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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President:  
Mr. Speaker:

The Conference Committee, to which was referred

**HB1795**

By: Osburn of the House and Thompson (Kristen) of the Senate

Title: Higher education; creating The Sergeant CJ Nelson Legacy Act; providing fee waiver for children of certain individuals; effective date.

Together with Engrossed Senate Amendments thereto, beg leave to report that we have had the same under consideration and herewith return the same with the following recommendations:

1. That the Senate recede from Amendment No. 1; and
2. That the House concurs in Senate Amendment No. 2 and Senate Amendment No. 3; and
3. By adopting the following conference committee amendment to restore the title to read as follows:

An Act relating to higher education; creating the Sergeant CJ Nelson Legacy Act; amending 70 O.S. 2021, Section 3218.7-1, which relates to waiver of room and board fees for children of commissioned members of Oklahoma Law Enforcement; directing for the waiver of room and board fees for surviving children of first responders who have given their lives in the line of duty; setting time period; defining terms; directing for waiver of career technology district fees for surviving children of first responder who have given their lives in the line of duty; setting time period; defining terms; providing for noncodification; and providing an effective date.

Respectfully submitted,

House Action \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Senate Action \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**SENATE CONFEREES**

Thompson \_\_\_\_\_  
(Kristen)  
Pugh \_\_\_\_\_  
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Rader \_\_\_\_\_  
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1 ENGROSSED SENATE AMENDMENTS  
TO  
2 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 1795

By: Osburn, George, Stinson,  
Roberts, Miller, Duel, and  
Roe of the House

and

Thompson (Kristen) of the  
Senate

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10 waiver of room and board fees and career technology  
11 district fees for surviving children of first  
12 responders - noncodification - codification -  
13 effective date ]

16 AUTHOR: Add the following House Coauthors: Rosecrants and Harris

17 AUTHOR: Add the following Senate Coauthors: Hicks, Treat, and  
18 Stephens

19 AMENDMENT NO. 1. Page 1, strike the enacting clause

20 AMENDMENT NO. 2. Page 2, lines 11 and 13, insert after the word  
21 "of" and before the word "room" the words "fees  
and"

22 AMENDMENT NO. 3. Page 3, lines 16 and 18, replace the words "room  
23 and board" with the word "fees"  
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1 Passed the Senate the 24th day of April, 2024.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
6 2024.

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

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

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

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

22 Section 3218.7-1 A. Within The Oklahoma State System of Higher  
23 Education, no fees nor room and board shall be charged to ~~the~~  
24 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 room and board shall be limited to a period  
12 of five (5) years.

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

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7 648 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes who have given their lives  
8 in the line of duty;

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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        Passed the House of Representatives the 5th day of March, 2024.

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Presiding Officer of the House  
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Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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