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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 133)

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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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S.F. 485

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 established under chapter 260C, an
10 institution of higher learning under the control of the state
11 board of regents, or an accredited private institution as
12 defined in section 261.9.

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

18 4. An eligible full-time student may receive tribute
19 tuition grants for not more than eight semesters of
20 undergraduate study or the trimester or quarter equivalent.
21 An eligible part-time student may receive tribute tuition
22 grants for not more than sixteen semesters of undergraduate
23 study or the trimester or quarter equivalent. The grant
24 amount is limited to an amount equal to the resident tuition
25 rate of the institution to which the eligible student is
26 admitted and attending, not to exceed an amount equal to the
27 resident tuition rate established for institutions of higher
28 learning under the control of the state board of regents.

29 "Full-time student" means an individual who is enrolled at a
30 community college, accredited private institution, or board of
31 regents university for at least twelve semester hours or the
32 trimester or quarter equivalent. "Part-time student" means an
33 individual who is enrolled at a community college, accredited
34 private institution, or board of regents university in a
35 course of study including at least three semester hours or the

1 trimester or quarter equivalent of three semester hours.

2 5. When used in this section, "public safety employee or
3 volunteer killed in the line of duty" means a person whose
4 death occurred in the performance of any act which is within
5 the scope of the lawful duty or authority of the person while
6 paid or volunteering in any of the following capacities in
7 this state:

- 8 a. A peace officer as defined in section 801.4.
- 9 b. A law enforcement officer as defined in section 80B.3.
- 10 c. A reserve peace officer as defined in section 80D.1A.
- 11 d. A fire fighter as defined in section 411.1.
- 12 e. A volunteer fire fighter as defined in section 85.61.
- 13 f. An airport fire fighter employed by the military
14 division of the department of public defense.
- 15 g. An emergency medical care provider certified to
16 function as provided in section 147A.8.

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

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

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

26 EXPLANATION

27 This bill provides for the awarding of an Iowa tribute
28 tuition grant to a child, whether a resident of this state or
29 not, of a public safety employee or volunteer killed in the
30 line of duty on or after July 1, 1997. The bill defines a
31 "public safety employee or volunteer killed in the line of
32 duty" as a person whose death occurred in the performance of
33 any act which is within the scope of the lawful duty or
34 authority of the person while paid or volunteering in any of
35 the following capacities in this state: a peace officer, a

1 law enforcement officer, a reserve peace officer, a fire
2 fighter, a volunteer fire fighter, an emergency medical care
3 provider, or an airport fire fighter employed by the military
4 division of the department of public defense.

5 Grant eligibility is determined by the commission and upon
6 admission to an accredited private college in this state, a
7 community college, or institution of higher learning under the
8 control of the state board of regents. The grant amount is
9 limited to the tuition charged at the institution of
10 admission, not to exceed the resident in-state tuition rate
11 established for institutions of higher learning under the
12 control of the regents. An eligible student may receive
13 tuition grants for not more than eight semesters of
14 undergraduate study or the trimester or quarter equivalent.
15 An eligible part-time resident student may receive tuition
16 grants for not more than 16 semesters of undergraduate study
17 or the trimester or quarter equivalent.

18 The bill provides for a standing unlimited appropriation
19 from the general fund of the state to pay for the awarding of
20 tribute tuition grants.

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SENATE FILE 485

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1 Amend Senate File 485 as follows:

2 1. Page 2, by inserting after line 16 the
3 following:

4 "____. When used in this section, "child" means
5 only the surviving child of a public safety employee
6 or volunteer killed in the line of duty, or a child
7 legally adopted by the public safety employee or
8 volunteer prior to the death, in the line of duty, of
9 the public safety employee or volunteer. "Child" is
10 limited to an individual who is under the age of
11 eighteen years, an individual who is under the age of
12 twenty-two and is a full-time student, or an
13 individual who is disabled under the definitions used
14 in section 402 of the Social Security Act if the
15 individual became disabled prior to the death of a
16 parent who is a public safety employee or volunteer
17 killed in the line of duty."

18 2. By renumbering as necessary.

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