

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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1 State of Arkansas
2 86th General Assembly
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As Engrossed: H2/14/07

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1466

5 By: Representative Wood
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE LAW REGARDING THE
10 ENTITLEMENT TO A SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE CHILDREN AND
11 SPOUSE OF CERTAIN PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES IF THE
12 PUBLIC SERVICE RESULTS IN DEATH OR PERMANENT AND
13 TOTAL DISABILITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO CLARIFY THE LAW REGARDING THE
16 ENTITLEMENT TO A SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE
17 CHILDREN AND SPOUSE OF CERTAIN PUBLIC
18 SERVICE EMPLOYEES IF THE PUBLIC SERVICE
19 RESULTS IN DEATH OR PERMANENT AND TOTAL
20 DISABILITY.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-82-503(a), regarding entitlement to
27 scholarship for public service that results in death or permanent and total
28 disability, is amended to read as follows:

29 (a) If any Arkansas law enforcement officer, full-time or volunteer
30 fire fighter, state highway employee, state correction employee, Department
31 of Community Correction employee, state parks employee, teacher, or state
32 forestry employee suffers fatal injuries or wounds or becomes permanently and
33 totally disabled as a result of injuries or wounds which occurred in the
34 performance of a hazardous duty within the scope of his or her employment or
35 which occurred en route to or returning from a location where a hazardous



1 situation existed, his or her children and spouse shall be entitled to a
2 total of eight (8) semesters, or the equivalent thereof, of scholarship
3 awards without cost, exclusive of books, food, school supplies, materials,
4 and dues or fees for extracurricular activities, at any state-supported
5 college, university, or technical institute of his or her choice within this
6 state. Up to four (4) semesters, or the equivalent thereof, may be taken at a
7 technical institute.

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9 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
10 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that confusion exists regarding the
11 law and that people are being denied scholarships under Arkansas Code § 6-82-
12 503 because the public service employee was returning from a location where a
13 hazardous situation existed; that the risks that public service employees
14 take in the scope of going to and returning from hazardous situations are
15 equally high; and that this act is immediately necessary to ensure that
16 public service employees who risk their lives and health are treated equally.
17 Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being necessary for
18 the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become
19 effective on:

20 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

21 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
22 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
23 bill; or

24 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
25 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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27 /s/ Wood

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29 APPROVED: 2/28/2007