

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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# 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  
36 situation existed, his or her children and spouse shall be entitled to a



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

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

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

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

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

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26 /s/ Wood  
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