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By Representatives Dolan and Doglio

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

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

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

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

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

1        ~~((2))~~ (ii) Children of any public employee who lost his or her  
2 life or became totally disabled in the line of duty while employed by  
3 any agency as defined in RCW 41.06.020; and

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

11        (ii) Surviving spouses of any public employee who lost his or her  
12 life or became totally disabled in the line of duty while employed by  
13 any agency as defined in RCW 41.06.020.

14        ~~((3))~~ (2) The governing boards of the state universities, the  
15 regional universities, and The Evergreen State College shall report  
16 to the education data center on the annual cost of tuition fees and  
17 services and activities fees waived for surviving spouses and  
18 children under this section. The education data center shall  
19 consolidate the reports of the waived fees and annually report to the  
20 appropriate fiscal and policy committees of the legislature.

21        ~~((4))~~ (3) As used in this section, "transportation agency"  
22 means any agency, department, or division of a municipal corporation,  
23 political subdivision, or other unit of local government in this  
24 state, and any agency, department, or division of state government,  
25 having as its primary function the construction and maintenance of  
26 the highways and roads within the state of Washington. Such an  
27 agency, department, or division is distinguished from a transit  
28 agency having as one of its functions the highway maintenance,  
29 including but not limited to the state department of transportation.  
30 A transportation agency under this section does not include a  
31 government contractor.

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