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HOUSE BILL 15-1052

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY TO RECEIVE A GRANT FROM THE MILITARY
102 FAMILY RELIEF FUND.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

Under current law, to be eligible to receive a grant from the military family relief fund, a member of the Colorado National Guard or a reservist must be on active military duty for a minimum of 30 days on involuntary mobilization orders or called to state active duty by executive order of the governor.

The bill removes the requirement that the member's or reservist's

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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mobilization orders must be involuntary.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 28-3-1501 as
3 follows:

4 **28-3-1501. Legislative declaration.** The general assembly hereby
5 finds and declares that, due to the many ~~involuntary~~ mobilizations
6 subsequent to the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, many families of
7 Colorado National Guard members and reservists face financial hardships
8 when the National Guard member or reservist is called to active military
9 duty or state active duty because the military pay of a soldier is often far
10 less than his or her civilian salary. Because private companies often do
11 not make up the difference in salary, military families may see a
12 significant drop in household income while a family member is away on
13 active military duty or state active duty. In addition, active duty military
14 personnel and their families encounter additional hardships when the
15 active duty member is deployed to zones in which he or she will
16 encounter hostile fire. Many families of Colorado National Guard
17 members, reservists, and active duty military personnel also face
18 additional expenses caused by a long family separation. The general
19 assembly further finds and declares that grants from the military family
20 relief fund are intended to help families defray the costs of food, housing,
21 utilities, medical services, and other expenses that may be difficult to
22 afford when a family member leaves civilian employment for active
23 military duty, is on active military duty in a hostile fire zone, or is called
24 to state active duty by executive order of the governor.

25 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 28-3-1503, **amend**

1 (2) (a) as follows:

2 **28-3-1503. Administration of moneys.** (2) A member of the
3 Colorado National Guard or a reservist shall meet the following
4 requirements to be eligible to receive a grant from the fund:

5 (a) The National Guard member or reservist is currently on active
6 military duty for a minimum of thirty days on ~~involuntary~~ mobilization
7 orders PURSUANT TO TITLE 10 OF THE UNITED STATE CODE or is called to
8 state active duty by executive order of the governor.

9 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
10 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
11 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
12 5, 2015, if adjournment sine die is on May 6, 2015); except that, if a
13 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
14 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
15 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
16 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
17 November 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
18 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.