

THE STATE SENATE
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Committee Substitute for
ENGROSSED

House Bill No. 1506

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1506 - By: ROAN,
PIATT, HILLIARD, SHERRER, KIESEL and NATIONS of the House and
CRUTCHFIELD and CORN of the Senate.

[higher education - waiver of tuition for children of
certain professionals - adding waiver - effective date -
emergency]

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~~;

1 2. Children of Oklahoma firefighters who have given their lives
2 in the line of duty. ~~Such waiver of resident tuition and~~
3 ~~nonresident tuition shall be limited to a period of five (5) years.~~
4 ~~Such waiver of general enrollment fee, resident and nonresident~~
5 ~~tuitions shall also apply to the children;~~

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

11 4. Subject to the availability of funds, children of Oklahoma
12 emergency medical technicians who have given their lives in the line
13 of duty.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

13 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, dated 4-6-05 - DO
14 PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.