

A bill for an act

relating to the military; requiring a report on participation by Minnesota in the National Guard Youth Challenge Program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **NATIONAL GUARD YOUTH CHALLENGE PROGRAM STUDY.**

The adjutant general and the Department of Military Affairs shall study participation by the Minnesota National Guard in the National Guard Youth Challenge Program promoted by the National Guard Youth Foundation. The adjutant general shall report on the study and make recommendations to the governor and the committees of the senate and the house of representatives with jurisdiction over National Guard programs by January 15, 2009. The study must include:

(1) possible locations for the Minnesota National Guard Youth Challenge Program;

(2) estimated start-up costs for the program;

(3) application and establishment procedures and resources required to apply for and establish the program; and

(4) a survey of similar programs established in other states and how each state comes up with the state match required to obtain federal funds.