

SENATE BILL 2113

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,  
Chapter 7, Part 1, relative to tuition and fee  
waivers for dependents of certain first responders.

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:

§ 49-7-1\_\_.

(a) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires,

(1) "First responder" means a firefighter, a law enforcement officer or emergency medical services personnel; and

(2) "In the line of duty" means in the course of employment and in the actual discharge of the duties of the position.

(b) Every dependent child in this state under twenty-three (23) years of age, whose parent was killed in the line of duty while working as a first responder employed by a county, a municipality, the state or any political subdivision or agency thereof is entitled to a waiver of tuition, maintenance fees, student activity fees and required registration or matriculation fees and shall be admitted without cost to any of the public institutions of higher education of this state.

SECTION 2. The Tennessee higher education commission is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.