

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to law as it existed prior to the 82nd General Assembly.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1651

5 By: Representatives Shoffner, French, House, Horn, Agee
6 By: Senator Critcher
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For An Act To Be Entitled

10 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 21-5-703 TO ALLOW
11 CERTAIN CHILDREN OF DECEASED OR DISABLED LAW
12 ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS;
13 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. "

Subtitle

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16 TO ALLOW CERTAIN CHILDREN OF DECEASED OR
17 DISABLED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO
18 RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS. "
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 21-5-703(d) is amended to read as follows:

25 "*(d) The surviving child of any ~~State Police employee or State Highway~~*
26 *and Transportation Department employee or law enforcement officer who died or*
27 *became totally disabled as described in § 6-82-503 prior to January 1, 1997,*
28 *is entitled to educational benefits under § 6-82-501, et seq., if (1) the*
29 *claim is filed prior to the child's twenty-first birthday; (2) the child would*
30 *have been entitled to the benefits had the parent's death or disability*
31 *occurred after August 1, 1997; and (3) the claim is filed within thirty (30)*
32 *calendar days after ~~August 1, 1997~~ the effective date of this 1999 act."*
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34 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
35 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
36 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

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 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the Eighty-second General Assembly that at least one dependent child of a disabled policeman who would have been entitled to scholarship benefits had application been made prior to August 31, 1997, but who was denied those benefits because the minor is just now graduating from high school; and whereas this act will allow that child to apply for the scholarship benefits provided for the children of totally disabled policemen; and whereas unless this emergency clause is adopted this act will not be in effect until after the beginning of the fall college semester. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall become effective on the date of its approval by the Governor. If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall become effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, it shall become effective on the date the last house overrides the veto.

/s/ Shoffner, et al