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A Bill

SENATE BILL

302

By: Senator Hoofman

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE §§6-82-503 AND 6-82-505 TO PROVIDE THAT SPOUSES OF ARKANSAS LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS OR FULL-TIME OR VOLUNTEER FIREMEN WHO ARE KILLED OR PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED WHILE PERFORMING DUTIES WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR CERTAIN EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code §6-82-503 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"6-82-503. Entitlement. (a) If any Arkansas law enforcement officer or full-time or volunteer fireman suffers fatal injuries or wounds or becomes permanently and totally disabled as a result of injuries or wounds which occurred in the performance of a hazardous duty within the scope of his employment or which occurred en route to a location where a hazardous situation existed, his children and spouse shall be entitled to an eight-semester scholarship without cost, exclusive of books, food, school supplies, materials, and dues or fees for extracurricular activities at any state-supported college or university of his choice within this state.

(b) Scholarship benefits shall not accrue under this subchapter to any person if the wounds or injuries suffered by any law enforcement officer are self-inflicted or whose death is self-induced."

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code §6-82-505 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"6-82-505. Limits for scholarship. (a) No child will be entitled to receive benefits under this subchapter during any semester or quarter when the child has reached the age of twenty-three (23) years on or before the first day of the semester or quarter.

(b) No spouse will be eligible for the education benefit if he or she

remarries. The benefit will cease at the end of the semester at which the spouse is currently enrolled at the time of the marriage."

SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.