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Editorial

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The role of the National Guard has changed over the years, so it makes sense to change educational benefits to reflect that.

Guard members are no longer weekend warriors. They now can be called up for extended foreign and domestic tours of duty.

Thanks to the Post-9/11 G.I. bill, those who have served overseas are eligible for educational benefits.

And thanks to U.S. Rep. Jason Altmire, D-4, McCandless, men and women in the Guard who have served domestically are now in the loop to qualify for these benefits. The House passed Altmire's legislation last week. The bill has been passed by the Senate.

When it becomes law, we hope members of the Guard take advantage of this opportunity.