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## OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 5294

### ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING SERVICE IN THE MILITIA.***

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill requires all citizens and state residents intending to become U.S. citizens, aged 18 to 45, be subject to state military duty, rather than just males. Current law permits females meeting these criteria to volunteer for state military duty.

The bill also makes a technical change to clarify that the National Guard includes the Army National Guard.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2026

#### **BACKGROUND**

##### ***Related Bill***

HB 5406, favorably reported by the Veterans' and Military Affairs Committee, contains an identical provision on the National Guard.

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Veterans' and Military Affairs Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 17    Nay 5    (03/10/2026)