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Prior law provided for tuition and fee exemptions, also referred to as scholarships, for any child of a police officer, deputy sheriff, or adult probation and parole officer killed or disabled in the performance of duty. Provided that the child shall be otherwise eligible for admission, meet academic standards, and comply with the rules and regulations required for full-time attendance. New law requires compliance with rules and regulations required for attendance, not full-time attendance, and otherwise retains prior law.

Prior law provided for a child's admission without the payment of fees or charges for tuition and for books required for any course undertaken. New law limits the exemption from payment of fees and charges for books to those for required courses. Prior law exempted the child from payment of fees and charges for room and board. New law limits the availability of this exemption to full-time students.

Prior law limited scholarship duration to the number of semesters required for a full-time student to obtain one bachelor's degree and prohibits the scholarship from exceeding eight semesters per child. New law removes these provisions and requires that the scholarship be provided for the time period required to earn one undergraduate degree or one vocational or technical certificate or diploma but shall not cover more than:

- (1) 120 hours of course work required to earn a bachelor's degree.
- (2) 75 hours of course work required to earn an associate's degree.
- (3) 60 hours of course work required to earn a vocational or technical certificate or diploma.

New law adds that if a student first earns a transferable associate's degree from a public two-year institution and then transfers to a public four-year college or university, the scholarship shall cover an additional 60 hours of course work required to earn a bachelor's degree.

Effective upon signature of the governor (June 14, 2017).

(Amends R.S. 17:1681.1(A) and (B))