
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2804

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By House Higher Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Haler, Clibborn, Moscoso, Stambaugh, Sawyer, Kochmar, Hickel, Zeiger, Ortiz-Self, Sells, Fitzgibbon, Farrell, Reykdal, Springer, Orwall, Muri, Santos, Pettigrew, Ormsby, Goodman, Stokesbary, Kilduff, Orcutt, Fey, Tarleton, Hayes, McBride, Morris, Stanford, Pollet, Frame, and Bergquist)

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1 AN ACT Relating to including highway workers employed on a
2 transportation project by a contractor in the tuition and fee
3 exemption for children and surviving spouses of highway workers; and
4 amending RCW 28B.15.380.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.15.380 and 2015 c 46 s 1 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

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

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

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

8 ~~(3))~~; and

9 (c) Surviving children and spouses of any highway worker who lost
10 his or her life or became totally disabled in the line of duty:
11 PROVIDED, That such children begin their course of study at a state-
12 supported college or university within ten years of their graduation
13 from high school. "Highway worker" means a public sector employee
14 employed by a transportation agency or a construction trades worker
15 employed by a general contractor or subcontractor, on a
16 transportation project.

17 (2) The governing boards of the state universities, the regional
18 universities, and The Evergreen State College shall report to the
19 education data center on the annual cost of tuition fees and services
20 and activities fees waived for surviving spouses and children under
21 this section. The education data center shall consolidate the reports
22 of the waived fees and annually report to the appropriate fiscal and
23 policy committees of the legislature.

24 (~~(4))~~ (3) As used in this section, "transportation agency"
25 means any agency, department, or division of a municipal corporation,
26 political subdivision, or other unit of local government in this
27 state, and any agency, department, or division of state government,
28 having as its primary function the construction and maintenance of
29 the highways and roads within the state of Washington. Such an
30 agency, department, or division is distinguished from a transit
31 agency having as one of its functions the highway maintenance,
32 including but not limited to the state department of transportation.
33 A transportation agency under this section does not include a
34 government contractor.

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