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**HOUSE BILL 1977**

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HIGHER EDUCATION--TUITION EXEMPTION--HIGHWAY WORKERS

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| Passed by the House March 11, 2015Yeas 58 Nays 40FRANK CHOPP**Speaker of the House of Representatives**Passed by the Senate April 15, 2015Yeas 48 Nays 1BRAD OWEN**President of the Senate** | CERTIFICATEI, Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 1977** as passed by House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.BARBARA BAKER**Chief Clerk** |
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| JAY INSLEE**Governor of the State of Washington** | **Secretary of State** **State of Washington** |

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**State of Washington 64th Legislature 2015 Regular Session**

**By** Representatives Moscoso, Orcutt, Clibborn, Bergquist, Zeiger, Pollet, and Tarleton

AN ACT Relating to a tuition and fees exemption for children and surviving spouses of certain highway workers; and amending RCW 28B.15.380.

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

**Sec.**  RCW 28B.15.380 and 2012 c 229 s 703 are each amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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