

Senate bill 2130

For the record my name is Senator Shawn Veda District 6. I believe it is time to add correctional officer to NDCC subsection 2 of section 15-10-18.4. It was brought to my attention by a constituent in my district who works as a correctional officer. In NDCC 15-10-18.5 legislation passed in a previous session so the children of a fallen officer will receive tuition at no cost from a State College in North Dakota if the peace officer is killed in the line of duty. The language failed to include correctional officer which I believe was not intended. In subsection 2 of section 15-10 -18.4 of the North Dakota century code states "peace officer means any person employed by a state law enforcement agency or a political subdivision of the state who has been charged with the prevention and detection of crime and the enforcement of the criminal laws of the state and who has full power of arrest:". This bill will change the language on line 7 word "any" replaced "Any" and take out "who is" and after the semi colon on line 10 add the word "or" and underline 11 add "b. a correctional officer employed by the state or a political subdivision of the state". Correctional officer definitely fits in the description, they certainly are employed by a state law enforcement agency or political subdivision and they are in the prevention and detection of crime when they're working as a correctional officer and I do feel that this is important that those individuals families are covered in the event of a death while working as a correctional officer. This concludes my testimony, and I will stand for any questions.