

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-12 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to higher education tuition and fees waivers for law enforcement officers.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 54-12 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
5 and enacted as follows:

6 **Law enforcement officer tuition and fees waiver.**

7 1. An individual who is employed as a full-time law enforcement officer in this state and
8 who is licensed under chapter 12-63 is entitled to a waiver of resident tuition and fees
9 of any institution of higher education under the control of the state board of higher
10 education if the law enforcement officer:

- 11 a. Maintains satisfactory performance with the officer's law enforcement agency;
12 b. Obtains authorization to participate in the waiver program and a certificate of
13 verification from the law enforcement officer's superior officer which attests to the
14 officer's satisfactory performance;
15 c. Meets all admission requirements of the institution; and
16 d. Pursues studies leading to a degree from an associate degree program or a
17 baccalaureate degree program.

18 2. The law enforcement officer may receive the tuition and fees waiver for up to five
19 years from the date the law enforcement officer first receives a waiver under this
20 section.

21 3. The institution of higher education shall waive the officer's tuition and fees after
22 subtracting awarded federal financial aid grants and state scholarships and grants for
23 an eligible law enforcement officer during the time the officer is enrolled. To remain

- 1 eligible for the waiver, the officer shall comply with all requirements of the institution for
2 continued attendance and award of an associate degree or a baccalaureate degree.
3 4. The law enforcement officer shall include the certificate of verification when applying
4 for enrollment to the institution of higher education.
5 5. The attorney general shall adopt the rules necessary to implement this section.