

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 22

2024 Regular Session

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KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES. Creates scholarships for spouses of police officers killed or disabled in performance of duty and police officers insured in performance of duty. (gov sig)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Technical language to clarify inclusion of spouses of police officers.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

DIGEST

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Proposed law defines "spouse" to mean the wife or husband of the police officer or deputy sheriff living in the same household with and dependent upon the police officer or deputy sheriff for support. Proposed law further defines "spouse" to mean the wife or husband of a police officer or deputy sheriff who is deceased and who was living in the same household and was dependent upon the police officer or deputy sheriff for support at the time of the injury which resulted in the police officer or deputy sheriff's death.

Present law (R.S. 17:1681.1) provides scholarships for the children of police officers, deputy sheriffs, or certain probation and parole officers killed or permanently disabled in performance of duty.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that the spouse of a police officer injured in the course and scope of the performance of his duties, which injury causes death or serious injury resulting in an inability to be employed, and if the spouse is otherwise eligible and meets all of the entrance requirements of a college or university, shall be awarded a scholarship for not more than 10 semesters which covers all fees, tuition, or other charges, including room and board charges. In order to maintain the scholarship the spouse must meet the academic requirements and maintain a "C" average for each semester and maintain full-time status as a student.

Proposed law provides that the spouse be entitled to a cash grant of \$250 per semester from the college or university as an allowance for books. Requires that the scholarships not exceed ten semesters.

Proposed law provides that a police officer who is injured in the performance of duties as a police officer and such injury results in an inability to be employed, and if the police officer is otherwise eligible and meets all of the entrance requirements of a college or university, shall be awarded a scholarship for not more than 10 semesters which covers all fees, tuition, or other charges, including room and board charges. In order to maintain the scholarship the police officer must meet the academic requirements and maintain a "C" average for each semester and maintain full-time status as a student.

Proposed law provides that the police officer be entitled to a cash grant of \$250 per semester from the college or university as an allowance for books.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 17:1681(G) and 1681.2)

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