

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1171**

Introduced by

Representatives Beadle, Kading, Louser

Senators Casper, D. Larson, Meyer

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15-10-18.4 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to extending the benefits of free tuition at state institutions of higher education to a  
3 stepchild of a peace officer killed in the line of duty.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-10-18.4 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **15-10-18.4. Definitions.**

8 For purposes of section 15-10-18.5:

- 9 1. "Firefighter" means a person who is a member of a paid or volunteer fire department  
10 that is a part of, or administered by, this state, any political subdivision of this state, or  
11 a rural fire protection district.
- 12 2. "Peace officer" means any person who is employed by a state law enforcement  
13 agency or a political subdivision of the state who is charged with the prevention and  
14 detection of crime and the enforcement of the criminal laws of the state, and who has  
15 full power of arrest.
- 16 3. "Stepchild" means a child of the decedent's spouse or predeceased spouse, and not  
17 of the decedent.
- 18 4. "Survivor" means, at the time of the firefighter's or peace officer's death, the children-  
19 firefighter's or peace officer's biological or adopted child under the age of twenty-one,  
20 stepchild under the age of twenty-one, and the spouse of a firefighter or peace officer  
21 at the time of the firefighter's or peace officer's death.