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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6230**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1165

**NOTE PREPARED:** Mar 17, 2009

**BILL AMENDED:** Mar 17, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Public Safety Survivors Tuition and Fee Exemption.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Tyler

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Sen. M. Young

**BILL STATUS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - 2<sup>nd</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**  **GENERAL**  
 **DEDICATED**  
 **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill exempts the children of a public safety officer who is killed in the line of duty from the payment of tuition and regularly assessed fees for up to eight semesters at a state educational institution or technical school. It provides that the exemption applies to a child who is younger than 24 years of age on the date of the public safety officer's death, and limits the amount of the exemption to the cost of an undergraduate credit hour at the state educational institution or technical school where the child enrolls. (Currently, the children must be younger than 23 years of age to use the benefit.)

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2009.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) The bill could increase the state cost of tuition remission for the children of public safety officers who are killed in the line of duty. The number of these children who were under 24 when the officer died and who might apply for the fee remission is unknown. The number is probably small. The bill also limits the exemption to eight semesters or the equivalent and limits the tuition remission to the amount of undergraduate fees. The provision could be a unknown savings.

*Background:* The following table shows the number and dollar amount of tuition remission for children of public safety officers who are killed in the line of duty.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Dollar Amount</b>	<b>Students</b>	<b>Avg.</b>
2008	\$36,875	11	\$3,503
2007	\$27,599	8	\$3,450
2006	\$15,082	6	\$2,514
2005	\$18,705	5	\$3,741
2004	\$23,643	6	\$3,941

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** State Student Assistance Commission; State educational institutions.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** State Student Assistance Commission's Annual Report.

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