1	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION
2	STATE OF OKLAHOMA
3	1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)
4	ENGROSSED SENATE
5	BILL NO. 654 By: Rosino of the Senate
6	and
7	Burns of the House
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9	[postsecondary education - Captain Steven L. Farley
LO	Goldstar Families Act - tuition waivers for
L1	surviving spouses and children of military members
L2	- codification - effective date -
L3	emergency]
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L 6	BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:
L 7	SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
L8	in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3234 of Title 70, unless there
L 9	is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
20	A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Captain
21	Steven L. Farley Goldstar Families Act".
	B. The surviving spouse and children of a member of any branch
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23	of the United States Armed Forces who was killed in action or killed

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- 1 in the performance of his or her duty after September 11, 2001, 2 shall be eliqible for a waiver of:
 - 1. Undergraduate resident tuition at institutions within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education. A student shall be eligible for a tuition waiver for up to five (5) years or completion of the requirements for a baccalaureate degree, whichever comes first; or
 - 2. Resident tuition for a postsecondary program at a technology center school operating under the State Board of Career and Technology Education. Students shall be eligible for a tuition waiver for up to five (5) years or completion of a certificate, whichever comes first.
 - C. To be eligible for a tuition waiver, a student shall:
 - 1. Be a resident of this state; and
 - 2. Have secured admission to and enrolled in an institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education or a postsecondary program at a technology center school operating under the State Board of Career and Technology Education.
 - D. To retain eligibility for a tuition waiver, the student shall maintain good academic standing and satisfactory progress according to standards of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education or the State Board of Career and Technology Education.
 - E. A student seeking a tuition waiver pursuant to this section who is eligible for federal education benefits shall exhaust all

1	available federal benefits. Any amount of tuition owed after
2	federal benefits are exhausted shall be waived by the institution of
3	higher education or the technology center school.
4	F. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and the
5	State Board of Career and Technology Education shall promulgate
6	rules to implement the provisions of this section.
7	SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2023.
8	SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
9	of the public peace, health, or safety, an emergency is hereby
10	declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
11	be in full force from and after its passage and approval.
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13	COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET, dated 04/19/2023 - DO PASS, As Amended.
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