

18A:71-77

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA 18A:71-77 (Scholarships--children of civil defense workers & certain law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty)

LAWS 1981 CHAPTER 300

Bill No. 5414

Sponsor(s) J. Russo

Date Introduced Pre-filed

Committee: Assembly Education

Senate Education

Amended during passage Yes ~~NO~~

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Amendments during passage denoted by asterisks. Substituted for A376 (not attached since identical to S414)

Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement Yes ~~NO~~ (Below)

Committee Statement: Assembly Yes ~~NO~~

Senate Yes ~~NO~~

Not attached: identical to Assembly Statement.

Fiscal Note ~~YES~~ No

Veto Message ~~YES~~ No

Message on signing ~~YES~~ No

Following were printed:

Reports ~~YES~~ No

Hearings ~~YES~~ No

Sponsor's statement:

This bill includes children and surviving spouses of civil defense workers who were killed in the performance of their duties as eligible to receive scholarships at State institutions of higher education.

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SENATE, No. 414

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1980 SESSION

By Senator J. RUSSO

AN ACT to amend the title of "An act concerning education, providing scholarships for children and widowed spouses of police, firemen and first aid or rescue squad workers in certain cases and supplementing Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes," approved October 13, 1979 (P. L. 1979, c. 229), so that the same shall read "An act concerning education, providing scholarships for children and surviving spouses of police, firemen, first aid or rescue squad workers ****[and]**** ******, ****** civil defense workers ****and other law enforcement personnel**** in certain cases and supplementing Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes," and to amend the body of said act.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. The title of P. L. 1979, c. 229 is amended to read as follows:

2 AN ACT concerning education, providing scholarships for children
3 and **[widowed]** *surviving* spouses of police, firemen **[and]**, first
4 aid or rescue squad workers ****[and]**** ******, ****** **[civil]** **civil* de-*
5 *fense workers* ****and other law enforcement personnel**** in certain
6 cases and supplementing Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

1 2. Section 1 of P. L. 1979, c. 229 (C. 18A:71-77) is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 1. Any child or **[widowed]** *surviving* spouse of a member or
4 ***[aid or rescue squad workers and civil defense workers in cer-**
4A **tain]*** **officer of a New Jersey volunteer fire company, volunteer*
5 *first aid or rescue** squad or municipal fire, police, county police or
6 park police department, State Fire Service or of the Division of
7 State Police, ****or of a permanent, active and full-time officer**
8 *employee of this State or any political subdivision thereof holding*

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

9 *the following titles: ***State investigator,*** correction officer,*
 10 *recruit, senior correction officer, sergeant, lieutenant, captain,*
 11 *correction officer duty keeper, court attendant and sheriff's officer,*
 12 *court attendant and sheriff's officer lieutenant, court attendant and*
 13 *sheriff's officer captain, court attendant and sheriff's officer deputy*
 14 *chief, prosecutor's detective, prosecutor's investigator, narcotics*
 15 *officer, marine patrolman, senior marine patrolman, principal*
 15A *marine patrolman, chief, bureau of marine law enforcement, or*
 15B *who is an inspector, assistant, technician, supervisor or superin-*
 15C *tendent with respect to the enforcement and regulation of weights*
 15D *and measures,** or civil defense or disaster control worker, which*
 15E *member [or], officer or worker was killed in the performance of*
 15F *his duties as a member of such company, squad or fire or police*
 15G *department or division, or worker in a civil defense or disaster*
 15H *control unit upon such child or [widowed] surviving spouse being*
 15I *accepted to pursue a course of undergraduate study in any public*
 15J *institution of higher education of this State as enumerated in*
 15K *N. J. S. 18A :62-1, shall, while enrolled as an undergraduate student*
 15L *in good standing at such college, have his tuition paid by the State.*
 16 Eligibility for this program shall be limited to a period of 8
 17 years, from the date of death of the member [or], officer or worker,
 18 in the case of a [widowed] surviving spouse, and 8 years follow-
 19 ing graduation from high school, in the case of a child pur-
 20 suant to rules and regulations established by the *[State Board of
 21 Higher Education]* *Student Assistance Board*.

1 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 414

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with Assembly committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 14, 1981

PROVISIONS:

In October 1979, a scholarship program was established which provided for a waiver of tuition at New Jersey colleges for a child or spouse of a member of a rescue squad, or a member of a municipal, county or State fire or police force killed in the line of duty (P. L. 1979, c. 229). This bill extends that tuition scholarship to children and surviving spouses of civil defense or disaster control workers killed in the line of duty.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Currently, these individuals might be eligible for a State Tuition Aid Grant. This bill would ensure them full tuition relief. If they have additional unmet need, they could apply for a Garden State Scholarship and a Federal Basic Educational Opportunity Grant.

Tuition waivers are provided for other categories—without additional State appropriations:

- a. Senior citizens;
- b. Nonteaching professions; and
- c. Children of faculty members.

In addition, out-of-state fees are waived for certain foreign nationals (N. J. A. C. 9:5-1.3).

LEGISLATIVE INTENT:

It is the intention of the education committee that this scholarship program shall apply to the children and surviving spouses of individuals killed in the line of duty prior to the enactment of P. L. 1979, c. 229 (Oct. 13, 1979), provided that they meet the requirements for eligibility specified in that act:

- a. 8 years from the death of the spouse; or,
- b. 8 years after graduation from high school.

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

There will be no costs to the State associated with this legislation.

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The Assembly Education Committee added 26 categories of eligible law enforcement personnel.