA 110-B:61 into compliance with Title 10 U.S.C. Section 18236 (c) which permits the use of National Guard facilities under leases and other agreements as long as the amounts received are applied to the cost of maintaining those facilities. Specifically section 18236 (c) states:

If a State acquires, constructs, expands, rehabilitates, or converts a facility with amounts contributed under section 18233 of this title, it may:

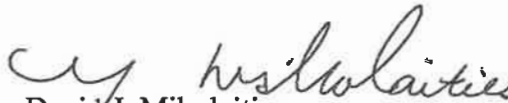
(1) Permit persons or organizations other than members and units of the armed forces to use the facility under such leases or other agreements as it considers appropriate; **and (emphasis added)**

(2) Apply amounts received under those leases or agreements to the cost of maintaining the facility.

There will be no adverse fiscal impact to the Adjutant General's Department as the amounts received will now be used for facility maintenance instead of scholarships. The amounts received in the last 3 fiscal years were \$5284.00, \$823.00 and \$1743.00. As of 2018, the NH National Guard Scholarship is provided for in the statute by an annual appropriation as determined by the General Court and is supplemented by fines collected in accordance with 110-B:55. For the last 5 years, fines collected have averaged \$512.00. In fiscal years 18 and 19, the General Court appropriated \$50,000.00 (25K in each year).

In closing, the Adjutant General's Department fully supports the passage of House Bill 225. Thank you for your favorable consideration.

Respectfully,



David J. Mikolaities
Major General, NH National Guard
The Adjutant General

As

Introduced

HB 225 - AS INTRODUCED

2019 SESSION

19-0338
01/05

HOUSE BILL **225**

AN ACT relative to the National Guard Scholarship Fund.

SPONSORS: Rep. Graham, Hills. 7; Rep. Baldasaro, Rock. 5; Sen. Giuda, Dist 2; Sen. D'Allesandro, Dist 20; Sen. Bradley, Dist 3

COMMITTEE: Finance

ANALYSIS

This bill clarifies revenues available to the national guard scholarship fund.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in *bold italics*.
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Nineteen

AN ACT relative to the National Guard Scholarship Fund.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 National Guard Scholarship Fund; Revenue for Scholarship Fund. Amend RSA 110-B:61 to
2 read as follows:

3 110-B:61 Revenue for Scholarship Fund. [~~All revenue received from sources other than~~
4 ~~governmental agencies during any fiscal year from the rental of all national guard armories in this~~
5 ~~state shall be credited by the state treasurer to the New Hampshire national guard scholarship fund~~
6 ~~as established in RSA 110 B:60. Revenues for~~] The national guard scholarship fund shall [~~include~~
7 ~~an~~] **consist of an** annual appropriation, as determined by the general court, to be awarded by the
8 scholarship committee under this subdivision.

9 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.