

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 1925

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8 (higher education - graduate or professional course
9 tuition grant program for members of the Oklahoma
10 National Guard - codification - effective date -
11 emergency)

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

16 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2640 of Title 70, unless there
18 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 A. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall
20 implement a program which provides for a grant of up to One Thousand
21 Dollars (\$1,000.00) per semester or a total of Two Thousand Dollars
22 (\$2,000.00) per year of graduate tuition or professional course fees
23 for a student who is a member of the Oklahoma National Guard and is
24 enrolled in a public higher education institution in the state or a

1 private or independent, not-for-profit college or university that is
2 domiciled within this state, meets approved program and
3 accreditation standards as determined by the State Regents, and is
4 fully accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North
5 Central Association on Colleges and Schools.

6 B. The State Regents shall implement policies and procedures
7 for administration of the program. The policies and procedures
8 shall establish eligibility requirements for the grant, establish
9 responsibilities of the institutions and the Oklahoma National
10 Guard, provide for the awarding of grants, and set requirements that
11 the student submit certain documents confirming eligibility and
12 status in the Oklahoma National Guard.

13 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2283 of Title 70, unless there
15 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 A. The dependent of a deceased serviceperson shall receive an
17 award to pay for tuition at public, private or independent, not-for-
18 profit colleges or universities that are domiciled within the State
19 of Oklahoma if the following factors are met:

20 1. The serviceperson died on or after January 1, 1985, while
21 actively serving in the Armed Forces of the United States of
22 America;

23 2. The serviceperson was a registered voter within the State of
24 Oklahoma at the time of death; and

1 3. The serviceperson timely filed an Oklahoma State Income Tax
2 return, and if applicable, paid state income taxes for the taxable
3 year preceding death and any taxes due for the taxable year in which
4 the serviceperson died.

5 B. The eligible dependent of a deceased serviceperson shall:

6 1. Be the spouse or child of the serviceperson;

7 2. Prove their relationship with the deceased serviceperson;

8 and

9 3. Satisfy the entrance and eligibility requirements imposed by
10 the institution of higher learning.

11 C. The award shall not exceed a period of more than four (4)
12 years from the first date of enrollment for eligible dependents.

13 D. The amount of award shall be equivalent to the amount of
14 tuition the dependent is required to pay, not to exceed Seven
15 Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00) per year, whichever amount
16 is less.

17 E. The eligible dependent need not be a resident of the State
18 of Oklahoma to receive the award.

19 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2007.

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

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