

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 386

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO SCHOLARSHIPS; AMENDING SECTION 33-4302, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE
2 PROVISIONS RELATING TO ELIGIBILITY OF A SCHOLARSHIP OF A SPOUSE OR
3 CHILD, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS RELATING TO ELIGIBILITY FOR A SCHOLAR-
4 SHIP FOR A CHILD OF A MILITARY MEMBER, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS RELATING
5 TO ELIGIBILITY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP FOR A SPOUSE OF A MILITARY MEMBER,
6 TO REVISE PROVISIONS RELATING TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO RECEIVES A SCHOL-
7 ARSHIP, TO REVISE PROVISIONS RELATING TO EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS,
8 TO REVISE TERMINOLOGY, TO REVISE PROVISIONS RELATING TO CERTAIN BENE-
9 FITS, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS RELATING TO AN APPROPRIATION, TO REVISE
10 PROVISIONS RELATING TO MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND TO PROVIDE FOR
11 RULES; AND AMENDING SECTION 33-4302A, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS
12 RELATING TO SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE SPOUSE OR CHILD OF A PUBLIC SAFETY OF-
13 FICER, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE ELIGIBILITY OF A CHILD
14 OF A PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE EL-
15 IGIBILITY OF A SPOUSE OF A PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER, TO REVISE PROVISIONS
16 RELATING TO CERTAIN BENEFITS, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS RELATING TO AN
17 APPROPRIATION, TO PROVIDE FOR RULES, TO REVISE TERMINOLOGY AND TO MAKE A
18 TECHNICAL CORRECTION.
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20 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

21 SECTION 1. That Section 33-4302, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
22 amended to read as follows:

23 33-4302. SCHOLARSHIPS -- STATE AID. (1) The following individuals
24 shall be eligible for the scholarship program provided for herein:

25 (a) Any dependent spouse or child of any Idaho citizen who is a resident
26 of the state of Idaho on or after the effective date of this act and who,
27 while such person is or was a resident of the state of Idaho, has been de-
28 termined by the federal government to be a prisoner of war or missing in
29 action; or to have died of, or become totally and permanently disabled
30 by, injuries or wounds sustained in action in southeast Asia, including
31 Korea, or in Iraq or in Afghanistan or who shall become so hereafter, in
32 any area of armed conflict in which the United States is a party; and

33 (b) Any dependent spouse or child of any member of the armed forces of
34 the United States who is stationed in the state of Idaho on military or-
35 ders and who is deployed from the state of Idaho to any area of armed
36 conflict in which the United States is a party and who has been deter-
37 mined by the federal government to be a prisoner of war or missing in ac-
38 tion; or to have died of, or become totally and permanently disabled by,
39 injuries or wounds sustained in action as a result of such deployment.
40 Provided further, that such dependent must be a resident of the state of
41 Idaho and must have completed secondary school or its equivalent in the
42 state of Idaho.

1 (2) (a) To be eligible for the scholarship provided for herein, a child
2 of a military member must be a resident of the state of Idaho and must
3 have completed secondary school or its equivalent in the state of Idaho.
4 A child already born, or born after a military member is determined to
5 be imprisoned or missing in action, or is killed or becomes totally and
6 permanently disabled, shall be eligible for this scholarship;

7 (b) To be eligible for the scholarship provided for herein, the spouse
8 of a military member must be a resident of the state of Idaho and must
9 have been married to such person at the time the military member was de-
10 termined to be imprisoned or missing in action, or was killed or became
11 totally and permanently disabled. Provided however, that in the situa-
12 tion of disability, the spouse must be currently married to such person.

13 (3) An eligible individual who applies for the scholarship provided for
14 herein shall, after verification of eligibility, receive the scholarship
15 and be admitted to attend undergraduate studies at any public institution
16 of higher education or public professional-technical college within the
17 state of Idaho without the necessity of paying tuition and fees therefor;
18 such student shall be provided with books, equipment and supplies necessary
19 for pursuit of such program of enrollment not to exceed five hundred dollars
20 (\$500) per quarter, semester, intensified semester, or like educational
21 period; such student shall be furnished on-campus housing and subsistence
22 for each month he or she is enrolled full-time under this program and ac-
23 tually resides in such on-campus facility; provided, however, that such
24 undergraduate educational benefits shall not exceed a total of thirty-six
25 (36) months or four (4) nine (9) month periods. Provided further, that the
26 initiation of such educational benefits shall extend for a period of ten
27 (10) years after achieving a high school diploma or its equivalency, or for a
28 period of ten (10) years after the event giving rise to the eligibility for
29 the scholarship, whichever is longer.

30 (34) The dependent eligible individual shall meet such other educa-
31 tional qualifications as such institution of higher education or profes-
32 sional-technical college has established for other prospective students
33 of this state, as well as any additional educational qualifications estab-
34 lished by the state board of education and board of regents of the university
35 of Idaho.

36 (45) Application for eligibility under this section shall be made to
37 the state board of education and the board of regents of the university of
38 Idaho or the state board of vocational-technical education. The board shall
39 verify the eligibility of the dependent applicant and communicate such el-
40 igibility to the dependent such person and the affected institution or col-
41 lege.

42 (56) Affected institutions shall in their preparation of future bud-
43 gets include therein costs resultant from such tuition, fee, book, equip-
44 ment, supply, housing and subsistence loss for reimbursement thereof from
45 appropriations of provide an eligible individual with the educational bene-
46 fits set forth in subsection (3) of this section. The legislature shall an-
47 nually appropriate state general funds to reimburse affected institutions
48 for all costs resultant from the educational benefits provided to an eligi-
49 ble individual under the provisions of this section.

1 (7) For the purposes of this section, a member of the armed forces of
 2 the United States is considered totally and permanently disabled if he or
 3 she is unable to perform with reasonable continuity the material duties of
 4 any gainful occupation for which he or she is reasonably fitted by education,
 5 training and experience at the time of application a current disability de-
 6 termination made by the United States social security administration is in
 7 effect with respect to such individual.

8 ~~(6) Applicants for the scholarship program herein prescribed shall~~
 9 ~~provide institutional administrative personnel with documentation of their~~
 10 ~~rights under this act.~~

11 (8) The state board of education and board of regents of the university
 12 of Idaho may adopt rules to implement and administer the scholarship program
 13 provided for in this section.

14 SECTION 2. That Section 33-4302A, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
 15 amended to read as follows:

16 33-4302A. PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER ~~DEPENDENT~~ SCHOLARSHIPS -- STATE
 17 AID. (1) Any ~~dependent~~ spouse or child of a full-time or part-time public
 18 safety officer, as defined in subsection ~~(56)~~ of this section, employed by
 19 or volunteering for the state of Idaho or for a political subdivision of the
 20 state of Idaho, which public safety officer is or was a resident of the state
 21 of Idaho at the time such officer was killed or totally and permanently dis-
 22 abled in the line of duty shall be admitted to attend undergraduate studies
 23 at any public institution of higher education or public professional-tech-
 24 nical college within the state of Idaho without the necessity of paying
 25 tuition and fees therefor. Said ~~dependents~~ persons shall be provided by the
 26 institution or college with books, equipment and supplies necessary for pur-
 27 suit of the ~~dependent's~~ person's chosen program of enrollment not to exceed
 28 the actual cost therefor, or five hundred dollars (\$500), whichever is less,
 29 per quarter, semester, intensified semester, or like education period. Said
 30 ~~dependent~~ person shall be provided with the institution or college's pub-
 31 lished normal on-campus residential facility housing and meals program for
 32 each month the ~~dependent~~ person is enrolled full time under this statute and
 33 continues to actually reside in such on-campus residential facility. Pro-
 34 vided however, that the undergraduate educational benefits provided for in
 35 this section shall not exceed a total of thirty-six (36) months or four (4)
 36 nine-month periods; provided further, that such educational benefits shall
 37 not extend beyond ten (10) years following the date the ~~dependent~~ person
 38 receives a high school diploma, a high school equivalency diploma, a special
 39 diploma or a certificate of high school completion, or beyond the date such
 40 ~~dependent~~ person turns thirty (30) years old, whichever comes first.

41 (2) (a) To be eligible for the scholarship provided for herein, a child
 42 of a public safety officer must be a resident of the state of Idaho and
 43 must have completed a secondary school or its equivalent in the state of
 44 Idaho. A child already born, or born after a public safety officer is
 45 killed or becomes totally and permanently disabled, shall be eligible
 46 for this scholarship.

47 (b) To be eligible for the scholarship provided for herein, the spouse
 48 of a public safety officer must be a resident of the state of Idaho and
 49 must have been married to such person at the time the public safety of-

1 ficer was killed or became totally and permanently disabled. Provided
 2 however, that in the situation of disability, the spouse must be cur-
 3 rently married to such person.

4 (3) The dependent eligible individual shall be required to meet the
 5 educational qualifications as such institution of higher education or pro-
 6 fessional-technical college as established for other prospective students
 7 of this state, as well as any additional educational qualifications estab-
 8 lished by the state board of education and board of regents of the university
 9 of Idaho. Application for eligibility under this section shall be made
 10 to the state board of education and board of regents of the University of
 11 Idaho. The board shall verify the eligibility of the dependent such person
 12 and communicate such eligibility to the dependent person and the affected
 13 institution or college.

14 (34) Affected institutions and colleges shall, in their preparation
 15 of future budgets, include therein costs resulting from such tuition, fees,
 16 housing, meals, books, equipment and supplies for reimbursement thereof
 17 from appropriations of provide an eligible individual with the educational
 18 benefits set forth in subsection (1) of this section. The legislature shall
 19 annually appropriate state general funds to reimburse affected institutions
 20 for all costs resultant from the educational benefits provided to an eligi-
 21 ble individual under the provisions of this section.

22 For the purposes of this section, a public safety officer employed by
 23 or volunteering for the state of Idaho or for a political subdivision of the
 24 state of Idaho is considered totally and permanently disabled if he or she
 25 is unable to perform with reasonable continuity the material duties of any
 26 gainful occupation for which he or she is reasonably fitted by education,
 27 training and experience at the time of application a current disability de-
 28 termination made by the United States social security administration is in
 29 effect with respect to such individual.

30 (45) The scholarships provided in this section shall be available for
 31 dependents the spouse or children of public safety officers who were killed
 32 or totally and permanently disabled in 1975 or thereafter.

33 (56) For purposes of this section:

34 (a) "Public safety officer" means a peace officer or firefighter, or
 35 a paramedic, emergency medical technician or first responder as those
 36 terms are defined in section 56-1012, Idaho Code.

37 (b) "Volunteering" means contributing services as a bona fide member of
 38 a legally organized law enforcement agency, fire department or licensed
 39 emergency medical service provider organization.

40 (67) The scholarship provided in this section shall not be available
 41 unless it is determined that:

42 (a) The death or disablement of the public safety officer occurred in
 43 the performance of the officer's duties;

44 (b) The death or disablement was not caused by the intentional miscon-
 45 duct of the public safety officer or by such officer's intentional in-
 46 fliction of injury; and

47 (c) The public safety officer was not voluntarily intoxicated at the
 48 time of death.

1 (8) The state board of education and board of regents of the university
2 of Idaho may adopt rules to implement and administer this scholarship pro-
3 gram.