

BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 885
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and McFadden” and substitute “McFadden, Currie, Hogan, Brinkley, Jones, Kasemeyer, Kramer, Lawlah, Ruben, Schrader, and Stoltzfus”; in line 3, after the first “of” insert “providing that certain minor children of certain correctional officers are entitled to enroll and participate in the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program under certain circumstances;”; and in line 19, strike “29-202(b)” and substitute “2-507, 29-202(b).”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 1, insert:

“2-507.

(a) Subject to the regulations adopted under § 2-503 of this subtitle, a State employee may enroll and participate in any of the health insurance or other benefit options established under the Program.

(b) The surviving spouse of a State employee who died while employed by the State may enroll and participate in the health insurance benefit options established under the Program as long as the surviving spouse:

(1) is receiving an allowance under Title 29, Subtitle 2 of this article; or

(2) is the sole primary designated beneficiary and receiving a periodic distribution of benefits under an optional retirement program under Title 30 of this article.

(c) The surviving minor child or dependent parent of a State Police officer who died

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while employed by the State may enroll and participate in the health insurance benefit options established under the Program as long as the child or parent is receiving an allowance under Title 29, Subtitle 2 of this article.

(D) THE SURVIVING MINOR CHILD OF A CORRECTIONAL OFFICER WHO AT THE TIME OF DEATH WAS A MEMBER OF THE CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND WHO DIED WHILE EMPLOYED BY THE STATE MAY ENROLL AND PARTICIPATE IN THE HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFIT OPTIONS ESTABLISHED UNDER THE PROGRAM AS LONG AS THE CHILD IS RECEIVING AN ALLOWANCE UNDER TITLE 29, SUBTITLE 2 OF THIS ARTICLE."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, after line 6, insert:

“(C) IF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES PAYS AN ALLOWANCE UNDER THIS SECTION TO MORE THAN ONE CHILD, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL DIVIDE THE ALLOWANCE AMONG THE CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS IN A MANNER THAT PROVIDES FOR PAYMENTS TO CONTINUE UNTIL EACH CHILD DIES OR BECOMES 18 YEARS OLD.”.