

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~~To the extent the annual cap under this section has not been met, an individual who
8 is employed as a full-time law enforcement officer in this state, who has a minimum of
9 two years of employment, and who is licensed under chapter 12-63 is entitled to a
10 waiver of twenty-five percent of resident tuition and fees of any institution of higher
11 education under the control of the state board of higher education if the law
12 enforcement officer:
- 13 a. Maintains satisfactory performance with the officer's law enforcement agency;
 - 14 b. Obtains authorization to participate in the waiver program and a certificate of
15 verification from the law enforcement officer's superior officer which attests to the
16 officer's satisfactory performance;
 - 17 c. Meets all admission requirements of the institution; and
 - 18 d. Pursues studies leading to a degree from an associate degree program or a
19 baccalaureate degree program.
- 20 2. The law enforcement officer may receive the ~~tuition and fees~~ waiver for up to five
21 years from the date the law enforcement officer first receives a waiver under this
22 section.
- 23 3. The institution of higher education shall waive twenty-five percent of the officer's tuition
24 and fees after subtracting awarded federal financial aid grants and state scholarships.

- 1 and grants for an eligible law enforcement officer during the time the officer is enrolled.
2 To remain eligible for the waiver, the officer shall comply with all requirements of the
3 institution for continued attendance and award of an associate degree or a
4 baccalaureate degree.
5 4. The law enforcement officer shall include the certificate of verification when applying
6 for enrollment to the institution of higher education.
7 5. The total amount of waivers granted each year by institutions under the control of the
8 state board of higher education may not exceed one million dollars.
9 6. The attorney general shall adopt the rules necessary to implement this section.