

SENATE BILL NO. 22

BY SENATOR WHEAT AND REPRESENTATIVES ADAMS, BILLINGS, BRAUD, BRYANT, CARRIER, ROBBY CARTER, WILFORD CARTER, CHASSION, COX, FONTENOT, GREEN, MIKE JOHNSON, KERNER, KNOX, MELERINE, MILLER, NEWELL, SELDERS, ST. BLANC, TAYLOR, THOMPSON AND WYBLE

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:1681(G) and 1681.2, relative to scholarships; to provide for scholarships
3 for police officers injured in the performance of duty; to provide for scholarships for
4 spouses of police officers killed or disabled in performance of duty; to provide for
5 definitions; to provide for scholarship requirements; and to provide for related
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:1681(G) and 1681.2 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §1681. Children **and spouses** of police officers and deputy sheriffs; definitions

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11 **G. "Spouse" means the wife or husband of the police officer or deputy**
12 **sheriff who is living in the same household and who is dependent upon the**
13 **police officer or deputy sheriff for support if the police officer or deputy sheriff**
14 **is alive and permanently disabled. Spouse also means the wife or husband of a**
15 **police officer or deputy sheriff who is deceased and who was living in the same**
16 **household and was dependent upon the police officer or deputy sheriff for**
17 **support at the time of the injury which resulted in the police officer or deputy**
18 **sheriff's death.**

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20 **§1681.2. Scholarships for spouses of police officers killed or disabled in**
21 **performance of duty and for police officers injured in the**
22 **performance of duty**

23 **A. The spouse of a police officer who is injured in the course and scope**
24 **of the performance of his duties and the injury causes death or serious injury**
25 **resulting in an inability to be employed, which spouse is otherwise eligible and**

1 meets all of the entrance requirements of a college or university, shall be
2 admitted to a college or university without the payment of any fees, tuition, or
3 other charges, including room and board charges. As long as the spouse meets
4 the academic requirements and maintains a "C" average for each semester and
5 complies with the rules and regulations of the college or university required for
6 attendance, as a full-time student, the spouse shall receive the exemption. The
7 exemption shall exist for the spouse for the number of semesters required of a
8 full-time student to obtain one bachelor degree offered by the college or
9 university. In addition, the spouse shall be entitled to a cash grant of two
10 hundred fifty dollars per semester from the college or university as an
11 allowance for books and all of the above sums shall be paid out of funds
12 appropriated from the general fund of the state of Louisiana.

13 B. In no event shall any spouse be allowed more than ten semesters
14 under the provisions of this Section.

15 C. Any police officer who is injured in the performance of duties as a
16 police officer and such injury results in an inability to be employed, and the
17 police officer is otherwise eligible and meets all of the entrance requirements of
18 a college or university, such police officer shall be admitted to such college or
19 university without the payment of any fees, tuition, or other charges, including
20 room and board charges, as long as such police officer meets the academic
21 requirements and maintains a "C" average for each semester and complies with
22 the rules and regulations of such college or university required for attendance
23 therein as a full-time student. Such exemption shall exist for such police officer
24 for the number of semesters required of a full-time student to obtain one
25 bachelor degree offered by such college or university. In addition thereto, such
26 police officer shall be entitled to a cash grant of two hundred fifty dollars per
27 semester from such college or university as an allowance for books and all of the
28 above sums shall be paid out of funds appropriated from the general fund of the
29 state of Louisiana.

30 D. In no event shall any injured police officer be allowed more than ten

1 semesters under the provisions of this Section.

2 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
3 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
4 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
5 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
6 effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____