

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 448

BY REPRESENTATIVES ADAMS, CARPENTER, CARVER, CHASSION, FREIBERG,  
LACOMBE, MARTINEZ, ST. BLANC, AND TAYLOR

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:1681.2(A) and (C) and 1682.2(A) and (C), relative to  
3 scholarships; to provide relative to scholarships for certain firefighters and spouses  
4 of certain firefighters; to provide relative to scholarships for certain police officers  
5 and spouses of certain police officers; to provide use of certain scholarships; and to  
6 provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:1681.2(A) and (C) and 1682.2(A) and (C) are hereby amended  
9 and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §1681.2. Scholarships for spouses of police officers killed or disabled in  
11 performance of duty and for police officers injured in the performance of  
12 duty

13 A. The spouse of a police officer who is injured in the course and scope of  
14 the performance of his duties and the injury causes death or serious injury resulting  
15 in an inability to be employed, which spouse is otherwise eligible and meets all of  
16 the entrance requirements of a college or university, shall be admitted to a college  
17 or university without the payment of any fees, tuition, or other charges, including  
18 room and board charges. As long as the spouse meets the academic requirements and  
19 maintains a "C" average for each semester and complies with the rules and  
20 regulations of the college or university required for attendance, as a full-time student,  
21 the spouse shall receive the exemption. ~~The~~ Such exemption shall exist for the  
22 spouse ~~for the number of semesters required of a full-time student to obtain one~~  
23 ~~bachelor~~ to obtain one bachelor's, master's, doctoral, or other postgraduate degree  
24 offered by the college or university. In addition, the spouse shall be entitled to a cash  
25 grant of two hundred fifty dollars per semester from the college or university as an

1 allowance for books, and all of the above sums shall be paid out of funds  
2 appropriated from the general fund of the state of Louisiana.

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4 C. Any police officer who is injured in the performance of duties as a police  
5 officer and such injury results in an inability to be employed, and the police officer  
6 is otherwise eligible and meets all of the entrance requirements of a college or  
7 university, such police officer shall be admitted to such college or university without  
8 the payment of any fees, tuition, or other charges, including room and board charges,  
9 as long as such police officer meets the academic requirements and maintains a "C"  
10 average for each semester and complies with the rules and regulations of such  
11 college or university required for attendance therein as a full-time student. Such  
12 exemption shall exist for such police officer ~~for the number of semesters required of~~  
13 ~~a full-time student to obtain one bachelor~~ to obtain one bachelor's, master's, doctoral,  
14 or other postgraduate degree offered by such college or university. In addition  
15 thereto, such police officer shall be entitled to a cash grant of two hundred fifty  
16 dollars per semester from such college or university as an allowance for books, and  
17 all of the above sums shall be paid out of funds appropriated from the general fund  
18 of the state of Louisiana.

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20 §1682.2. Scholarships for spouses of firefighters killed or disabled in performance  
21 of duty; scholarships for disabled firefighters

22 A. The spouse of a firefighter who is injured in the course and scope of the  
23 performance of his duties and the injury causes death or serious injury resulting in  
24 an inability to be employed, which spouse is otherwise eligible and meets all of the  
25 entrance requirements of a college or university, shall be admitted to such college  
26 or university without the payment of any fees, tuition, or other charges, including  
27 room and board charges. As long as such spouse meets the academic requirements  
28 and maintains a "C" average for each semester and complies with the rules and  
29 regulations of such college or university required for attendance therein as a full-time  
30 student such spouse shall receive the exemption. Such exemption shall exist for such

1 spouse ~~for the number of semesters required of a full-time student to obtain one~~  
 2 ~~bachelor~~ to obtain one bachelor's, master's, doctoral, or other postgraduate degree  
 3 offered by such college or university. In addition thereto, such spouse shall be  
 4 entitled to a cash grant of two hundred fifty dollars per semester from such college  
 5 or university as an allowance for books and all of the above sums shall be paid out  
 6 of funds appropriated from the general fund of the state of Louisiana.

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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