

**House Study Bill 545 - Introduced**

HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
PUBLIC SAFETY BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON BAUDLER)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act providing tuition and health insurance benefits to  
2 children of public safety employees who die in the line of  
3 duty.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 260C.14, Code 2011, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 23. Adopt rules to waive tuition and  
4 mandatory fee charges for any student in good standing who is  
5 a resident of Iowa; is under the age of twenty-six, or under  
6 the age of thirty if the student is a qualified veteran as  
7 defined in subsection 14; is not a convicted felon as defined  
8 in section 910.15; and is the child of an individual who died  
9 in the line of duty as determined by section 97A.6, subsection  
10 16, section 97B.52, subsection 2, section 100B.31, or section  
11 411.6, subsection 15.

12 Sec. 2. Section 262.9, Code Supplement 2011, is amended by  
13 adding the following new subsection:

14 NEW SUBSECTION. 36. Adopt rules that require the  
15 institutions of higher education under its control to waive  
16 tuition and mandatory fee charges for any undergraduate student  
17 in good standing who is a resident of Iowa; is under the age  
18 of twenty-six, or under the age of thirty if the student is  
19 a qualified veteran as defined in subsection 17; is not a  
20 convicted felon as defined in section 910.15; and is the child  
21 of an individual who died in the line of duty as determined by  
22 section 97A.6, subsection 16, section 97B.52, subsection 2,  
23 section 100B.31, or section 411.6, subsection 15.

24 Sec. 3. Section 509A.13, Code 2011, is amended to read as  
25 follows:

26 **509A.13 Continuation of group insurance.**

27 1. If a governing body, a county board of supervisors, or a  
28 city council has procured for its employees accident, health,  
29 or hospitalization insurance, or a medical service plan, or has  
30 contracted with a health maintenance organization authorized  
31 to do business in this state, the governing body, county board  
32 of supervisors, or city council shall ~~allow~~ do all of the  
33 following:

34 a. Allow its employees who retired before attaining  
35 sixty-five years of age to continue participation in the group

1 plan or under the group contract at the employee's own expense  
2 until the employee attains sixty-five years of age.

3 b. Allow any child of an eligible deceased employee to  
4 continue participation in the group plan or under the group  
5 contract at the employer's expense until the child attains  
6 twenty-six years of age. For purposes of this paragraph,  
7 "eligible deceased employee" means an employee who died in  
8 the line of duty as determined by section 97A.6, subsection  
9 16, section 97B.52, subsection 2, section 100B.31, or section  
10 411.6, subsection 15.

11 2. This section applies to employees who retired on or  
12 after January 1, 1981, and to children of an eligible deceased  
13 employee who died on or after July 1, 2012.

14 Sec. 4. IMPLEMENTATION OF ACT. Section 25B.2, subsection  
15 3, shall not apply to this Act.

16 EXPLANATION

17 This bill provides health care and tuition benefits to  
18 children of public safety employees who died in the line of  
19 duty.

20 Code section 260C.14, concerning community colleges,  
21 is amended to provide that the board of directors of each  
22 community college shall adopt rules to waive tuition and  
23 mandatory fee charges for any student in good standing who is a  
24 resident of Iowa who is under the age of 26, or under the age  
25 of 30 if the student is a qualified veteran, is not a convicted  
26 felon, and is the child of an individual who died in the line  
27 of duty as determined by Code section 97A.6(16), Code section  
28 97B.52(2), Code section 100B.31, or Code section 411.6(15).

29 Code section 262.9, concerning the board of regents, is  
30 amended to provide that the board of regents shall adopt  
31 rules providing that institutions of higher education under  
32 its control waive tuition and mandatory fee charges for any  
33 undergraduate student in good standing who is a resident of  
34 Iowa, who is under the age of 26 or under the age of 30 if the  
35 student is a qualified veteran, is not a convicted felon, and

1 is the child of an individual who died in the line of duty as  
2 determined by Code section 97A.6(16), Code section 97B.52(2),  
3 Code section 100B.31, or Code section 411.6(15).

4 Code section 509A.13, concerning continuation of group  
5 insurance for public employees, is amended to provide that  
6 any child of an employee who died in the line of duty on or  
7 after July 1, 2012, as determined by Code section 97A.6(16),  
8 Code section 97B.52(2), Code section 100B.31, or Code section  
9 411.6(15), shall be entitled to continue participation in that  
10 group insurance, at the employer's expense, until the child  
11 attains 26 years of age.

12 The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code  
13 section 25B.3. The bill makes inapplicable Code section 25B.2,  
14 subsection 3, which would relieve a political subdivision from  
15 complying with a state mandate if funding for the cost of  
16 the state mandate is not provided or specified. Therefore,  
17 political subdivisions are required to comply with any state  
18 mandate included in the bill.