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## **POLICE SURVIVOR'S TUITION ACT**

**House Bill 5007**

**Sponsor: Rep. James McNutt**

**Committee: Higher Education**

**Complete to 10-14-93**

### **A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5007 AS INTRODUCED 8-31-93**

House Bill 5007 would create the Police Officer's Survivor Tuition Act to require Michigan public colleges to waive tuition for each child and surviving spouse of a Michigan police officer who had been killed in the line of duty. The provisions of the bill would apply to a Michigan police officer's surviving spouse, and to his or her natural or adopted children who were under the age of 21 at the time of the officer's death. In addition to a slain officer whose death was directly caused by a traumatic injury in the line of duty, the provisions of the bill would also apply to an officer who died as the result of an "occupational disease," defined under the bill to mean a disease that routinely constituted a special hazard in, or was commonly regarded as concomitant of, the police officer's occupation.

Under the bill, the Department of Education would develop the procedures for implementing the provisions of the bill. A tuition waiver would be granted to a student who was admitted as a full-time, part-time, or summer school student; who had been a legal resident of the state for the prior 12 consecutive months; and who applied to the department, and provided evidence that he or she was the child or surviving spouse of a slain police officer. In addition, a child of a slain police officer would have to apply for a waiver for the first time before the age of 21, and would have to be age 24, or under, at the beginning of the term or the semester for which a waiver was sought. The department would notify the appropriate college or university when an application had been approved; would reimburse each institution for the total amount of tuition waived for the preceding fiscal year; and would provide the legislature with an annual report on the number of waivers and total amount paid for that fiscal year.

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