

# HOUSE BILL No. 4839

May 18, 1989, Introduced by Reps. Hertel, Stupak, DeMars, Palamara, Maynard and Bartnik and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to provide free tuition at state public institutions of higher education for children of Michigan police officers killed in the line of duty; and to provide for an appropriation.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the  
2 "police officer's survivor tuition act."

3       Sec. 2. As used in this act:

4       (a) "Child" means a natural or adopted child of a deceased  
5 Michigan police officer who was under the age of 21 at the time  
6 of the Michigan police officer's death.

7       (b) "Killed" means that a traumatic injury or a disease  
8 caused by or resulting from a traumatic injury is a substantial  
9 factor in the individual's death.

10       (c) "Line of duty" means an action that a Michigan police  
11 officer is obligated or authorized to perform by rule,

1 regulations, condition of employment or service, or law  
2 including, but not limited to, those social, ceremonial, or ath-  
3 letic functions that the Michigan police officer is assigned to  
4 or compensated for by the public agency he or she serves.

5 (d) "Michigan police officer" means a sheriff or sheriff's  
6 deputy in this state; village or township marshal in this state;  
7 officer of the police department of any city, village, or town-  
8 ship in this state; officer of the Michigan state police; or any  
9 other police officer or law enforcement officer trained and cer-  
10 tified pursuant to the Michigan law enforcement officers training  
11 council act of 1965, Act No. 203 of the Public Acts of 1965,  
12 being sections 28.601 to 28.616 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

13 (e) "Occupational disease" means a disease that routinely  
14 constitutes a special hazard in, or is commonly regarded as con-  
15 comitant of the Michigan police officer's occupation.

16 (f) "Office" means the office of criminal justice in the  
17 department of management and budget.

18 (b) "State institution of higher education" means a public  
19 community or junior college established under section 7 of arti-  
20 cle VIII of the state constitution of 1963 or a state university  
21 described in section 4, 5, or 6 of article VIII of the state con-  
22 stitution of 1963.

23 (h) "Traumatic injury" means a wound or the condition of the  
24 body caused by external force, including, but not limited to,  
25 injuries inflicted by bullets, explosives, sharp instruments,  
26 blunt objects or other physical blows, chemicals, electricity,

1 climatic conditions, infectious diseases, radiation, or bacteria,  
2 but excluding stress, strain, or occupational diseases.

3       Sec. 3. A state institution of higher education shall waive  
4 tuition for any child of a Michigan police officer who has been  
5 or is killed in the line of duty who meets all of the following  
6 requirements:

7       (a) Applies and qualifies for admission as a full-time,  
8 part-time, or summer school student.

9       (b) Is a legal resident of the state for not less than 12  
10 consecutive months.

11       (c) Applies to the office for tuition waiver under this act  
12 and provides evidence satisfactory to the office that he or she  
13 is the child of a Michigan police officer who was killed in the  
14 line of duty.

15       Sec. 4. The office shall annually, upon application by the  
16 institution, reimburse each state institution of higher education  
17 for the total amount of tuition waived during the prior fiscal  
18 year under section 2 of this act. The office shall report to the  
19 legislature annually the number of individuals for whom tuition  
20 has been waived at each institution and the total amounts to be  
21 paid under this act.

22       Sec. 5. The office shall provide the necessary forms and  
23 applications and shall cooperate with the state institutions of  
24 higher education in developing efficient procedures for carrying  
25 out the purposes of this act.

26       Sec. 6. The legislature shall annually appropriate the  
27 funds necessary to carry out the purposes of this act.