

1 HB392
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the Alabama Commission
9 on Higher Education (ACHE) or the Examiners of
10 Public Accounts is required to perform certain
11 functions related to resident and non-resident
12 tuition practices.

13 This bill would require ACHE to annually
14 collect tuition and fee information and post the
15 results on its website.

16 Under existing law, the Police Officer's and
17 Firefighter's Survivor Educational Assistance
18 Program provides scholarships for spouses and
19 dependants of police officers, firefighters, and
20 rescue squad members who were either killed or
21 permanently disabled in the line of duty.

22 Under existing law, any dependent child,
23 natural or adopted, under 21 years of age at the
24 time of death or total disability of the law
25 enforcement officer, firefighter, or rescue squad
26 member is eligible for a scholarship.

1 The bill would allow a dependant natural
2 child under the age of 21 born after death or any
3 dependant natural child under the age of 21 who is
4 adopted after total disability was declared to be
5 eligible for a scholarship.

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7 A BILL
8 TO BE ENTITLED
9 AN ACT

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

23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

24 Section 1. Section 16-64-6, Code of Alabama 1975, is
25 amended to read as follows:

26 "§16-64-6.

1 The out-of-state tuition practices of each
2 institution, and particularly decisions regarding resident and
3 nonresident status and reporting thereof, shall be ~~audited~~
4 collected annually by the Alabama Commission on Higher
5 Education ~~or by the Examiners of Public Accounts~~. An annual
6 report of institutional tuition policies shall be posted on
7 the Alabama Commission on Higher Education's website."

8 Section 2. Section 36-21-102, Code of Alabama 1975,
9 is amended to read as follows:

10 "§36-21-102.

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

20 "(1) Any dependent child, natural or adopted, under
21 21 years of age at the time of death or total disability, or
22 any dependent natural child under the age of 21 born after the
23 death of the law enforcement officer, firefighter, or rescue
24 squad member, or any dependant child, natural or adopted,
25 under 21 years of age who is born or adopted after the total
26 disability of the law enforcement officer, firefighter, or
27 rescue squad member.

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 3. 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.