

1-1 By: Watson S.B. No. 457  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 5, 2007; February 21, 2007,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Government  
1-4 Organization; March 12, 2007, reported favorably by the following  
1-5 vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; March 12, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the eligibility for education benefits of surviving  
1-9 minor children of certain public employees killed in the line of  
1-10 duty.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 615.0225, Government  
1-13 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-14 (a) A person is eligible to receive education benefits under  
1-15 this section if the person is:

1-16 (1) a surviving spouse; or

1-17 (2) a surviving minor child as defined by Section  
1-18 615.001~~[, if the child was claimed as a dependent on the income tax~~  
1-19 ~~return filed with the Internal Revenue Service by the listed~~  
1-20 ~~individual in the year preceding the year in which the listed~~  
1-21 ~~individual died].~~

1-22 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act to Subsection  
1-23 (a), Section 615.0225, Government Code, regarding the eligibility  
1-24 of a surviving child for educational benefits applies in relation  
1-25 to a death that occurs on or after September 1, 2001. However, that  
1-26 change applies only with respect to education benefits awarded by  
1-27 an institution of higher education beginning with the 2007 fall  
1-28 semester.

1-29 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-30 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-31 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-32 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-33 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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