

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0243

Firefighters-dependents' tuition.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Lubnau, Hinckley, Illoyay
and Simpson and Senator(s) Barrasso

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to firefighters; providing tuition free
2 post-secondary education for specified dependents of
3 firefighters who die in the line of duty; and providing for
4 an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 35-9-161 is created to read:

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Division 6

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Survivors' Benefits

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35-9-161. Free tuition and fees for education of

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survivors of deceased firefighters.

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1 The University of Wyoming and each community college shall
2 provide free tuition and fees for up to ten (10) semesters
3 for any person under the age of twenty-two (22) years who
4 is a surviving dependent of a paid or volunteer firefighter
5 who died while acting within the scope of his duties in the
6 service of a paid or volunteer fire department or district
7 located in Wyoming. Upon request of a person claiming
8 eligibility for free tuition under this section because of
9 the death of a parent or other person responsible for the
10 support of the person, the state fire marshal shall
11 determine whether the decedent was a firefighter in the
12 service of a paid or volunteer fire department or district
13 in Wyoming, whether the decedent died while acting within
14 the scope of his duties, the names of all his dependents
15 and, if qualified for free tuition under this section,
16 certify the name of the dependent to the University of
17 Wyoming and to each community college.

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19 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2005.

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