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tuition waiver; veterans; felonies; eligibility

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HOUSE BILL 2823

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-1808, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO
INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Section 15-1808, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:
4 15-1808. Tuition waiver scholarships; eligibility;
5 definitions
6 A. The Arizona board of regents, after verification by the Arizona
7 peace officers memorial board, by the Arizona fallen firefighter memorial
8 committee, by the adjutant general of the national guard or by the Arizona
9 department of veterans' services that a person is a child or ~~a~~ THE spouse
10 of a peace officer, correctional officer, firefighter, emergency
11 paramedic, national guard member or member of the United States armed
12 forces who was a resident of the state of Arizona or stationed in Arizona
13 and who was killed in the line of duty or who died from injuries suffered
14 in the line of duty while traveling to or from duty, shall provide the
15 person who qualifies under subsection B of this section and who otherwise
16 meets the qualifications for admission with a tuition waiver scholarship
17 at any university under the jurisdiction of the ARIZONA board OF REGENTS.
18 A district as defined in section 15-1401, after verification by the
19 Arizona peace officers memorial board, by the Arizona fallen firefighter
20 memorial committee, by the adjutant general of the national guard or by
21 the Arizona department of veterans' services that a person is the child or
22 the spouse of a peace officer, correctional officer, firefighter,
23 emergency paramedic, national guard member or member of the United States
24 armed forces who was a resident of Arizona or stationed in Arizona and who
25 was killed in the line of duty or who died from injuries suffered in the
26 line of duty while traveling to or from duty, shall provide the person who
27 qualifies under subsection B of this section and who otherwise meets the
28 qualifications for admission with a tuition waiver scholarship at any
29 community college under the jurisdiction of the district.
30 B. The tuition waiver scholarships shall be limited to children who
31 are thirty years of age or younger or a spouse who has not remarried and
32 shall be limited for a spouse or for any one child to not more than
33 sixty-four credit hours at Arizona community colleges and a total number
34 of credits including any transfer credits from an Arizona community
35 college equal to the number of credits required for a baccalaureate degree
36 at Arizona universities for that student's initially declared course of
37 study.
38 C. A member of the Arizona national guard who received a purple
39 heart citation on or after September 11, 2001 or a former member of the
40 Arizona national guard who was medically discharged from the Arizona
41 national guard due to an injury or disability suffered during status under
42 title 10, United States Code, in weekend training status, in annual
43 training status or in response to a state of emergency declared by the
44 governor is eligible for a tuition waiver scholarship provided for in this
45 section.

1 D. The Arizona board of regents, after verification by the Arizona
2 department of veterans' services that a person is a member or former
3 member of the United States armed forces who received a purple heart
4 citation, who was a resident of the state of Arizona or was stationed in
5 Arizona at the time of the injury that resulted in the purple heart
6 citation and whose disability rating determined by the United States
7 department of veterans affairs is fifty percent or more, shall provide the
8 person who otherwise meets the qualifications for admission with a tuition
9 waiver scholarship at any university under the jurisdiction of the board.
10 A district as defined in section 15-1401, after verification by the
11 Arizona department of veterans' services that a person is a member or
12 former member of the United States armed forces who received a purple
13 heart citation, who was a resident of the state of Arizona or was
14 stationed in Arizona at the time of the injury that resulted in the purple
15 heart citation and whose disability rating determined by the United States
16 department of veterans affairs is fifty percent or more, shall provide the
17 person who otherwise meets the qualifications for admission with a tuition
18 waiver scholarship at any community college under the jurisdiction of the
19 district. ~~A person who is convicted of a felony is ineligible for a~~
20 ~~tuition waiver scholarship provided for in this subsection.~~ A PERSON WHO
21 IS CONVICTED OF A CLASS 1, 2, 3, 4 OR 5 FELONY IS INELIGIBLE FOR A TUITION
22 WAIVER SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDED FOR IN THIS SUBSECTION.

23 E. For the purposes of this section:

24 1. "Correctional officer" means a person, other than an elected
25 official, who is employed by this state or a county, city or town and who
26 is responsible for the supervision, protection, care, custody or control
27 of inmates in a state, county or municipal correctional institution,
28 including counselors but excluding secretarial, clerical and
29 professionally trained personnel.

30 2. "Emergency paramedic" means a person who has been trained in an
31 emergency paramedic training program certified by the director of the
32 department of health services or in an equivalent training program and who
33 is certified by the director of the department of health services to
34 render services pursuant to section 36-2205.

35 3. "Firefighter" means a professional firefighter who is a member
36 of a state, federal, tribal, city, county, district or private fire
37 department.

38 4. "Peace officers" means sheriffs of counties, constables,
39 marshals, police officers of cities and towns, commissioned personnel of
40 the department of public safety and police officers appointed by community
41 college district governing boards or the Arizona board of regents who have
42 received a certificate from the Arizona peace officer standards and
43 training board, and other state, federal, tribal, city or county officers
44 vested by law with a duty to maintain public order and make arrests.