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SUMMARY

- Permits an Ohio National Guard scholarship recipient who failed to complete their term of National Guard enlistment due to joining the U.S. armed forces to defer scholarship repayment until the earlier of the completion of their service or ten years.
- Releases a scholarship recipient from liability to repay the scholarship after completing their service in the U.S. armed forces if they return to the Ohio National Guard to serve the remainder of the enlistment required for the scholarship within ten years after their enlistment, warrant, commission, or appointment to the armed forces.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Under continuing law, an Ohio National Guard scholarship recipient is liable to repay a prorated amount of the scholarship if the recipient fails to complete the term of National Guard enlistment, re-enlistment, or extension of enlistment that the recipient was serving at the time the scholarship was received.

The bill permits a scholarship recipient who is liable for repayment due to enlistment, warrant, commission, or appointment to an active duty or reserve component of the U.S. armed forces to defer repayment of the scholarship until either the completion of their armed forces service or ten years after the enlistment, warrant, commission, or appointment, whichever occurs first.

Under the bill, such a scholarship recipient is no longer liable to repay the scholarship if all of the following occur:

1. Less than ten years have passed since the recipient's enlistment, warrant, commission, or appointment to an active duty or reserve component of the U.S. armed forces;
2. The recipient has completed their terms of service to the U.S. armed forces; and

3. The recipient returns to the Ohio National Guard and serves for the remainder of the duration of the enlistment required under the scholarship.[1]

HISTORY

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[1] R.C. 5919.34(G).