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I respect and support Missourians who serve.

That is exactly why I oppose HB 2593 unless it is amended to protect the public, protect Guard members, and protect civil liberties.

First: Civil liberties must be protected in fact, not just in slogans.

HB 2593 expands the National Guard’s role into civilian cybersecurity through broad “aid” agreements. Even with consent language, this bill does not clearly require written, specific, time-limited consent, does not prohibit data retention or secondary use, and does not require independent audits. When government acquires new technical capability, the public deserves enforceable guardrails—not trust-me language.

Second: transparency is not optional.

The bill repeatedly permits internal operating regulations that need not be published under Chapter 536. If a program is funded, administered, or enforced by the state, Missourians should be able to find the governing rules online, in plain view, without making special requests.

Third: honor service without writing blank checks.

The educational assistance provisions appear to remove GI Bill benefits from the offset calculation for tuition/fee waivers—potentially shifting costs to taxpayers and institutions and undermining accountability. Supporting troops is righteous. Forgetting fiscal discipline is not.

Fourth: do not build debt traps into “benefits.”

Requiring repayment when a Guard member’s status changes mid-term (outside narrow exceptions) risks punishing people for life events—exactly the opposite of what “military family relief” and “support” should mean.

For these reasons, I urge the committee to hold HB 2593 or amend it to include strict civil-liberty guardrails, real transparency requirements, and fiscally responsible education-benefit coordination.

A statute cannot convert unconstitutional conduct into constitutional conduct merely by declaring it

**lawful. Rights do not disappear by legislative redefinition.**

**-Rev. Sarah M. Berry**



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**This Bill needs some work and refining. Are there duplication of Services, Programs and Awards? The Fiscal Note is very confusing and not telling the truth picture of actual costs to the State. I have many questions.**



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