

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.