

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 120

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SYNOPSIS

Urges Congress to pass legislation empowering and enhancing National Guard.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** urging the Congress of the United
2 States to pass legislation to empower and enhance the role of the
3 National Guard.

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5 **WHEREAS**, Members of the National Guard have seen active duty
6 service in unprecedented numbers during the past 11 years in the
7 fight against terrorism in both Iraq and Afghanistan, providing 40
8 percent to 50 percent of the United States Armed Forces on the
9 ground; and

10 **WHEREAS**, The rolls of both those who have died in these battles and
11 those who have sustained grievous physical and mental wounds
12 include thousands of members of the National Guard, yet the
13 leaders of the National Guard have no say in final decisions in
14 terms of manpower and funding that affects the National Guard
15 troops; and

16 **WHEREAS**, The “National Guard Empowerment and State-National
17 Defense Integration Act of 2011,” Senate Bill 1025, enhances the
18 national defense through empowerment of the National Guard, the
19 enhancement of the functions of the National Guard Bureau, and its
20 improvement of Federal-State military coordination in response to
21 domestic emergencies; and

22 **WHEREAS**, This legislation provides that the National Guard’s senior
23 officer would have full membership on the Joint Chiefs of Staff,
24 that the rank of senior National Guard officers would be elevated,
25 and that funding for the National Guard would be stabilized; and

26 **WHEREAS**, “The National Guard Empowerment and State-National
27 Defense Integration Act of 2011” establishes a framework to
28 formalize the working relationship between the States, the U.S.
29 Northern Command, and other combatant commands, and also
30 allocates federal military assets during domestic missions; and

31 **WHEREAS**, It is time to give voice to those members of the National
32 Guard who are serving on the front lines to defend this country
33 from those who desire our destruction; now, therefore,

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35 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the General Assembly of the State of New*
36 *Jersey:*

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38 1. This House urges Congress to pass the “National Guard
39 Empowerment and State-National Defense Integration Act of
40 2011,” to empower and enhance the role of the National Guard.

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42 2. Copies of this Assembly resolution, as filed with the
43 Secretary of State, shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General
44 Assembly to the President and Vice President of the United States,
45 the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate, the
46 Speaker and Minority Leader of the United States House of
47 Representatives, and each member of Congress elected from this
48 State.

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This Assembly resolution urges Congress to pass the “National Guard Empowerment and State-National Defense Integration Act of 2011.” This federal legislation authorizes the additional appropriation of funds for Fiscal Year 2012 for personnel, training, operation and maintenance of the National Guard. The purpose of this federal legislation is to enhance the national defense through empowerment of the National Guard, enhancement of the functions of the National Guard, and improvement of Federal-State military coordination in response to domestic emergencies. The legislation also provides for the membership of the Chief of the National Guard Bureau on the Joint Chiefs of Staff, stabilizes funding for National Guard domestic missions, provides more transparency in equipment procurement, and requires the Pentagon to assess the cost savings and feasibility of shifting more responsibility for the nation’s defense to the reserve components of the Armed Forces.