

SENATE BILL 1720

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 7, relative to tuition discounts for children
of full-time law enforcement officers or firefighters.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) Every child in Tennessee under twenty-four (24) years of age whose parent is employed as a full-time law enforcement officer or full-time firefighter in Tennessee shall receive a twenty-five percent (25%) discount on tuition to any state-operated institution of higher learning. Any child who is receiving the discount provided for by this section but whose parent dies during the time the child is enrolled and receiving the discount is eligible to continue to receive the discount as provided in this section.

(b) The Tennessee higher education commission is authorized to promulgate rules necessary to implement this section, including rules for the allocation of appropriations specifically appropriated for the implementation of this section.

(c) Any reimbursements to a state-operated institution of higher learning for the tuition discounts provided by this section shall be limited to those funds specifically appropriated for that purpose in the general appropriations act. Reimbursement shall be limited to providing for the discount on tuition provided for in this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it.