

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

3 HOUSE BILL 1795

By: Osburn

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to Higher Education; creating the  
8 Sergeant CJ Nelson Legacy Act; amending 70 O.S. 2021,  
9 Section 3218.7-1, which relates to waiver of room and  
10 board fees for children of commissioned members of  
11 Oklahoma Law Enforcement; directing for the waiver of  
12 room and board fees for surviving children of first  
13 responders who have given their lives in the line of  
14 duty; setting time period; defining terms; directing  
15 for waiver of career technology district fees for  
16 surviving children of first responder who have given  
17 their lives in the line of duty; setting time period;  
18 defining terms; providing for noncodification; and  
19 providing an effective date.

20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

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

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

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

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

4 1. Children of Oklahoma peace officers as defined by Section  
5 648 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes who have given their lives  
6 in the line of duty;

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

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

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

14 B. Such waiver of room and board shall be limited to a period  
15 of five (5) years.

16 C. Such waiver of room and board shall be a service benefit of  
17 a commissioned member of the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Retirement  
18 System.

19 D. For purposes of this section:

20 1. "Firefighter" means a volunteer firefighter or a permanent  
21 salaried professional member of any fire department within the State  
22 of Oklahoma; and

23 2. "Emergency medical technician" means a person volunteering  
24 or employed as an emergency medical technician and who is licensed

1 as an emergency medical technician pursuant to Section 1-2505 of  
2 Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

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

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

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9 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes who have given their lives in  
10 the line of duty;

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8 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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