

SENATE BILL 1229

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CF HB 624

By: **Senator Robinson**

Introduced and read first time: March 1, 2018

Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Institutions of Higher Education – Family Members of Killed or Disabled**
3 **First Responders – Tuition Exemption**
4 **(Sean Suiter Act)**

5 FOR the purpose of exempting a family member of a certain first responder who was killed
6 or disabled in the line of duty from paying tuition and certain fees at a public
7 institution of higher education; defining certain terms; and generally relating to a
8 tuition exemption for a family member of a first responder killed or disabled in the
9 line of duty.

10 BY adding to
11 Article – Education
12 Section 15–106.10
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
16 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article – Education**

18 **15–106.10.**

19 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
20 **INDICATED.**

21 **(2) “FAMILY MEMBER” MEANS A SPOUSE, DOMESTIC PARTNER, OR**
22 **CHILD.**

23 **(3) “QUALIFYING FIRST RESPONDER” MEANS A STATE OR LOCAL**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **FIREFIGHTER, EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN, RESCUE SQUAD MEMBER, LAW**
2 **ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, CORRECTIONAL OFFICER, OR SWORN MEMBER OF THE**
3 **OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL WHO, WHILE IN THE LINE OF DUTY, DIED OR**
4 **WAS DISABLED AND CAN NO LONGER WORK AS A FIRST RESPONDER.**

5 **(4) (I) "TUITION" MEANS THE CHARGES IMPOSED BY A PUBLIC**
6 **INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR ENROLLMENT AT THE INSTITUTION.**

7 **(II) "TUITION" INCLUDES CHARGES FOR REGISTRATION AND**
8 **ALL FEES FOR CREDIT-BEARING AND NONCREDIT COURSES REQUIRED AS A**
9 **CONDITION OF ENROLLMENT.**

10 **(B) ANY FAMILY MEMBER OF A QUALIFYING FIRST RESPONDER IS EXEMPT**
11 **FROM PAYING TUITION AT A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.**

12 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July**
13 **1, 2018.**