

1 HB153  
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3 By Representative Lovvorn  
4 RFD: Ways and Means Education  
5 First Read: 02-FEB-21  
6 PFD: 01/26/2021

ENGROSSED

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to education; to amend Section 16-64-6, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to public institution tuition practices, to require annual reports of tuition practices be posted on the website of the Alabama Commission on Higher Education; and to amend Section 36-21-102, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the administration of the Police Officer's and Firefighter's Survivors Educational Assistance Program, to include any dependant natural child of a law enforcement officer, firefighter, or rescue squad member born after the death of, or any dependent child born or adopted after the total disability of, the law enforcement officer, firefighter, or rescue squad member.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Sections 16-64-6 and 36-21-102, Code of Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

"§16-64-6.

The out-of-state tuition practices of each institution, and particularly decisions regarding resident and nonresident status and reporting thereof, shall be ~~audited~~ collected annually by the Alabama Commission on Higher

1 Education ~~or by the Examiners of Public Accounts.~~ An annual  
2 report of institutional tuition policies shall be posted on  
3 the Alabama Commission on Higher Education's website.

4 "§36-21-102.

5 "When a full-time law enforcement officer or  
6 full-time firefighter employed by the state, by any county, or  
7 by any municipality, a volunteer firefighter, or a rescue  
8 squad member is or was killed or becomes totally disabled in  
9 the line of duty, free tuition for undergraduate study at any  
10 state college, state community college, state junior college,  
11 state technical college, in the State of Alabama, and other  
12 costs officially prescribed for the classes in the course of  
13 study, shall be paid for the following:

14 "(1) Any dependent child, natural or adopted, under  
15 21 years of age at the time of death or total disability, or  
16 any dependent natural child under the age of 21 born after the  
17 death of the law enforcement officer, firefighter, or rescue  
18 squad member, or any dependant child, natural or adopted,  
19 under 21 years of age who is born or adopted after the total  
20 disability of the law enforcement officer, firefighter, or  
21 rescue squad member.

22 a. Notwithstanding subdivision (1), to receive  
23 benefits under this section an adopted dependent shall have  
24 been adopted, and resided in the household of the law  
25 enforcement officer, firefighter, or rescue squad member, for  
26 at least five years prior to enrollment in undergraduate  
27 study.

1               "(2) A spouse who has not remarried, provided  
2     initial enrollment is within five years of the death or total  
3     disability of the law enforcement officer, firefighter,  
4     volunteer firefighter, or rescue squad member."

5               Section 2. This act shall become effective on the  
6     first day of the third month following its passage and  
7     approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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House of Representatives

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Yeas 87, Nays 1, Abstains 11

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Clerk