

SHB 2804 - H AMD 677

By Representative Haler

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 28B.15.380 and 2015 c 46 s 1 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

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

9 (1) Children of any law enforcement officer as defined in chapter
10 41.26 RCW, firefighter as defined in chapter 41.26 or 41.24 RCW,
11 highway worker, or Washington state patrol officer who lost his or
12 her life or became totally disabled in the line of duty while
13 employed by any public law enforcement agency or full-time or
14 volunteer fire department in this state, or was a highway worker
15 while either employed by a general contractor or subcontractor, on a
16 transportation project or employed by a transportation agency:
17 PROVIDED, That such persons may receive the exemption only if they
18 begin their course of study at a state-supported college or
19 university within ten years of their graduation from high school; and

20 (2) Surviving spouses of any law enforcement officer as defined
21 in chapter 41.26 RCW, firefighter as defined in chapter 41.26 or
22 41.24 RCW, highway worker, or Washington state patrol officer who
23 lost his or her life or became totally disabled in the line of duty
24 while employed by any public law enforcement agency or full-time or
25 volunteer fire department in this state, or was a highway worker
26 while either employed by a general contractor or subcontractor, on a
27 transportation project or employed by a transportation agency.

28 (3) The governing boards of the state universities, the regional
29 universities, and The Evergreen State College shall report to the
30 education data center on the annual cost of tuition fees and services
31 and activities fees waived for surviving spouses and children under
32 this section. The education data center shall consolidate the reports

1 of the waived fees and annually report to the appropriate fiscal and
2 policy committees of the legislature.

3 (4) As used in this section, "transportation agency" means any
4 agency, department, or division of a municipal corporation, political
5 subdivision, or other unit of local government in this state, and any
6 agency, department, or division of state government, having as its
7 primary function the construction and maintenance of the highways and
8 roads within the state of Washington. Such an agency, department, or
9 division is distinguished from a transit agency having as one of its
10 functions the highway maintenance, including but not limited to the
11 state department of transportation. A transportation agency under
12 this section does not include a government contractor."

13 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Removes the definition of "highway worker," and provides that children and spouses of highway workers who were killed or totally disabled in the line of duty may receive tuition waivers if the highway worker was either employed by a general contractor or subcontractor, on a transportation project, or employed by a transportation agency (as opposed to a public sector employee or construction trades worker).

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