

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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New law defines "spouse" to mean the wife or husband of the police officer or deputy sheriff living in the same household with and dependent upon the police officer or deputy sheriff for support. New law further defines "spouse" to mean the wife or husband of a police officer or deputy sheriff who is deceased and who was living in the same household and was dependent upon the police officer or deputy sheriff for support at the time of the injury which resulted in the police officer or deputy sheriff's death.

Existing law (R.S. 17:1681.1) provides scholarships for the children of police officers, deputy sheriffs, or certain probation and parole officers killed or permanently disabled in performance of duty.

New law retains existing law and provides that the spouse of a police officer injured in the course and scope of the performance of his duties, which injury causes death or serious injury resulting in an inability to be employed, and if the spouse is otherwise eligible and meets all of the entrance requirements of a college or university, shall be awarded a scholarship for not more than 10 semesters which covers all fees, tuition, or other charges, including room and board charges. In order to maintain the scholarship the spouse must meet the academic requirements and maintain a "C" average for each semester and maintain full-time status as a student.

New law provides that the spouse be entitled to a cash grant of \$250 per semester from the college or university as an allowance for books. Requires that the scholarships not exceed 10 semesters.

New law provides that a police officer who is injured in the performance of duties as a police officer and such injury results in an inability to be employed, and if the police officer is otherwise eligible and meets all of the entrance requirements of a college or university, shall be awarded a scholarship for not more than 10 semesters which covers all fees, tuition, or other charges, including room and board charges. In order to maintain the scholarship the police officer must meet the academic requirements and maintain a "C" average for each semester and maintain full-time status as a student.

New law provides that the police officer be entitled to a cash grant of \$250 per semester from the college or university as an allowance for books.

Effective May 28, 2024.

(Adds R.S. 17:1681(G) and 1681.2)