

**Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2017**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1171  
(Representatives Beadle, Kading, Louser)  
(Senators Casper, D. Larson, Meyer)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 15-10-18.4 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to extending the benefits of free tuition at state institutions of higher education to a stepchild of a peace officer killed in the line of duty.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-10-18.4 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**15-10-18.4. Definitions.**

For purposes of section 15-10-18.5:

1. "Firefighter" means a person who is a member of a paid or volunteer fire department that is a part of, or administered by, this state, any political subdivision of this state, or a rural fire protection district.
2. "Peace officer" means any person who is employed by a state law enforcement agency or a political subdivision of the state who is charged with the prevention and detection of crime and the enforcement of the criminal laws of the state, and who has full power of arrest.
3. "Stepchild" means a child of the decedent's spouse or predeceased spouse, and not of the decedent.
4. "Survivor" means, at the time of the firefighter's or peace officer's death, the children-  
firefighter's or peace officer's biological or adopted child under the age of twenty-one,  
stepchild under the age of twenty-one, and the spouse of a firefighter or peace officer at the  
time of the firefighter's or peace officer's death.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1171.

House Vote:    Yeas 93            Nays 0            Absent 1

Senate Vote:    Yeas 47            Nays 0            Absent 0

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Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017,

at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State