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MEMORANDUM FOR the ARNG Education and Incentives Personnel of all States, Puerto Rico, The Virgin Islands, Guam and the District of Columbia.

SUBJECT: ARNG Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) Kicker Program policy amendment for "College First" Kicker

1. Background. The ARNG "College First" Enlistment Option policy memorandum (NGB-ARH Policy Memo # 06-028), paragraph 2, section VIII 3-43(c), dated 25 April 2006, states, "I understand that I may volunteer for deployment, and that my volunteering will place my performance in the College First program on hold for the duration of the deployment, and that there will be no penalty for volunteering for deployment."

2. Discussion. The ARNG MGIB Kicker Program policy memorandum (NGB-ARM Policy # 07-12) dated 20 August 2007, paragraph 5c(4) states, "College First" enlistees who fail to remain a student in good standing during their contract period will have their ARNG MGIB Kicker lowered to the \$200 rate."

3. Policy Amendment. In order to ensure Soldiers who have contracted for a College First Kicker are not penalized for volunteering for a deployment, and to also lessen the administrative burden on State GI Bill Managers, paragraph 5c(4) (NGB-ARM Policy # 07-12) is amended by adding the following,

"..., with the exception of enlistees who volunteer for a deployment. Such enlistees will retain their \$350 College First Kicker rate during their deployment. Failure to become a student in good standing upon returning from the deployment and throughout the remainder of their contract period, as defined by Strength Maintenance Operations Message # 07-149, will result in lowering the College First Kicker rate to \$200."

4. POC for this message is MAJ Troy M. Gipps, GI Bill Programs Manager, COMM: (501) 212-4962, DSN: 962-4962 or email at troy.gipps@us.army.mil.

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