
SENATE BILL 6370

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By Senators King, Eide, and Kohl-Welles

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1 AN ACT Relating to a tuition and fees exemption for children and
2 surviving spouses of certain highway workers; and amending RCW
3 28B.15.380.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.15.380 and 2012 c 229 s 703 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 Subject to the limitations of RCW 28B.15.910, the governing boards
8 of the state universities, the regional universities, and The Evergreen
9 State College shall exempt the following students from the payment of
10 all tuition fees and services and activities fees:

11 (1) Children of any law enforcement officer as defined in chapter
12 41.26 RCW, firefighter as defined in chapter 41.26 or 41.24 RCW,
13 highway worker, or Washington state patrol officer who lost his or her
14 life or became totally disabled in the line of duty while employed by
15 any public law enforcement agency or full-time or volunteer fire
16 department in this state, or was a highway worker while employed by a
17 transportation agency: PROVIDED, That such persons may receive the
18 exemption only if they begin their course of study at a state-supported

1 college or university within ten years of their graduation from high
2 school; and

3 (2) Surviving spouses of any law enforcement officer as defined in
4 chapter 41.26 RCW, firefighter as defined in chapter 41.26 or 41.24
5 RCW, highway worker, or Washington state patrol officer who lost his or
6 her life or became totally disabled in the line of duty while employed
7 by any public law enforcement agency or full-time or volunteer fire
8 department in this state, or was a highway worker while employed by a
9 transportation agency.

10 (3) The governing boards of the state universities, the regional
11 universities, and The Evergreen State College shall report to the
12 education data center on the annual cost of tuition fees and services
13 and activities fees waived for surviving spouses and children under
14 this section. The education data center shall consolidate the reports
15 of the waived fees and annually report to the appropriate fiscal and
16 policy committees of the legislature.

17 (4) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this
18 section.

19 (a) "Highway worker" means:

20 (i) Any person who is an employee of a transportation agency and
21 who is actively employed as such;

22 (ii) Supervisory highway maintenance and construction personnel.

23 (b) "Transportation agency" means any agency, department, or
24 division of a municipal corporation, political subdivision, or other
25 unit of local government in this state, and any agency, department, or
26 division of state government, having as its primary function the
27 construction and maintenance of the highways and roads within the state
28 of Washington. Such an agency, department, or division is
29 distinguished from a transit agency having as one of its functions the
30 highway maintenance, including but not limited to the state department
31 of transportation. A transportation agency under this section does not
32 include a government contractor.

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