

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **79th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1993**
4 **By: Representative Shaver**

A Bill

HOUSE BILL

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 6-82-501, 6-82-503 AND 6-
9 82-504 TO PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS AT ARKANSAS UNIVERSITIES
10 AND COLLEGES FOR THE SPOUSE AND CHILDREN OF CERTAIN
11 ARKANSAS HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES
12 WHO ARE KILLED OR TOTALLY AND PERMANENTLY DISABLED IN THE
13 LINE OF DUTY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

16 "TO PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SPOUSE AND CHILDREN OF
17 CERTAIN HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES
18 KILLED OR DISABLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY."

20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 6-82-501 is hereby amended by adding at the
23 end thereof a new subdivision to read as follows:

24 "(4) State highway employee means any employee of the Arkansas State
25 Highway and Transportation Department who actively engages in highway
26 maintenance, construction, or traffic operations on the roadways and bridges
27 of the state highway system while the roadways and bridges are open for use by
28 the traveling public."

30 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 6-82-503 is hereby amended to read as follows:
31 "6-82-503. Entitlement.

32 (a) If any Arkansas law enforcement officer or full-time or volunteer
33 fireman or state highway employee suffers fatal injuries or wounds or becomes
34 permanently and totally disabled as a result of injuries or wounds which
35 occurred in the performance of a hazardous duty within the scope of his

1 employment or which occurred en route to a location where a hazardous
2 situation existed, his children and spouse shall be entitled to an eight-
3 semester scholarship without cost, exclusive of books, food, school supplies,
4 materials, and dues or fees for extracurricular activities at any state-
5 supported college or university of his choice within this state.

6 (b) Scholarship benefits shall not accrue under this subchapter to any
7 person if the wounds or injuries suffered by any law enforcement officer,
8 fireman or state highway employee are self-inflicted or whose death is self-
9 induced."

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11 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code 6-82-504 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 "6-82-504. Claims for permanent and total disability.

13 Any law enforcement officer or municipal fireman or state highway
14 employee claiming permanent and total disability under this subchapter shall
15 be qualified or disqualified for such claim by the Arkansas State Claims
16 Commission which shall have such jurisdiction and authority as is granted to
17 the commission under §§19-10-204 - 19-10-206 and 19-10-210."

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19 SECTION 4. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
20 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
21 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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23 SECTION 5. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
24 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
25 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
26 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
27 act are declared to be severable.

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29 SECTION 6. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
30 hereby repealed.

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