

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE BILL NO. 232

BY REPRESENTATIVE LORUSSO

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

MILITARY AFFAIRS: Provides with respect to the tuition exemption for family members of the La. National Guard

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 29:36.1(G), relative to members of the Louisiana National
3 Guard; to provide with respect to the tuition exemption for family members of a
4 member of the Louisiana National Guard; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 29:36.1(G) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §36.1. Exemptions from tuition charges for service in the Louisiana National Guard

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9 G. If a member of the Louisiana National Guard dies as a result of one or
10 more wounds, injuries, or illnesses incurred while serving in state or federal active
11 duty service or in an operation or area that the Secretary of Defense of the United
12 States designates, in writing, as a combat operation or a zone of combat, his
13 surviving spouse and his child or children shall be eligible to enroll in a public
14 institution of higher learning of this state and shall be exempt from all tuition charges
15 imposed by any such institution of higher learning if the applicant for free tuition is
16 presently domiciled in Louisiana. This exemption may be claimed for five separate
17 academic years or until the receipt of a bachelor's degree, whichever occurs first.
18 The child or children shall be eligible to claim this exemption upon attaining the age
19 of seventeen years. If the survivor claiming the exemption is placed on scholastic
20 probation while receiving the exemption, the exemption shall immediately be

1 forfeited, and tuition charges shall be paid as provided in Subsection A of this
2 Section.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Extends the tuition exemption to family members of a La. National Guard member who is killed while serving in state active duty.

Present law provides that if a member of the La. National Guard dies while serving in federal active duty service or in combat, his surviving spouse and his child or children shall be eligible to enroll in an institution of higher education in this state and shall be exempt from tuition charges.

Proposed law retains present law and extends it to a spouse or children of members killed while serving in state active duty.

(Amends R.S. 29:36.1(G))