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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-1808, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO UNIVERSITIES
AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

Section 1. Section 15-1808, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

15-1808. Tuition waiver of child or spouse of peace officer, correctional officer, fire fighter, emergency paramedic or national guard member killed in the line of duty; disabled national guard member; definitions

A. The board of regents, after verification by the Arizona peace officers memorial board, by the Arizona fire fighters and emergency paramedics memorial board or by the adjutant general of the national guard that a person is a child or a spouse of a peace officer, correctional officer, fire fighter, emergency paramedic or national guard member who was a resident of the state of Arizona and who was killed in the line of duty or who died from injuries suffered in the line of duty while traveling to or from duty, shall provide the person who qualifies under subsection B of this section and who otherwise meets the qualifications for admission with a tuition waiver scholarship at any university under the jurisdiction of the board. A district as defined in section 15-1401, after verification by the Arizona peace officers memorial board, by the Arizona fire fighters and emergency paramedics memorial board or by the adjutant general of the national guard that a person is the child or the spouse of a peace officer, correctional officer, fire fighter, emergency paramedic or national guard member who was a resident of Arizona and who was killed in the line of duty or who died from injuries suffered in the line of duty while traveling to or from duty, shall provide the person who qualifies under subsection B of this section and who otherwise meets the qualifications for admission with a tuition waiver scholarship at any community college under the jurisdiction of the board.

B. The tuition waiver scholarships shall be limited to children who are thirty years of age or younger or a spouse who has not remarried and shall be limited for a spouse or for any one child to no more than sixty-four credit hours at Arizona community colleges and a total number of credits including any transfer credits from an Arizona community college equal to the number of credits required for a baccalaureate degree at Arizona universities for that student's initially declared course of study.

C. A member of the Arizona national guard who received a purple heart citation on or after September 11, 2001 or a former member of the Arizona national guard who was medically discharged from the Arizona national guard due to an injury or disability suffered during status under title 10, United States Code, in weekend training status, in annual training status or in response to a state of emergency declared by the governor is eligible for a tuition waiver scholarship provided for in this section. THE BOARD OF REGENTS OR A COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT MAY AWARD A TUITION WAIVER

1 SCHOLARSHIP TO THE SPOUSE OF A MEMBER OR A FORMER MEMBER OF THE ARIZONA
2 NATIONAL GUARD IF ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS ARE MET:

3 1. THE MEMBER OR THE FORMER MEMBER OF THE ARIZONA NATIONAL GUARD IS
4 ELIGIBLE FOR A TUITION WAIVER SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDED FOR IN THIS SECTION.

5 2. THE BOARD OF REGENTS OR THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT RECEIVES
6 WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION THAT THE MEMBER OR THE FORMER MEMBER OF THE ARIZONA
7 NATIONAL GUARD DOES NOT INTEND TO USE OR IS UNABLE TO USE THE TUITION WAIVER
8 SCHOLARSHIP.

9 3. IF THE MEMBER OR THE FORMER MEMBER OF THE ARIZONA NATIONAL GUARD
10 HAS THE CAPACITY TO CONSENT, PROOF IS PROVIDED TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS OR TO
11 THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT OF THE MEMBER OR FORMER MEMBER'S CONSENT TO
12 THE USE OF THE TUITION WAIVER SCHOLARSHIP BY THE MEMBER OR FORMER MEMBER'S
13 SPOUSE.

14 D. For the purposes of this section:

15 1. "Correctional officer" means a person, other than an elected
16 official, who is employed by this state or a county, city or town and who is
17 responsible for the supervision, protection, care, custody or control of
18 inmates in a state, county or municipal correctional institution, including
19 counselors but excluding secretarial, clerical and professionally trained
20 personnel.

21 2. "Emergency paramedic" means a person who has been trained in an
22 emergency paramedic training program certified by the director of the
23 department of health services or in an equivalent training program and who is
24 certified by the director of the department of health services to render
25 services pursuant to section 36-2205.

26 3. "Fire fighter" means a professional fire fighter who is a member of
27 a state, federal, tribal, city, county, district or private fire department.

28 4. "Peace officers" means sheriffs of counties, constables, marshals,
29 police officers of cities and towns, commissioned personnel of the department
30 of public safety and police officers appointed by community college district
31 governing boards or the Arizona board of regents, who have received a
32 certificate from the Arizona peace officer standards and training board, and
33 other state, federal, tribal, city or county officers vested by law with a
34 duty to maintain public order and make arrests.