

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1506

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Walker and Wright of the
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and

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An Act relating to higher education; creating the Sean Skelley and Shane Gilmore Act; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 3218.7, as amended by Section 8, Chapter 399, O.S.L. 2002 (70 O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 3218.7), which relates to waiver of tuition for children of certain professionals; clarifying language; adding waiver of tuition for children of emergency medical technicians killed in the line of duty; defining emergency medical technician; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3218.7a of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Sean Skelley and Shane Gilmore Act".

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 3218.7, as amended by Section 8, Chapter 399, O.S.L. 2002 (70 O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 3218.7), is amended to read as follows:

Section 3218.7 A. Within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, no resident tuition or nonresident tuition shall be charged to the ~~children~~:

1. Children of Oklahoma peace officers as defined by Section 648 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes who have given their lives in the line of duty ~~or to the children~~;

2. Children of Oklahoma firefighters who have given their lives in the line of duty. ~~Such waiver of resident tuition and nonresident tuition shall be limited to a period of five (5) years.~~

~~Such waiver of general enrollment fee, resident and nonresident tuitions shall also apply to the children;~~

3. Children of members of the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Retirement System who have given their lives in the line of duty or whose disability is by means of personal and traumatic injury of a catastrophic nature, as defined by Section 2-300 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes, and occurred in the line of duty; and

4. Children of Oklahoma emergency medical technicians who have given their lives in the line of duty.

B. Such waiver of resident tuition and nonresident tuition shall be limited to a period of five (5) years.

C. Such waiver of resident tuition or nonresident tuition to the children of deceased peace officers and to the children of deceased firefighters as provided for in this section shall be a service benefit of each Oklahoma peace officer and Oklahoma firefighter.

D. For purposes of this section, "firefighter":

1. "Firefighter" means a volunteer firefighter or a permanent salaried professional member of any fire department within the State of Oklahoma; and

2. "Emergency medical technician" means a person volunteering or employed as an emergency medical technician and who is licensed as an emergency medical technician pursuant to Section 1-2505 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2005.

SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the House of Representatives the 25th day of May, 2005.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 26th day of May, 2005.

Presiding Officer of the Senate