

SENATE FILE NO. SF0101

Emergency responders-dependent's tuition.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Aullman and Johnson and
Representative(s) Lubnau, Warren, Watt,
White and Zwonitzer

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to peace officers and emergency medical
2 technicians; providing tuition free post-secondary
3 education for specified dependents of peace officers and
4 emergency medical technicians who die in the line of duty;
5 providing for the applicability of the act; and providing
6 for an effective date.

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

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 7-2-108 and 33-36-114 are created to
11 read:

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13 **7-2-108. Free tuition and fees for education of**
14 **survivors of deceased peace officers.**

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1 (a) The University of Wyoming for up to ten (10)
2 semesters and each community college for up to a total of
3 six (6) semesters of study at the community college level
4 shall provide free tuition and fees for any person who is a
5 surviving dependent of a peace officer who has qualified
6 pursuant to W.S. 9-1-701 through 9-1-709 and who died while
7 acting within the scope of his duties in the service of a
8 law enforcement agency in the state. If the surviving
9 dependent first enrolls in a community college and then
10 transfers to another community college or the University of
11 Wyoming, the free tuition and fees shall continue until the
12 dependent has completed a cumulative total of ten (10)
13 semesters at the community college level and the
14 university, not to exceed six (6) semesters at the
15 community college level.

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17 (b) In order to qualify for the benefit under this
18 section, a person claiming eligibility for free tuition and
19 fees under this section shall be under twenty-two (22)
20 years of age at the time of the death of the parent or
21 other person responsible for the support of the applicant.
22 Upon application by a person claiming eligibility for free
23 tuition and fees under this section because of the death of
24 a parent or other person responsible for the support of the

1 person, the university or community college where the
2 person applied for enrollment shall:

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4 (i) Determine whether the decedent was an
5 individual specified in subsection (a) of this section;

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7 (ii) Determine whether the decedent died while
8 acting within the scope of his duties, and the names of all
9 his dependents; and

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11 (iii) Certify whether the person claiming
12 eligibility for free tuition and fees under this section is
13 qualified to receive free tuition and fees under this
14 section.

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16 (c) A person who had qualified for free tuition and
17 fees under subsection (b) of this section, shall be deemed
18 eligible for the free tuition and fees at any other
19 community college or the University of Wyoming up to the
20 maximum number of semesters of study allowed under
21 subsection (a) of this section, if the person transfers to
22 another institution specified in subsection (a) of this
23 section.

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1 **33-36-114. Free tuition and fees for education of**
2 **survivors of deceased emergency medical technicians.**

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4 (a) The University of Wyoming for up to ten (10)
5 semesters and each community college for up to a total of
6 six (6) semesters of study at the community college level
7 shall provide free tuition and fees for any person who is a
8 surviving dependent of a paid or volunteer emergency
9 medical technician who died while acting within the scope
10 of his duties in the service of a paid or volunteer
11 ambulance service located in Wyoming, when responding at
12 the request of a public agency to assist in a civil or
13 military emergency, or natural or human caused disaster.
14 If the surviving dependent first enrolls in a community
15 college and then transfers to another community college or
16 the University of Wyoming, the free tuition and fees shall
17 continue until the dependent has completed a cumulative
18 total of ten (10) semesters at the community college level
19 and the university, not to exceed six (6) semesters at the
20 community college level.

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22 (b) In order to qualify for the benefit under this
23 section, a person claiming eligibility for free tuition and
24 fees under this section shall be under twenty-two (22)

1 years of age at the time of the death of the parent or
2 other person responsible for the support of the applicant.
3 Upon application by a person claiming eligibility for free
4 tuition and fees under this section because of the death of
5 a parent or other person responsible for the support of the
6 person, the university or community college where the
7 person applied for enrollment shall:

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9 (i) Determine whether the decedent was an
10 individual specified in subsection (a) of this section;

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12 (ii) Determine whether the decedent died while
13 acting within the scope of his duties as specified in
14 subsection (a) of this section, and the names of all his
15 dependents; and

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17 (iii) Certify whether the person claiming
18 eligibility for free tuition and fees under this section is
19 qualified to receive free tuition and fees under this
20 section.

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22 (c) A person who had qualified for free tuition and
23 fees under subsection (b) of this section, shall be deemed
24 eligible for the free tuition and fees at any other

1 community college or the University of Wyoming up to the
2 maximum number of semesters of study allowed under
3 subsection (a) of this section, if the person transfers to
4 another institution specified in subsection (a) of this
5 section.

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7 **Section 2.** The provisions of section 1 of this act
8 shall apply only to surviving dependents of a peace officer
9 or emergency medical technician who dies on or after July
10 1, 2006, while acting within the scope of his duties as
11 specified in section 1 of this act.

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13 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2006.

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15 (END)