



# State of Tennessee

## PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 483

### HOUSE BILL NO. 479

**By Representatives Gary Hicks, Russell, Moon, Sherrell, Warner, McCalmon, Eldridge, Faison, Terry, Reedy, Haston, Helton-Haynes, Miller, Wright, Davis, Littleton, Parkinson, Cepicky, Shaw, Doggett, Marsh, Hawk, White, Alexander, Camper**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 530**

**By Senators Stevens, Akbari, Bowling, Bailey, Crowe, Gardenhire, Hatcher, Jackson, Lowe, Walley, Reeves, Southerland**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 58, Chapter 1, Part 2, relative to the "Tennessee National Guard Servicemember's Medical Readiness Act."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 58, Chapter 1, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) This section is known and may be cited as the "Tennessee National Guard Servicemember's Medical Readiness Act."

(b) The Tennessee national guard TRICARE premium reimbursement program is created within the military department.

(c) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires, "eligible recipient" means an individual who is:

(1) A member of the Tennessee national guard;

(2) Eligible for TRICARE reserve select or TRICARE dental program coverage; and

(3) Not receiving health or dental insurance coverage through a civilian employer.

(d) The military department may award reimbursement grants to an eligible recipient who meets the reimbursement application requirements established by the adjutant general for reimbursement of one (1) or both of the following:

(1) A premium paid for individual coverage for an eligible recipient through the TRICARE reserve select program; or

(2) A premium paid for individual coverage for an eligible recipient through the TRICARE dental program.

(e) If any portion of the premiums eligible for reimbursement in this section are later paid for, reimbursed, or otherwise provided to an eligible recipient by the federal government, then that portion shall cease to be reimbursed by the TRICARE premium reimbursement program established in this section.

(f) The adjutant general shall adopt and publish written policies and guidelines to effectuate the purposes of this section.

SECTION 2. This act is not an appropriation of funds, and funds must not be obligated or expended pursuant to this act unless the funds are specifically appropriated by the general appropriations act.


SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2025, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 22, 2025



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May 2025



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR