
Docket Item:

Scholarship Program for Children of Deceased or Disabled Public Safety Officer permanent rule changes

Summary:

The proposed rule changes to the Scholarship Program for Children of Deceased or Disabled Public Safety Officers are a result of House Bill 4056 passed by the 2018 Legislative Assembly. Changes to this rule include correcting the definitions of terms such as “public safety officer”, “permanent total disability” and “qualifying death or disability”. There were also a number of eligibility requirement changes listed in the bill. The changes include repealing section 575-037-0020 describing financial need as an eligibility requirement. Section 575-037-0030 is also proposed to be repealed as it is duplicative (this was moved to the definitions section). The bill also included a maximum award amount of \$13,000 per academic year for a four-year degree program.

The changes go into effect on July 1, 2018. Any applications received prior to this date will adhere to the laws in place before to the rule changes.

Residency requirements are repealed based on Senate Bill 1563 passed by the 2018 Legislative Assembly. The bill states that students who are not citizens or permanent residents of the United States are eligible to receive scholarships and other financial aid from the Higher Education Coordinating Commission.

Docket Material:

Rule Text

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of the rule changes to be in compliance with the intent of HB 4056 (2018).