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1 AN ACT Relating to including highway workers employed on a
2 transportation project by a contractor in the tuition and fee
3 exemption for children and surviving spouses of highway workers; and
4 amending RCW 28B.15.380.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.15.380 and 2015 c 46 s 1 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (1) Subject to the limitations of RCW 28B.15.910, the governing
9 boards of the state universities, the regional universities, and The
10 Evergreen State College shall exempt the following students from the
11 payment of all tuition fees and services and activities fees:

12 ~~((+1))~~ (a) Children of any law enforcement officer as defined in
13 chapter 41.26 RCW, firefighter as defined in chapter 41.26 or 41.24
14 RCW, highway worker, or Washington state patrol officer who lost his
15 or her life or became totally disabled in the line of duty while
16 employed by any public law enforcement agency or full-time or
17 volunteer fire department in this state, or was a highway worker
18 ~~((while employed by a transportation agency))~~: PROVIDED, That such
19 persons may receive the exemption only if they begin their course of
20 study at a state-supported college or university within ten years of
21 their graduation from high school; and

1 (~~(+2)~~) (b) Surviving spouses of any law enforcement officer as
2 defined in chapter 41.26 RCW, firefighter as defined in chapter 41.26
3 or 41.24 RCW, highway worker, or Washington state patrol officer who
4 lost his or her life or became totally disabled in the line of duty
5 while employed by any public law enforcement agency or full-time or
6 volunteer fire department in this state, or was a highway worker
7 (~~while employed by a transportation agency~~).

8 (~~(+3)~~) (2) The governing boards of the state universities, the
9 regional universities, and The Evergreen State College shall report
10 to the education data center on the annual cost of tuition fees and
11 services and activities fees waived for surviving spouses and
12 children under this section. The education data center shall
13 consolidate the reports of the waived fees and annually report to the
14 appropriate fiscal and policy committees of the legislature.

15 (3) As used in this section, "highway worker" means a
16 construction trades worker employed by a general contractor,
17 subcontractor, or a transportation agency, on a transportation
18 project.

19 (4) As used in this section, "transportation agency" means any
20 agency, department, or division of a municipal corporation, political
21 subdivision, or other unit of local government in this state, and any
22 agency, department, or division of state government, having as its
23 primary function the construction and maintenance of the highways and
24 roads within the state of Washington. Such an agency, department, or
25 division is distinguished from a transit agency having as one of its
26 functions the highway maintenance, including but not limited to the
27 state department of transportation. A transportation agency under
28 this section does not include a government contractor.

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