

HOUSE FINAL STATUS

HB 23 INTRODUCED BY KEENAN

TUITION WAIVER FOR SURVIVORS OF POLICE OFFICERS AND
FIREFIGHTERS

1/05 INTRODUCED

1/05 REFERRED TO EDUCATION & CULTURAL RESOURCES

1/05 FISCAL NOTE REQUESTED

1/05 FISCAL NOTE RECEIVED

1/07 HEARING

1/08 COMMITTEE REPORT--BILL PASSED AS AMENDED

1/10 2ND READING NOT PASSED

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1 HOUSE BILL NO. 23
2 INTRODUCED BY KEENAN

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT WAIVING STATE
5 UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE TUITION FOR SURVIVORS OF FIREFIGHTERS
6 OR PEACE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE COURSE OF EMPLOYMENT; AND
7 AMENDING SECTION 20-25-421, MCA."

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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

10 Section 1. Section 20-25-421, MCA, is amended to read:
11 "20-25-421. Charges for tuition -- ~~waiver---of~~
12 ~~nonresident-fees~~ waivers. (1) The regents may:

13 ~~(1)~~(a) prescribe tuition rates, matriculation charges,
14 and incidental fees for students in institutions under their
15 jurisdiction;

16 ~~(2)~~(b) waive, at their discretion, nonresident tuition
17 for selected and approved nonresident students, not to
18 exceed at any unit 2% of the full-time equivalent enrollment
19 at that unit during the preceding year; except that when
20 necessary such tuition may be waived in excess of 2% of unit
21 enrollment for nonresident students who enroll under
22 provisions of any WICHE-sponsored state reciprocal
23 agreements which provide for the payment, where required, of
24 the student support fee by the reciprocal state;

25 ~~(3)~~(c) waive resident tuition for students at least 62

1 years of age.

2 (2) The regents shall waive tuition charges for
3 qualified survivors of Montana firefighters or peace
4 officers killed in the course and scope of employment. For
5 purposes of this section, a qualified survivor is a person
6 who meets the entrance requirements at the state university
7 or college of his choice and is the surviving spouse or
8 child of any of the following who were killed in the course
9 of employment:

10 (a) a paid, full-time member of a municipal or rural
11 fire department;

12 (b) a law enforcement officer as defined in 7-32-201;

13 or

14 (c) a full-time highway patrolman."

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STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE
Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for HB023, as introduced.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

A bill for an act entitled: "An act waiving state university and college tuition for survivors of firefighters or peace officers killed in the course of employment; and amending Section 20-25-421, MCA."

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. Retroactive benefit status assumed, i.e., qualified survivors are all living survivors, not just survivors since passage of bill.
2. "Killed" includes died on duty, e.g., heart attacks. The total is eleven deaths since 1967.
3. Assume all potential qualified survivors are living and reside in Montana.
4. Assume continued open admissions policy at Montana University System through 1989.
5. Assume 60% of high school graduates in Montana will attend college. Assume all known college-age survivors are high school graduates. Therefore, 60% of known college-age child survivors, i.e., 2 out of 4, will attend.
6. Assume attendees are full-time students.
7. Assume one surviving spouse will attend full-time.
8. Assume \$765/attendee in foregone tuition and fees.
9. Assume general fund replaces foregone tuition and fees.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Expenditures:

	<u>Current Law</u>	<u>Proposed Law</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Current Unrestricted Fund,	- 0 -	\$ 2,295/yr	\$ 4,590/biennium
Scholarships/Fellowship Program			

Revenues:

Tuition/fees	\$ 2,295/yr	- 0 -	(\$ 4,590/biennium)
General Fund	- 0 -	\$ 2,295/yr	\$ 4,590/biennium

EFFECT ON COUNTY OR OTHER LOCAL REVENUE OR EXPENDITURES:


N/A

LONG-RANGE EFFECTS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

Assume maximum of three benefit recipients each year.

TECHNICAL OR MECHANICAL DEFECTS IN PROPOSED LEGISLATION OR CONFLICTS WITH EXISTING LEGISLATION:

Proposed legislation does not indicate whether or not qualified survivors are retroactively determined or only from date of passage.


DATE 1/5/87
DAVID L. HUNTER, BUDGET DIRECTOR
Office of Budget and Program Planning


DATE 1-5-87
NANCY KEENAN, PRIMARY SPONSOR

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APPROVED BY COMM. ON EDUCATION
AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

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(b) a law enforcement officer as defined in 7-32-201;
or

(c) a full-time highway patrolman."

NEW SECTION. SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. THIS ACT IS EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1987.

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SECOND READING