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To amend title 32, United States Code, to authorize members and units of the National Guard to conduct and participate in athletic competitions and small arms competitions in conjunction with required training, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 3, 2001

Mr. BEREUTER (for himself and Mr. LANGEVIN) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. PREPARATION FOR, PARTICIPATION IN, AND**
2 **CONDUCT OF ATHLETIC COMPETITIONS BY**
3 **THE NATIONAL GUARD AND MEMBERS OF**
4 **THE NATIONAL GUARD.**

5 (a) **EXPANSION OF EXISTING AUTHORITY.**—Sub-
6 section (a) of section 504 of title 32, United States Code,
7 is amended by striking paragraph (3) and inserting the
8 following new paragraph:

9 “(3) prepare for and participate in a qualifying
10 athletic competition or a small arms competition.”.

11 (b) **COMPETITIONS IN CONJUNCTION WITH TRAIN-**
12 **ING.**—Such section is further amended by adding at the
13 end the following new subsection:

14 “(c) **CONDUCT OF AND PARTICIPATION IN COMPETI-**
15 **TIONS IN CONJUNCTION WITH TRAINING.**—(1) Members
16 and units of the National Guard may conduct and compete
17 in a qualifying athletic competition or a small arms com-
18 petition in conjunction with training required under this
19 chapter in any case in which—

20 “(A) the conduct of or participation in the com-
21 petition does not adversely affect the quality of that
22 training or otherwise interfere with the ability of a
23 member or unit of the National Guard to perform
24 the military functions of the member or unit;

1 “(B) National Guard personnel will enhance
2 their military skills as a result of conducting or par-
3 ticipating in the competition; and

4 “(C) the conduct of or participation in the com-
5 petition will not result in a significant increase in
6 the cost of the training.

7 “(2) Facilities and equipment of the National Guard,
8 including military property and vehicles described in sec-
9 tion 508(c) of this title, may be used in connection with
10 the conduct of or participation in a qualifying athletic
11 competition or a small arms competition under paragraph
12 (1).”.

13 (c) OTHER MATTERS.—Such section is further
14 amended by adding after subsection (c), as added by sub-
15 section (b) of this section, the following new subsections:

16 “(d) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Subject to such lim-
17 itations as may be enacted in appropriations Acts,
18 amounts appropriated for the National Guard may be
19 used to cover—

20 “(1) the costs of conducting or participating in
21 a qualifying athletic competition or a small arms
22 competition under subsection (c); and

23 “(2) the expenses of members of the National
24 Guard under subsection (a)(3), including expenses of

1 attendance and participation fees, travel, per diem,
2 clothing, equipment, and related expenses.

3 “(e) QUALIFYING ATHLETIC COMPETITION DE-
4 FINED.—In this section, the term ‘qualifying athletic com-
5 petition’ means a competition in athletic events that re-
6 quire skills relevant to military duties or involve aspects
7 of physical fitness that are evaluated by the armed forces
8 in determining whether a member of the National Guard
9 is fit for military duty.”

10 (d) STYLISTIC AMENDMENTS.—Such section is fur-
11 ther amended—

12 (1) in subsection (a), by inserting “AUTHOR-
13 IZED ACTIVITIES.—” after “(a)”; and

14 (2) in subsection (b), by inserting “AUTHOR-
15 IZED LOCATIONS.—” after “(b)”.

16 (e) CONFORMING AND CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

17 (1) The heading of such section is amended to read as
18 follows:

19 “§ 504. National Guard schools; small arms competi-
20 tions; athletic competitions”.

21 (2) The item relating to section 504 in the table of
22 sections at the beginning of chapter 5 of that title is
23 amended to read as follows:

“504. National Guard schools; small arms competitions; athletic competitions.”.