

HOUSE BILL No. 6136

May 21, 2008, Introduced by Reps. Stahl, Agema, Palmer, Amos, Knollenberg, Meltzer, Moss, Hune, Rick Jones, Steil, Moore, Stakoe, Calley, LaJoy, Meekhof, Opsommer, David Law, Nitz, Caul and Marleau and referred to the Committee on Oversight and Investigations.

A bill to amend 1998 PA 541, entitled
"Corrections officer's survivor tuition act,"
by amending section 3 (MCL 390.1263).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 3. (1) Beginning in the 1998-1999 academic year, and
2 subject to the limitations in subsections (2), (3), and (4), a
3 state institution of higher education shall waive tuition for each
4 child and surviving spouse of a Michigan corrections officer who
5 has been or is killed in the line of duty if the child or surviving
6 spouse meets all of the following requirements:

7 (a) Applies, qualifies, and is admitted as a full-time, part-
8 time, or summer school student in a program of study leading to a
9 degree or certificate.

10 (b) Is a legal resident of the state for at least the 12

1 consecutive months immediately preceding his or her application.
2 For an individual who is a dependent of his or her parent,
3 residency status shall be determined by the parent's residency. For
4 an individual who is not a dependent, residency status shall be
5 determined in the same manner as under title IV of the higher
6 education act of 1965, Public Law 89-329, 79 Stat. 1232.

7 **(C) IS A UNITED STATES CITIZEN OR ANY OTHER STUDENT DESCRIBED**
8 **AS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE TITLE IV, HEA PROGRAM ASSISTANCE UNDER 34**
9 **CFR 668.33.**

10 **(D)** ~~(e)~~—Applies to the department for tuition waiver under
11 this act and provides evidence satisfactory to the department that
12 he or she is the child or the surviving spouse of a Michigan
13 corrections officer who was killed in the line of duty, that the
14 course or courses for which he or she is seeking a tuition waiver
15 meet the requirements of subsection (2), and that he or she meets
16 the other requirements of this section.

17 **(E)** ~~(d)~~—For a child of a Michigan corrections officer who was
18 killed in the line of duty, applies under subdivision ~~(e)~~—**(D)** for
19 the first time before the age of 21.

20 **(F)** ~~(e)~~—Is certified by the financial aid officer at the state
21 institution of higher education as needing the tuition waiver in
22 order to meet recognized educational expenses. If the child's or
23 surviving spouse's family income, excluding any income from death
24 benefits attributable to the Michigan corrections officer's death,
25 is below 400% of poverty level under federal poverty guidelines
26 published by the United States department of health and human
27 services, income from any death benefits accruing to the child or

1 surviving spouse as a result of the Michigan corrections officer's
2 death shall not be counted as family income in determining
3 financial need under this subdivision.

4 (G) ~~(F)~~—Maintains satisfactory academic progress, as defined
5 by the state institution of higher education, for each term or
6 semester in which he or she is enrolled. The satisfactory progress
7 definition used by an institution for federal student assistance
8 programs under title IV of the higher education act of 1965, Public
9 Law 89-329, 79 Stat. 1232, is acceptable for the purposes of this
10 act.

11 (H) ~~(G)~~—Has not achieved a bachelor's degree and has received
12 tuition reimbursement under this act for less than 124 semester
13 credits or 180 term credits at an institution of higher education.

14 (2) A state institution of higher education shall waive
15 tuition under this act only for courses that are applicable toward
16 the degree or certificate requirements of the program in which the
17 child or surviving spouse is enrolled.

18 (3) A child or surviving spouse of a Michigan corrections
19 officer who was killed in the line of duty is eligible for tuition
20 waiver under this section for not more than a total of 9 semesters
21 or the equivalent number of terms or quarters.

22 (4) Tuition shall be waived only to the extent that the
23 tuition is not covered or paid by a scholarship, trust fund,
24 statutory benefit, or another source of tuition coverage available
25 to the person eligible for a waiver under this act.