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A BILL FOR

1 An Act creating an Iowa tribute tuition grant and providing for
2 an appropriation and an applicability date.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 261.110 IOWA TRIBUTE TUITION
2 GRANTS.

3 1. An Iowa tribute tuition grant may be awarded to a
4 child, whether a resident of this state or not, of a public
5 safety employee or volunteer killed in the line of duty.

6 2. Eligibility for a tuition grant under this section
7 shall be determined upon application to the commission, whose
8 decision is final, and admission of the applicant to a
9 community college or institution of higher learning under the
10 control of the state board of regents.

11 3. Grants shall be awarded on an annual basis and shall be
12 credited by the institution against the student's tuition at
13 the beginning of each semester, trimester, or quarter, in
14 equal installments, upon certification by the institution that
15 the student is admitted and attending the institution.

16 4. An eligible full-time student may receive tribute
17 tuition grants for not more than eight semesters of
18 undergraduate study or the trimester or quarter equivalent.
19 An eligible part-time student may receive tribute tuition
20 grants for not more than sixteen semesters of undergraduate
21 study or the trimester or quarter equivalent. The grant
22 amount is limited to an amount equal to the resident tuition
23 rate of the institution to which the eligible student is
24 admitted and attending. "Full-time student" means an
25 individual who is enrolled at a community college or board of
26 regents university for at least twelve semester hours or the
27 trimester or quarter equivalent. "Part-time student" means an
28 individual who is enrolled at a community college or board of
29 regents university in a course of study including at least
30 three semester hours or the trimester or quarter equivalent of
31 three semester hours.

32 5. When used in this section, "public safety employee or
33 volunteer killed in the line of duty" means a person whose
34 death occurred in the performance of any act which is within
35 the scope of the lawful duty or authority of the person while

1 paid or volunteering in any of the following capacities in
2 this state:

- 3 a. A peace officer as defined in section 801.4.
- 4 b. A law enforcement officer as defined in section 80B.3.
- 5 c. A reserve peace officer as defined in section 80D.1A.
- 6 d. A fire fighter as defined in section 411.1.
- 7 e. A volunteer fire fighter as defined in section 85.61.
- 8 f. An airport fire fighter employed by the military
9 division of the department of public defense.

10 6. The college student aid commission shall adopt rules
11 pursuant to chapter 17A to administer this section.

12 7. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
13 state to the college student aid commission for each fiscal
14 year an amount sufficient for the purpose of awarding of
15 tribute tuition grants as provided in this section.

16 Sec. 2. APPLICABILITY DATE. This Act applies to the death
17 of a public safety employee or volunteer which occurs on or
18 after July 1, 1997.

19 EXPLANATION

20 This bill provides for the awarding of an Iowa tribute
21 tuition grant to a child, whether a resident of this state or
22 not, of a public safety employee or volunteer killed in the
23 line of duty on or after July 1, 1997. The bill defines a
24 "public safety employee or volunteer killed in the line of
25 duty" as a person whose death occurred in the performance of
26 any act which is within the scope of the lawful duty or
27 authority of the person while paid or volunteering in any of
28 the following capacities in this state: a peace officer, a
29 law enforcement officer, a reserve peace officer, a fire
30 fighter, a volunteer fire fighter, or an airport fire fighter
31 employed by the military division of the department of public
32 defense.

33 Grant eligibility is determined by the commission and upon
34 admission to a community college or institution of higher
35 learning under the control of the state board of regents. The

1 grant amount is limited to payment of the in-state tuition
2 rate and an eligible student may receive tuition grants for
3 not more than eight semesters of undergraduate study or the
4 trimester or quarter equivalent. An eligible part-time
5 resident student may receive tuition grants for not more than
6 16 semesters of undergraduate study or the trimester or
7 quarter equivalent.

8 The bill provides for a standing unlimited appropriation
9 from the general fund of the state to pay for the awarding of
10 tribute tuition grants.

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