

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 386, As Amended

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO SCHOLARSHIPS; AMENDING SECTION 33-4302, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS RELATING TO ELIGIBILITY OF A SCHOLARSHIP OF A SPOUSE OR CHILD, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS RELATING TO ELIGIBILITY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP FOR A CHILD OF A MILITARY MEMBER, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS RELATING TO ELIGIBILITY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP FOR A SPOUSE OF A MILITARY MEMBER, TO REVISE PROVISIONS RELATING TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO RECEIVES A SCHOLARSHIP, TO REVISE PROVISIONS RELATING TO EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS, TO REVISE TERMINOLOGY, TO REVISE PROVISIONS RELATING TO CERTAIN BENEFITS, TO REVISE PROVISIONS RELATING TO MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND TO PROVIDE FOR RULES; AND AMENDING SECTION 33-4302A, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS RELATING TO SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE SPOUSE OR CHILD OF A PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE ELIGIBILITY OF A CHILD OF A PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE ELIGIBILITY OF A SPOUSE OF A PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER, TO REVISE PROVISIONS RELATING TO CERTAIN BENEFITS, TO PROVIDE FOR RULES, TO REVISE TERMINOLOGY AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 33-4302, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

33-4302. SCHOLARSHIPS -- STATE AID. (1) The following individuals shall be eligible for the scholarship program provided for herein:

(a) Any dependent spouse or child of any Idaho citizen ~~who is a resident of the state of Idaho on or after the effective date of this act and who, while such person is or was a resident of the state of Idaho,~~ has been determined by the federal government to be a prisoner of war or missing in action; or to have died of, or become totally and permanently disabled by, injuries or wounds sustained in action ~~in southeast Asia, including Korea, or in Iraq or in Afghanistan or who shall become so hereafter~~, in any area of armed conflict in which the United States is a party; and

(b) Any dependent spouse or child of any member of the armed forces of the United States who is stationed in the state of Idaho on military orders and who is deployed from the state of Idaho to any area of armed conflict in which the United States is a party and who has been determined by the federal government to be a prisoner of war or missing in action; or to have died of, or become totally and permanently disabled by, injuries or wounds sustained in action as a result of such deployment. ~~Provided further, that such dependent must be a resident of the state of Idaho and must have completed secondary school or its equivalent in the state of Idaho.~~

(2) (a) To be eligible for the scholarship provided for herein, a child of a military member must be a resident of the state of Idaho and must

1 have completed secondary school or its equivalent in the state of Idaho.
2 A child already born, or born after a military member is determined to
3 be imprisoned or missing in action, or is killed or becomes totally and
4 permanently disabled, shall be eligible for this scholarship;

5 (b) To be eligible for the scholarship provided for herein, the spouse
6 of a military member must be a resident of the state of Idaho and must
7 have been married to such person at the time the military member was de-
8 termined to be imprisoned or missing in action, or was killed or became
9 totally and permanently disabled. Provided however, that in the situa-
10 tion of disability, the spouse must be currently married to such person.

11 (3) An eligible individual who applies for the scholarship provided for
12 herein shall, after verification of eligibility, receive the scholarship
13 and be admitted to attend undergraduate studies at any public institution
14 of higher education or public professional-technical college within the
15 state of Idaho without the necessity of paying tuition and fees therefor;
16 such student shall be provided with books, equipment and supplies necessary
17 for pursuit of such program of enrollment not to exceed five hundred dollars
18 (\$500) per quarter, semester, intensified semester, or like educational
19 period; such student shall be furnished on-campus housing and subsistence
20 for each month he or she is enrolled full-time under this program and ac-
21 tually resides in such on-campus facility; provided, however, that such
22 undergraduate educational benefits shall not exceed a total of thirty-six
23 (36) months or four (4) nine (9) month periods. Provided further, that the
24 initiation of such educational benefits shall extend for a period of ten
25 (10) years after achieving a high school diploma or its equivalency, or for a
26 period of ten (10) years after the event giving rise to the eligibility for
27 the scholarship, whichever is longer.

28 (34) The dependent eligible individual shall meet such other educa-
29 tional qualifications as such institution of higher education or profes-
30 sional-technical college has established for other prospective students
31 of this state, as well as any additional educational qualifications estab-
32 lished by the state board of education and board of regents of the university
33 of Idaho.

34 (45) Application for eligibility under this section shall be made to
35 the state board of education and the board of regents of the university of
36 Idaho or the state board of vocational-technical education. The board shall
37 verify the eligibility of the dependent applicant and communicate such el-
38 igibility to the dependent such person and the affected institution or col-
39 lege.

40 (56) Affected institutions shall in their preparation of future bud-
41 gets include therein costs resultant from such tuition, fee, book, equip-
42 ment, supply, housing and subsistence loss for reimbursement thereof from
43 appropriations of state funds.

44 (7) For the purposes of this section, a member of the armed forces of
45 the United States is considered totally and permanently disabled if he or
46 she is unable to perform with reasonable continuity the material duties of
47 any gainful occupation for which he or she is reasonably fitted by education,
48 training and experience at the time of application a current disability de-
49 termination made by the United States social security administration is in
50 effect with respect to such individual.

1 (6) Applicants for the scholarship program herein prescribed shall
2 provide institutional administrative personnel with documentation of their
3 rights under this act.

4 (8) The state board of education and board of regents of the university
5 of Idaho may adopt rules to implement and administer the scholarship program
6 provided for in this section.

7 SECTION 2. That Section 33-4302A, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
8 amended to read as follows:

9 33-4302A. PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER DEPENDENT SCHOLARSHIPS -- STATE
10 AID. (1) Any dependent spouse or child of a full-time or part-time public
11 safety officer, as defined in subsection (56) of this section, employed by
12 or volunteering for the state of Idaho or for a political subdivision of the
13 state of Idaho, which public safety officer is or was a resident of the state
14 of Idaho at the time such officer was killed or totally and permanently dis-
15 abled in the line of duty shall be admitted to attend undergraduate studies
16 at any public institution of higher education or public professional-tech-
17 nical college within the state of Idaho without the necessity of paying
18 tuition and fees therefor. Said dependents persons shall be provided by the
19 institution or college with books, equipment and supplies necessary for pur-
20 suit of the dependent's person's chosen program of enrollment not to exceed
21 the actual cost therefor, or five hundred dollars (\$500), whichever is less,
22 per quarter, semester, intensified semester, or like education period. Said
23 dependent person shall be provided with the institution or college's pub-
24 lished normal on-campus residential facility housing and meals program for
25 each month the dependent person is enrolled full time under this statute and
26 continues to actually reside in such on-campus residential facility. Pro-
27 vided however, that the undergraduate educational benefits provided for in
28 this section shall not exceed a total of thirty-six (36) months or four (4)
29 nine-month periods; provided further, that such educational benefits shall
30 not extend beyond ten (10) years following the date the dependent person
31 receives a high school diploma, a high school equivalency diploma, a special
32 diploma or a certificate of high school completion, or beyond the date such
33 dependent person turns thirty (30) years old, whichever comes first.

34 (2) (a) To be eligible for the scholarship provided for herein, a child
35 of a public safety officer must be a resident of the state of Idaho and
36 must have completed a secondary school or its equivalent in the state of
37 Idaho. A child already born, or born after a public safety officer is
38 killed or becomes totally and permanently disabled, shall be eligible
39 for this scholarship.

40 (b) To be eligible for the scholarship provided for herein, the spouse
41 of a public safety officer must be a resident of the state of Idaho and
42 must have been married to such person at the time the public safety of-
43 ficer was killed or became totally and permanently disabled. Provided
44 however, that in the situation of disability, the spouse must be cur-
45 rently married to such person.

46 (3) The dependent eligible individual shall be required to meet the
47 educational qualifications as such institution of higher education or pro-
48 fessional-technical college as established for other prospective students
49 of this state, as well as any additional educational qualifications estab-

1 lished by the state board of education and board of regents of the university
2 of Idaho. Application for eligibility under this section shall be made
3 to the state board of education and board of regents of the University of
4 Idaho. The board shall verify the eligibility of the dependent such person
5 and communicate such eligibility to the dependent person and the affected
6 institution or college.

7 (34) Affected institutions and colleges shall, in their preparation
8 of future budgets, include therein costs resulting from such tuition, fees,
9 housing, meals, books, equipment and supplies for reimbursement thereof
10 from appropriations of state funds.

11 For the purposes of this section, a public safety officer employed by
12 or volunteering for the state of Idaho or for a political subdivision of the
13 state of Idaho is considered totally and permanently disabled if he or she
14 is unable to perform with reasonable continuity the material duties of any
15 gainful occupation for which he or she is reasonably fitted by education,
16 training and experience at the time of application a current disability de-
17 termination made by the United States social security administration is in
18 effect with respect to such individual.

19 (45) The scholarships provided in this section shall be available for
20 dependents the spouse or children of public safety officers who were killed
21 or totally and permanently disabled in 1975 or thereafter.

22 (56) For purposes of this section:

23 (a) "Public safety officer" means a peace officer or firefighter, or
24 a paramedic, emergency medical technician or first responder as those
25 terms are defined in section 56-1012, Idaho Code.

26 (b) "Volunteering" means contributing services as a bona fide member of
27 a legally organized law enforcement agency, fire department or licensed
28 emergency medical service provider organization.

29 (67) The scholarship provided in this section shall not be available
30 unless it is determined that:

31 (a) The death or disablement of the public safety officer occurred in
32 the performance of the officer's duties;

33 (b) The death or disablement was not caused by the intentional miscon-
34 duct of the public safety officer or by such officer's intentional in-
35 fliction of injury; and

36 (c) The public safety officer was not voluntarily intoxicated at the
37 time of death.

38 (8) The state board of education and board of regents of the university
39 of Idaho may adopt rules to implement and administer this scholarship pro-
40 gram.