



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB5380

Introduced 2/10/2026, by Rep. Dan Swanson

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 1805/22-9.2 new

Amends the Military Code of Illinois. Provides that the Department of Military Affairs has the authority to make grants from the Military Affairs Trust Fund for the purpose of incentivizing recruitment into the Illinois National Guard. Provides that the Joint Enlistment Enhancement Program (JEEP) is established for the purpose of increasing recruitment through peer-to-peer referrals, fostering esprit de corps, and promoting cross-component cooperation between the Illinois Army National Guard and the Illinois Air National Guard. Permits the Department to provide grants under the JEEP program to current members of the Illinois National Guard who are not assigned as recruiters, are in good standing, and serve as JEEP lead generators by supporting or facilitating the enlistment or accession of soldiers or airmen into the Illinois National Guard. Requires the State Treasurer to accept and deposit into the Military Affairs Trust Fund all gifts, grants, transfers, appropriations, and other funds from any lawful public or private source that are designated for deposit into the Fund. Requires the Department to establish eligibility criteria, grant conditions, and administrative requirements for the JEEP program by rule.

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1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Military Code of Illinois is amended by  
5 adding Section 22-9.2 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 1805/22-9.2 new)

7 Sec. 22-9.2. Joint Enlistment Enhancement Program (JEEP).

8 (a) The Department of Military Affairs has the authority  
9 to make grants from the Military Affairs Trust Fund for the  
10 purpose of incentivizing recruitment into the Illinois  
11 National Guard. The Joint Enlistment Enhancement Program  
12 (JEEP) is established for the purpose of increasing  
13 recruitment through peer-to-peer referrals, fostering esprit  
14 de corps, and promoting cross-component cooperation between  
15 the Illinois Army National Guard and the Illinois Air National  
16 Guard. Under the JEEP program, the Department of Military  
17 Affairs may provide grants to current members of the Illinois  
18 National Guard who are not assigned as recruiters, are in good  
19 standing, and serve as JEEP lead generators by supporting or  
20 facilitating the enlistment or accession of soldiers or airmen  
21 into the Illinois National Guard.

22 (b) In addition to amounts transferred into the Military  
23 Affairs Trust Fund by appropriation, the State Treasurer shall

1 accept and deposit into the Fund all gifts, grants, transfers,  
2 appropriations, and other funds from any lawful public or  
3 private source that are designated for deposit into the Fund.

4 (c) The Department of Military Affairs shall establish  
5 eligibility criteria, grant conditions, and administrative  
6 requirements for the JEEP program by rule.