

By: Flores

H.B. No. 1451

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the education benefits provided to eligible survivors  
3 of certain public servants killed in the line of duty.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 615.0225(a), Government Code, is amended  
6 to read as follows:

7 (a) A person is eligible to receive education benefits under  
8 this section if the person is:

9 (1) a surviving spouse; or

10 (2) a surviving child~~[, if the child was claimed as a~~  
11 ~~dependent on the income tax return filed with the Internal Revenue~~  
12 ~~Service by the listed individual in the year preceding the year in~~  
13 ~~which the listed individual died].~~

14 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act to Section  
15 615.0225, Government Code, relating to the education benefits for  
16 certain survivors applies only in relation to a death that occurs on  
17 or after the effective date of this Act. Education benefits under  
18 Section 615.0225, Government Code, in relation to a death that  
19 occurs before the effective date of this Act, are governed by the  
20 law in effect when the death occurs, and the former law is continued  
21 in effect for that purpose.

22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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- 1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 2 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.