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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, FEBRUARY 15, 1989

AN ACT

1 Providing for the waiver of tuition at certain colleges and
2 universities for dependent children of police officers,
3 firefighters and members of ambulance services and rescue
4 squads who are killed in the performance of their duties; and
5 making a repeal.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Short title.

9 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Uniformed
10 Officers' Dependent Children Tuition Waiver Act.

11 Section 2. Grounds for waiver of fees.

12 The boards of trustees of all State-owned colleges and
13 universities and all State-related universities shall waive the
14 payment of tuition fees at their institutions for the dependent
15 children of a police officer, paid or volunteer firefighter, or
16 paid or volunteer member of an ambulance service or rescue squad
17 killed in the performance of his duties.

18 Section 3. Performance of duty.

19 A volunteer firefighter shall be deemed to be acting in the

1 performance of his duties, for the purposes of this act, while
2 going to or directly returning from a fire which the fire
3 company or fire department attended, including travel from and
4 direct return to a firefighter's home, place of business or
5 other place where he was when he received the call or alarm;
6 while participating in instruction fire drills in which the fire
7 department or fire company participated; while repairing or
8 doing other work about or on the fire apparatus or buildings and
9 grounds of the fire company or fire department, upon the
10 authorization of the chief of the fire company or fire
11 department or other person in charge; while answering any
12 emergency calls for any purpose; while riding upon the fire
13 apparatus which is owned or used by the fire company or fire
14 department; while performing any other duties of such fire
15 company or fire department as authorized by the municipality; or
16 while performing duties imposed by section 15 of the act of
17 April 27, 1927 (P.L.465, No.299), referred to as the Fire and
18 Panic Act. A volunteer ambulance service or rescue squad member
19 shall be deemed to be acting in the performance of his duties,
20 for the purposes of this act, while going to or directly
21 returning from an emergency which the ambulance service or
22 rescue squad attended, including travel from and direct return
23 to an ambulance service or rescue squad member's home, place of
24 business or other place where he was when he received the call
25 or alarm; while participating in drills in which the ambulance
26 service or rescue squad participated; while repairing or doing
27 other work about or on any emergency vehicle or buildings and
28 grounds of the ambulance service or rescue squad upon the
29 authorization of the chief of the ambulance service or rescue
30 squad or other person in charge; while answering any emergency

1 calls for any purpose; or while riding upon any vehicles which
2 are owned or used by the ambulance service or rescue squad.

3 Section 4. Repeal.

4 All acts and parts of acts are repealed insofar as they are
5 inconsistent with this act.

6 Section 5. Effective date.

7 This act shall take effect in 60 days.