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Inglis trying to get 1,660 war-bound Guardsmen a trip home

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Rep. Bob Inglis, R, has asked the House Armed Services panel to look into a prohibition of using federal funds to pay for the state's National Guardsmen to return home for a 10-day stint before they leave for Afghanistan next month, according to spokesman Inglis' Price Atkinson.


Inglis said a federal regulation that won't allow the soldiers to use federal funds for transportation while they are on "leave status." The soldiers want to visit their families before going into combat, he said.

The request is being directed to the panel's chairman, Ike Skelton, D-Mo., Atkinson said.

Inglis said there are planes available to transport an estimated 1,660 soldiers from the 218th Brigade Combat Team who are currently training at two camps: one in Mississippi, the other in Kansas.

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He said the trip would cost about \$110 per soldier.

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