

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 April 18, 2024

3 **AS AMENDED**

4 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
5 BILL NO. 1795

6 By: Osburn, George, Stinson,  
7 Roberts, Miller, Duel, Roe,  
8 Rosecrants, and Harris of  
9 the House

10 and

11 Thompson (Kristen), Hicks,  
12 and Treat of the Senate

13 [ higher education - Sergeant CJ Nelson Legacy Act -  
14 waiver of room and board fees and career technology  
15 district fees for surviving children of first  
16 responders - noncodification - codification -  
17 effective date ]

18 ~~BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:~~

19 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be  
20 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

21 This act shall be known and may be cited as "The Sergeant CJ  
22 Nelson Legacy Act".

23 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 3218.7-1, is  
24 amended to read as follows:

25 Section 3218.7-1 A. Within The Oklahoma State System of Higher  
26 Education, no fees nor room and board shall be charged to ~~the~~  
27 children:

1        1. Children of Oklahoma peace officers as defined by Section  
2 648 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes who have given their lives  
3 in the line of duty;

4        2. Children of Oklahoma firefighters who have given their lives  
5 in the line of duty;

6        3. Children of commissioned members of the Oklahoma Law  
7 Enforcement Retirement System, who have given their lives in the  
8 line of duty; and

9        4. Children of Oklahoma emergency medical technicians who have  
10 given their lives in the line of duty.

11        B. Such waiver of **fees and** room and board shall be limited to a  
12 period of five (5) years.

13        C. Such waiver of **fees and** room and board shall be a service  
14 benefit of a commissioned member of the Oklahoma Law Enforcement  
15 Retirement System.

16        D. For purposes of this section:

17        1. "Firefighter" means a volunteer firefighter or a permanent  
18 salaried professional member of any fire department within the State  
19 of Oklahoma; and

20        2. "Emergency medical technician" means a person volunteering  
21 or employed as an emergency medical technician and who is licensed  
22 as an emergency medical technician pursuant to Section 1-2505 of  
23 Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

1 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 14-134.1 of Title 70, unless  
3 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 A. Within the system of career technology districts, no fees  
5 shall be charged to:

6 1. Children of Oklahoma peace officers as defined by Section  
7 648 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes who have given their lives  
8 in the line of duty;

9 2. Children of Oklahoma firefighters who have given their lives  
10 in the line of duty;

11 3. Children of commissioned members of the Oklahoma Law  
12 Enforcement Retirement System, who have given their lives in the  
13 line of duty; and

14 4. Children of Oklahoma emergency medical technicians who have  
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19 commissioned member of the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Retirement  
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3 as an emergency medical technician pursuant to Section 1-2505 of  
4 Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

5           SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

6 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS  
7 April 18, 2024 - DO PASS AS AMENDED  
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